

How to Pray for Zero

Over **1 billion** people don't have the full Bible in their language.

Millions don't have a single verse.

Together, we're praying these numbers down to **Zero**.

Start with This Prayer

Jesus, speed up and empower the Bible translation movement. Rescue the nations out of darkness with the light of your Word.

Join the Day-By-Day Journey to Zero

Use this daily guide to pray strategically and effectively for Bible translation each day of the week, beginning with the Sabbath:

SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Around the World	Regional Update	The Bibleless	The Persecuted	Translation Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for the safety of the translators, as the Dawawa team has lost many team members over the years. Pray for the consultant to be available in July & August to check Psalms.
— **the Dawawa team in Papua New Guinea**

We praise Jehovah Rapha for restoring the health of translators Kodjo Kossigan and Seledoh Yao after illness. May God grant the committee and team grace to find people to replace translator Kossi Kokou & back translator Messan Kablè, who have resigned.
— **from the Houdou team in Togo, part of the Hougbe Cluster**

Praise God for his protection during this period of much rain, which has caused problems with electricity and internet. Ask God to bring an end to the effects of the rainy season, including lightning strikes, floods, and other hazards that have claimed lives. Pray for those affected by cholera and other rainy season diseases.
— **from the Rewe team in Africa**

As the printing of Mark and Luke is underway, pray that God will prepare the community's hearts for continued holistic transformation. Praise God that people in our community are using the Scriptures each day.
— **from the Sukwa team in Malawi**

God provides! We give thanks for our new team members. Now, we have a total of four. May God unite our hearts and minds for good cooperation and communication.
— **from the Tiow team in Asia**

We thank God for a successful consultation on the book of John, good health, and a bigger, more secure office building. We are trusting God that despite the poor rainfall, our people will not suffer from hunger, and we are praying for unity in our team.
— **from the Totela team in Zambia**

South Asia

Home to more than 2 billion people, a staggering 26% of the world's population, South Asia covers four countries. Once ruled by the British, these nations are now thriving democracies.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~30 highly motivated and committed partners in South Asia.	Some parts of South Asia have had Christian presence from the earliest centuries.	Persecution has increased sharply. Political parties oppose Christian outreach. Church leaders have been arrested.

Pseudonyms are used for names and locations in regions hostile to Christians.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
879,120	6*

** Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered, languages fall out of use, or partners encounter difficulty reaching language communities. Please read the Regional Update for more context.*

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

- One South Asian people group numbering nearly 1 million people recently celebrated the completion of their full Bible after a long journey of 55 years. Warni Scripture has also inspired the production of gospel songs and radio programs. Audio Bible listening groups are growing. Though only around 1% of Warni people profess Christ, the churches are strong and excited to have the full Bible!
- The election results are in for the world's largest democracy. While the fundamentalist government still won, it was not by the landslide they'd hoped for, and they will still have to cooperate with the opposition coalition of more than 25 other political parties. This is good news for many. Learn more from [BBC](#).
- Persecution continues to rise for local translators and churches. Determining the exact number of Bibleless languages remaining in South Asia continues to be difficult. Language survey teams may be arrested and interrogated while trying to reach communities in need.

Monday

PRAY FOR A BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUP

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Tamna Cluster in South Asia

In [January](#), we prayed for the Dota and Thako communities. In [April](#), we prayed for the Meliru people. All of these people groups live in a mountainous region of South Asia with very few Christians and many barriers to ministry work.

The Dota are one of the original tribes inhabiting the highest regions of the mountains and have remained secluded for a very long time, while many Thako and Meliru people have gradually migrated to nearby towns and cities. All are traditionally nature worshipers who retain strong ties to their traditional communities. Each event in their lives has a sacrifice, atonement, and purification process associated with it.

PRAISE

That a Bible translation project has begun, bringing all three of these Bibleless communities together in the Tamna [Cluster project](#)!

PRAY

For God to call the right people to this project who will passionately and wholeheartedly commit to the work; it is very difficult to find local translators.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church.

— Colossians 1:24 (NLT)

The Dukko of South Asia

Normally, on Tuesdays we pray for ministry partners, but this week, we are praying for the persecuted church in South Asia. Though religious freedom is increasingly threatened, God is still on the move.

