

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	Ministry Partners	Translation Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for translation teams in Asia, including the [LoTaWa](#) and [Matwafi](#), whose lives have been disrupted by a volcano that's been spewing smoke, ash, and sand into the air for almost 2 months, causing respiratory issues for many. Most Matwafi villages have been evacuated, and the people have been moved to refugee shelters where they are living in cramped conditions. Pray for the volcanic activity to stop and for these people to draw comfort from the Scripture portions they already have in their languages.

— from the **Seed Company Islands Asia team**

Pray for the community to use and be blessed by the new portions of the Pentateuch. Pray for the war situation in Israel to end soon so we can go worry-free to an intensive Hebrew course scheduled for August.

— from **Werner, an intern training to be a translation consultant in Brazil**

We are looking for a new office. Please pray that we can find one suitable to our team's needs. Please also pray for our team during this leadership transition following facilitator Benjamin's passing, and pray for translator Paulina, who is recovering from surgery.

— from the **Mwera team in Africa**

Praise God for the support of the local church. Pray that the team and facilitators will become a channel of blessing for the people as they work in the village. Pray for our Oral Bible Translation workshop, which will be held from the end of August through the beginning of September. May all team members be blessed with health, strength, and wisdom as they participate.

— from the **Bokngobo team in Asia**

Please pray for the Lord's strength, direction, and wisdom for Rally, who remains the only translator (prayer update from [last August](#)).

— from the **Duke team in Solomon Islands**

Americas

The Americas region spans an astonishing 56 countries, including North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~30 Bible translation organizations and ~200 ministries across the Americas.	Many teams have community support, strong partnerships, trained theologians, and reliable internet and technology.	We need more language surveys, especially for oral and sign languages, to determine their needs.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,044,020	95

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. May 2024.

Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Guatemala Translation Team Dedicates Full Bible

In the [last Americas prayer journal](#), we celebrated the Achi team dedicating their full Bible. Since then, another Guatemalan team in the same [cluster project](#) has done the same!

Around 60,000 people speak Tz'utujil (TZOO – TOO – HEEL'), an indigenous Mayan language. The full Bible in their own tongue testifies that God values them equally with Spanish speakers and wants them to know Him just as intimately.

PRAISE

That 94-year-old Don Pedro, the son of one of the first Tz'utujil Christians, got to see this day. He rejoiced, “Our children and grandchildren now have the Word of God close to their hearts.”

PRAY

For those bound by traditional Mayan beliefs to take advantage of their newfound access to God's full counsel in Tz'utujil.

[Watch “How Great Thou Art” in Tz'utujil](#)

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)

Krahô in Brazil

Last year, we prayed for the [Rute Cluster project in Brazil](#), which is bringing the first Scripture (starting with the book of Ruth) to indigenous languages. Today, we are focusing our prayers specifically on Krahô, one of the new languages that has been added to the project and that is spoken by more than 3,600 people.

PRAISE

"Dear brothers and sisters, grace and peace! After visits, meetings, and much prayer, we are happy to share that the Krahô team has decided on who will help us with Oral Bible Translation. The team is composed of 3 young men: Sivaldo, Joho, Tupen, as well as a woman named Määkryt. Pray for us as we train them and translate Ruth!"

PRAY

For the church in this people group, which is currently only about 1% Christian, to grow and multiply as they receive God's Word in their language.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR PARTNERS

God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

— 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT)

Partnering with Deaf Communities in the Americas

The [Brazilian Sign Language \(LIBRAS\)](#) and [Mexican Sign Language](#) teams continue to bring more of God's Word to the Deaf in their countries!

PRAISE

- For the partners who make these projects possible:
 - Bible Society of Brazil
 - Deaf Expression Institute
 - SIL
- That people in the Mexican Deaf community have said the translation of Titus is “marvelous, impactful, moving, and really clear.”
- That the Brazilian Sign Language team was able to hire two new Deaf translators!

