

How to Pray for Zero

Over **1 billion** people are still waiting for the full Bible in their language.

Millions are still waiting for just one verse.

But your prayers can bring these numbers 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 each step of Bible translation in a different region of the world every week:

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Around the World	Regional Update	The Bibleless	Partners in Ministry	Translation Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

Thank you for joining us! Together, our prayers can add up to Zero.

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for my wife's health as she struggles with the symptoms of hypothyroidism. It's very challenging and discouraging for her when life here demands so much energy and she simply has no energy at all.

— **the leader of the Katxuyana team in Brazil**

Please pray for Bernardino and Cirilo, who have to travel more than a day on public transportation several times during each 3-month period to work on the translation. Also please pray for the Cotahuasi community to recover after heavy rains and flooding.

— **the Quechua La Union team in Peru**

Pray for us as we look for two new translation team members, and pray for the health of the two current translators. Health issues and difficulty finding team members have made it difficult for us to make progress.

— **the Parem team, part of the Irau Cluster in Asia**

Pray for traditional and religious leaders in the community to fully support Bible translation. Pray for everyone in the Kanang community who is bound by drunkenness, gambling, and ancestral myths to be set free as they encounter God's Word.

— **the Kanang team, part of the Kalbar Cluster in Asia**

Glory be to Jesus who supported us in ministry even if it was a difficult time to move forward. The hand of God is opening more doors because we see many Yao people following Jesus. Pray for transport to help us reach villages to disciple new believers.

— **the Yao team, part of the Ruvuma Cluster in Tanzania**

Pray for smooth drafting of Ezra, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah, and for our consultant checks of 2 Samuel, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Habakkuk, and Obadiah.

— **from the Suba team in Kenya**

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~20 Bible translation and ministry partners in the Congo Basin.	Committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless.	Hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption hinder Bible translation.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,466,840	95

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. May 2024.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Local Organizations in the Congo Receive Training

Congolese Bible translation and ministry partners recently received training in two important topics—finance and copyright law.

Jesus talked about finances in 11 of His 39 parables! Stewardship is clearly a subject close to God’s heart. The culture around money varies widely around the world, so we shared our different perspectives as well as training on writing good receipts, keeping a cash log, and doing a cash count.

Copyright is an important issue in the world of Bible translation. In this digital age, the concept of copyright is rapidly changing. Also, there are big differences in copyright laws between the US and the Congo Basin.

PRAISE

For the Seed Company financial analysts and Congolese copyright expert who were able to lend their expertise to these seminars.

PRAY

For these seminars to lead to healthy organizational stewardship for years to come.

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)

The Kumu of Nyiragongo in Democratic Republic of Congo

One of the reasons it is difficult to track which people still need translation is that different languages are sometimes called by the same name! While the New Testament is available in one Congolese language called "Kumu," there is another, unrelated language spoken by 200,000 people near the Nyiragongo volcano that is also called "Kumu." This need remained hidden for so long because people mistakenly thought they already had Scripture.

PRAISE

- That after a linguist identified this need, the Kumu people almost immediately requested translation. Their [Oral Bible Storytelling](#) and [trauma healing](#) project is scheduled to begin in January!

PRAY

- For a smooth start for this project, and that many would find healing; they've been heavily impacted by violence and are currently surrounded by rebel groups.
- That all remaining Bibleless people groups in the Congo would soon be found by our God who leaves the 99 to seek the one.

Pray Now

For our next finance internship group, which is starting this October with 9 interns (we prayed for the previous group of interns [last year](#)—and in our Regional Update, we celebrated one way they are already putting their skills to work). Ask God to raise His protective hand to ensure their safety and wellbeing throughout their training. Ask for wisdom to absorb the knowledge, courage to face challenges, and perseverance to succeed.

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)

Congolese Bible Translation Association

We praise God for our partner, The Congolese Bible Translation Association, which has been serving the Bibleless since 2013. They're currently working with Seed Company in 13 languages and with Faith Comes By Hearing in 3 languages.

PRAISE

- That their 13 written translation projects are progressing well, and their 7 Oral Bible Storytelling projects are wrapping up.
- That they've grown stronger in translation, finance, IT, media, and linguistics.
- That they've achieved certification for four local translation consultants!