Dukko believers have been going through a tough time for more than a year. Pastors have been arrested and charged with illegally converting people to Christ. Physical violence, including sporadic attacks on churches, has kept the Christian community anxious.

[Last year](#), right after we prayed for a Dukko translator who lost his son in a tragic drowning accident, another Dukko translator, Levi, was taken into police custody along with eight youth while on their way to a Bible study program.

Christian villagers gathered around the police station and remained there without food late into the night, refusing to leave until those arrested were let go. The police finally relented. However, the threats of further arrests and persecution continued. Four pastors of neighboring churches were arrested and sent to jail.

He Couldn't Be Kept Away from Church

Levi was advised to stay away from the Duko Church to avoid being attacked. Despite the threats, he and his son finally decided to visit earlier this year. They were overwhelmed by the deep love that greeted them. With heavy emotion, the Duko believers told Levi, "It is for us that you suffered. We will always be grateful for what you did for our community."

PRAISE

The Duko New Testament was published in 2020. More than 1,500 copies are in circulation. One of the major effects of the New Testament is that several young people are studying the Bible in short-term programs outside the state to return and work as evangelists in the community.

PRAY

For God's protection over Levi and so many other translators like him throughout South Asia, who are suffering so that others might have God's Word in their own language.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: RUMO LANGUAGE

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

— Psalm 23:1–3 (NLT)

CHAKRAMANG dow thing ang miia chekhai.

Naiawng rakowi tawngpaw ang nakhawr kown nadowi.

Aia dow down kowi kowh pram asingma mih dawng kowi pe tanai ang khai,

now tui achimma mih awchawng ria kowi paw pawla ang reng.

Aia dow pe ang kür sar reng chekhai.

Aia dow aia kowh tiama anowmma mih kowi kruila ang reng;

nami dow aia kowh ming iungra natownla kownkow chekhai.

— Psalm 23:1–3 (Rumo, a South Asian language)

[Listen to the verse in Rumo](#)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Rumo in South Asia

The Rumo community numbers about 54,300 people who reside among coastal hills in a densely populated nation. Though about 20% claim faith in Jesus, many follow animistic beliefs or a local sect with loose ties to Christianity. Translators aim to publish the full Old Testament in print, audio, and on an app by 2025.

PRAISE

- That a project is in the works to begin New Testament translation!

PRAY

- For the translators as they record Old Testament books throughout the rest of June and train new translators in July.
- For God to guide local translator Dano along right paths, as Psalm 23 says, granting him confidence and a servant heart as he trains to be project manager for the upcoming New Testament project.

Thursday

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

— Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Mathews & Ruby: Equipped to Train

God has provided two qualified trainers to mentor potential Bible translation consultants and mid-level quality assurance workers in South Asia. Former Seed Company consultant interns, a couple named Mathews and Ruby are now certified translation consultants serving multiple projects with several organizations in the region. Former theological educators, both have done advanced training in Hebrew.

Working closely with Seed Company's Bible translation department, the couple will mentor aspiring consultants as they check several translation projects in and even outside of South Asia.

PRAISE

- That God has brought Mathews and Ruby out of health challenges in recent months.
- That the Olgam New Testament project they've both been working on for several years is nearing completion!

PRAY

- For this couple to continue to recover and return to 100% health, and for protection for the Olgam team as they wrap up their project this year.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.
— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

A Bus Travel Story from the Fodigwa Project in South Asia

Since the Fodigwa New Testament was published, the community has been eagerly using it. What follows is just one story of the impact God's Word is making.

As a Fodigwa evangelist traveled from one village to another by bus, a lady sitting beside him asked what book he was reading. He explained that it was the Fodigwa New Testament. She then shared that she had been suffering from knee pain for many years and had tried various treatments without any relief.

She said, "I have prayed to many idols and made many offerings, but nothing has worked. I am searching for a cure. If your God can heal me, I will believe in Him." The evangelist replied, "Please come to my home, and I will pray for you. God will heal you." When she visited his house, she not only received healing for her knee through prayer, but she also accepted Christ as her Savior! Now, she is a strong, active believer in her local Fodigwa church.

PRAY

- For Fodigwa translators as they continue translating the Old Testament, specifically the books of Genesis, Ruth, Esther, Psalms, and Proverbs.