PRAY

- For Shelley on the Mexican Sign Language team as she works on checking the translation so they can publish Titus and make progress on Romans.
- For the Brazilian Sign Language team as they finalize Old Testament portions and release them on YouTube, and as they seek to meet New Testament translation goals without compromising quality.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MIXE DE YACOCHI IN MEXICO [MEE' – HAY DEH YAH – KOH' – CHEE]

And the Lord told her, “The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son.”

— Genesis 25:23

[Listen to the Story of Jacob and Esau from Genesis 25 in Mixe de Yacochi](#)

About 1,600 people in Mexico speak Mixe de Yacochi. Translators hope that this project, which is producing the first-ever Mixe de Yacochi Scripture through Oral Bible Translation, will make the gospel understandable and accessible to everyone in this community. While some have embraced the gospel through the Spanish Bible, others continue practicing animistic sacrifices and sorcery.

PRAY

- For all Mixe de Yacochi speakers to understand that the same God who kept his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the One they can fully depend on today.
- For open doors to share stories in the communities and for the next orality workshop coming up July 7–19, which they will attend along with 3 other translation teams.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Mazahua [MAH – ZAH’ – WAH] Central in Mexico

Indigenous Mazahua people, numbering more than 130,000, have benefited from the translated New Testament for more than 50 years. Now, church leaders are ready to have the Old Testament.

PRAISE

That Old Testament Scripture is making an impact even while it's in the translation process. Recently, Mazahua speakers have been learning from the story of Joseph in Genesis that God wants us to love even those who harm us—showing that Jesus' examples and teachings in the New Testament reflect God's heart throughout the ages. Translators praise God for the progress they've made so far on Genesis, Jonah, Ruth, and Esther.

PRAY

That God will stir up excitement and passion in local church members to dive into His Word and participate actively in checking and distributing the translated Scriptures.

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

Teresinha Santos, Project Coordinator in the Americas

Teresinha had been passionate about missions for a long time, but always in a supporting role. When it became clear that God was calling her to the front lines, she immediately left her stable job and enrolled in a missionary preparation course. There, she met an indigenous missionary who became her husband.

Today, Teresinha coordinates a project that includes many indigenous language groups we've prayed for, like the [Deni](#), [Zoro](#), and [Waiampi Camopi](#).

PRAISE

From Teresinha: "We praise and thank God for all the partners who make this work possible: those who serve, those who pray, and those who contribute. Everyone is precious to the Lord for allowing themselves to be used in this mission. I praise the Lord for the lives of the indigenous Bible translators, for their courage in facing opposition from relatives and friends, for leaving their families and jobs and giving up privileges in order to make a commitment to God and work for the translation of His Word for their communities."

Pray Now

For the [Pomerano](#) team in Brazil, who lost translator Hilbert just a few weeks ago after he went into cardiorespiratory arrest. They have felt lost without him. Please also pray for his family. At his funeral, Hilbert was remembered for his kindness, humility, dedication, and passion for Bible translation. He leaves ongoing New Testament translation and [the “JESUS” film](#) as powerful legacies of faithfulness.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Wayampi Amapari [WAH – YAHM’ – PEE AH – MAH’ – PAH – REE] of Brazil

About 10% of Wayampi Amapari people identify as Christian, but their opportunities for deep discipleship have been limited. Most people believe in a creator god but also believe their lives are subject to many other spirits. Many people fear the spirit world.

They have the complete New Testament, but now translators are pressing onward to complete the Old Testament. Foundational texts that teach about the identity and power of God from ancient days, like Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus, will help open the eyes of many spiritually needy souls.

PRAISE

That God is answering the translators’ hopes and prayers. The group of practicing, passionate believers is growing, and several from the translation team are getting more involved in teaching in the community. People are responding to their transformed lives and message!

PRAY

For more helpers to join the translation team, especially from the older generation.

Pray Now

“We ask for your prayers so that God in his infinite mercy continues to take control of all things in the community, especially that our young people stay away from criminal activities and drug use. The violence has decreased a lot, although the members of the criminal organization continue to live in the town because it has served as a refuge.”

— the San Pedro team in Mexico