Praise God

For the two former IT interns, [Gisele and Pascal](#), who recently got married! We all know how much newlyweds need prayers as they adjust to their beautiful new life together—"Don't stop now!!" the team requests.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: NGBUNDU LANGUAGE

But he hurled Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea.

His faithful love endures forever

— Psalms 136:15 (NLT)

Kashi tshe bindi le Gbɔzu anda Farawo da a Ngombe tshe ku,

betshe kægindæ æræ tshe káká ká æné

— Psalms 136:15 (Ngbundu, part of the Congo Banda Cluster project)

[Listen to Psalm 136:16 in Ngbundu](#)

About the Ngbundu

Ngbundu speakers responded enthusiastically in recent years when they heard oral Bible stories in their heart language for the first time. More than 2,300 surrendered their lives to Christ (which is huge in a community of only 16,000 people!), and 186 were baptized. Now they are asking for written and audio Scriptures so they can better understand God's Word and grow deeper in their faith.

PRAY

For healing from widespread poverty, disease, alcoholism, domestic violence, and superstitions.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

4 Language Teams in Democratic Republic of Congo

In the northwest region of Democratic Republic of Congo, villages are isolated by poor infrastructure, leaving inhabitants to grapple with poverty, hygiene issues, and domestic abuse. This backdrop frames the Bu-Ngo-Fu Bible translation project.

We prayed for this project's 4 language teams—the Budja, Fula, and Ngombe (northern and southern dialects)—[last year](#), especially for health issues they were facing. While there has been much healing, now the team is requesting prayer for project coordinator Michel. He battled prostate cancer last year, and he recently had rib injuries that they believe to be caused by sorcery.

PRAY

For the health of all three members of the Ngombe North team, especially Michel and translator Faustin.

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

Intern Noelly in Democratic Republic of Congo

Noelly has served God faithfully in Bible translation for years, working with the fruitful [Kiyaka project](#) before starting as a linguistics [intern](#) with Seed Company.

She's currently serving with the Congolese Bible Translation Association, which we prayed for Tuesday. They're hoping to begin work in many more languages, and her local expertise will help them decrease the time they have to wait on linguistic consultants. She already has a master's degree in linguistics, so they're hoping she'll be able to pass along what she's received to many others!

PRAISE

For Noelly's service, work ethic, and faithfulness, and for the recent linguistics workshop she got to attend.

Pray Now

For comfort for intern Gloria, who we also prayed for [in April](#). When we last prayed for her, little did we know how much she needed those prayers! That same week, while traveling in Cameroon, she was hospitalized for complications related to pregnancy and had a miscarriage.

Praise God that Gloria's life was spared, but they are grieving the loss of their baby. Pray for healing as Gloria seeks treatment for a painful illness related to those complications. Please also pray for her older sister, whose husband recently passed away, and for financial provision for her family.

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 Testimony from the Kete [KEH'–TAY] Team in Democratic Republic of Congo

One 19-year-old Kete woman, Muala, never knew her father and then was abandoned by her boyfriend after she got pregnant. As the time for the birth drew near, she developed breast cancer.

During this difficult time, Muala often stayed with Pastor Jacqueline, who would comfort her with translated Scripture from John's Gospel. When Muala decided to pray and fast for 3 days, she had a dream that magpies (which symbolize bad omens or witchcraft in some cultures) flew out of her breast without being touched by the doctor. "This made me see that the hand of God was on my body," she said.

PRAISE

- One of her breasts is now completely healed, and the other is improving!
- That the first verses translated into Kete are already making an impact.

PRAY

- For the first portions of God's Word in Kete to reach many more people like Muala, through faithful servants like Pastor Jacqueline.

Pray Now

For the Seed Company Congo Basin team, which has undergone many changes over the past year.

We praise God for a new Field Project Manager, Shelly, and we honor Regional Director Barb who is transitioning to another department and Stephanie who is training to take over.

We praise God for the recent refreshing time they got to have together in person, and for giving them grace during this stretching season.

Pray for continued flexibility and fortitude in the face of a heavy workload, consistency to develop strong relationships with partners, and peace so they can continue to listen to the still, quiet voice of God.