

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 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	Teachers & Trainers	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for translator Gideon, whose sister recently passed away from cancer; he lost his mother similarly 6 years ago. What hurts the most is that he did not hear them clearly confess Christ, though they accepted prayer.

— from the **Ilem team in Africa**

Please pray for a donor kidney for the translator's daughter. She vomits every morning because of the dialysis, and her legs do not grow well. She misses many school days and needs an operation. Pray for peace in this area and that ministers of the gospel will find open hearts. Pray that the final revision of the New Testament will result in a clear translation that people will enjoy listening to. Pray for our recorder who has been unable to get to the major city to do more recording. His comments when reading through the translation are very valuable. Pray for a visa for this man.

— from the **Bella team in Eurasia**

Pray for protection for Bible translation teams and staff in Democratic Republic of Congo. A few weeks ago, there was an attempt to overthrow the government.

— from the **Seed Company Congo Basin team**

Thank God for sending a new translator to join the team in March. Pray for her training. Pray for peace in the country; outreach trips planned for March and April had to be canceled. Long-distance trips are getting extremely difficult, and the cost of a flight out of the country is double or triple what it was before. The team longs to reach Deaf communities in other regions of the country. Please pray for open doors to travel.

— from the **Jade Star Sign Language team in Asia**

Pray for healing for Pastor Saul's eye issues, which caused him to leave the team. Please ask God to raise up a new translator to take his place.

— from the **Nomatsigenga team in Peru**

Anglophone East Africa

"Anglophone" refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, which includes 14 countries, English is frequently used to train and coordinate Bible translation teams.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
More than 20 experienced partners in this region are working together to finish the task.	Local leaders are taking greater ownership and leadership. This region is getting close to Zero!	Drought, political conflict, and virus outbreaks sometimes hinder translation progress.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
281,710	13

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. April 2024.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

The Impact of Ndrulo Translation in Uganda

When the Ndrulo translation team partnered with [LIFE Ministry Uganda](#) in January to use newly translated Ndrulo Scriptures in the community, many were brought to Christ. One notable community leader practiced African Traditional Religion and had many shrines at home. But after receiving God's Word in Ndrulo, he began following Christ and destroyed the shrines!

PRAISE

- That these newly translated Scriptures are already having a tremendous impact.

PRAY

- For the translation team as they continue drafting books of the New Testament and releasing them into the community.
- That the hearts of the people continue to remain open to God's word.

[Learn more about the Ndrulo project.](#)

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)

Molo of South Sudan

Molo is spoken by fewer than 2,000 people in South Sudan. While around 18% are Christian, according to [Joshua Project](#), most Molo speakers practice African Traditional Religion. People who primarily speak Molo at home must rely on interpreters at church in order to comprehend the message, which is taught in another language.

Interestingly, traditional African religious rituals and cultural events are conducted in Molo. Perhaps if they can access God's Word just as readily in their own language, the minority Christian community can grow and multiply more rapidly.

PRAY

For the pieces to come together in God's timing as we seek to begin Bible translation in the Molo language. May God provide the right people and resources to begin this project.

Pray Now

For the Rufumbira translation team as they work on the Old Testament after [completing the New Testament](#). “Uncle” Ezra has retired from leading the team after long, faithful service, and has passed his mantle to Reverend Gideon. Pray for this team as they work to finish the good work they started, and pray that Uncle Ezra will be blessed in retirement as he watches the fruits of his labor transform the community.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR PARTNERS

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

— Acts 16:31 (NLT)

A Deaf Bible Translator and Video Editor in Kenya See Their Impact

When Simon, a [Kenya Sign Language](#) translator, and Edwin, a [DOOR International](#) video editor, attended a Deaf church, the pastor preached from [Acts 16:11–40](#) using Kenya Sign Language. In this story, Paul and Silas are praising God in prison when an earthquake breaks their bonds and opens the prison doors. The jailer ends up accepting Christ.

After hearing this story, one Deaf man named George declared that he too wanted to be saved. He said, “In the past, I acted sinfully. I was a drunkard. I fought people and did so much more. I need forgiveness and salvation.”

PRAY

- For continued encouragement for those working behind the scenes at DOOR, like Simon and Edwin, as they see the fruit of their labor.
- For George to continue walking in freedom and life-giving community.

Pray Now

For the Gayil team in Ethiopia as they work on the Old Testament, and for Gayil speakers to be changed as they encounter the recently-published New Testament (many Gayil speakers are Christian, but animistic practices are also common). One local leader said that now “evangelism will be very easy, because they can just read the Word and it is sufficient to change many.” May their momentum and encouragement continue!

Wednesday

*Then the glory of the moon will wane,
and the brightness of the sun will fade,
for the Lord of Heaven's Armies will rule on Mount Zion.*

*He will rule in great glory in Jerusalem,
in the sight of all the leaders of his people.*

— Isaiah 24:23 (NLT)

*Hamba lumuli lwa nyelezi lwobasigwa soni, nalwo lumuli lwa isanya lyokoneka kota
nalubilabila, kwa vila Mkulu Nguluwi Yawele na Mong'ho kolongoza ako Yelusalemu
kuli chidunda cha Siyoni, lumuli lwa ukulu wa heye lwolangaza hali wasekulu wa
Yelusalemu.*

— Isaiah 24:23 (Vidunda, a language in East Africa)

*Then the light of the moon will be embarrassed, and the light of the sun will look like it is
faded because Mighty Yahweh will lead in Jerusalem on Mount Zion, and the light of his
greatness it will shine among the elders of Jerusalem.*

— Isaiah 24:23 (translated back into English from Vidunda)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Vidunda of East Africa

Vidunda is part of the Selous [Cluster project](#) (which we prayed for [last year](#)) and is spoken by about 19,000 people who live among mountains. While many are Christian, many also practice ancestor worship.

Translator Nestory (pictured with his family) used to work as a welder before the Lord called him into Bible translation. In addition to leading the Vidunda team, he has recently become the program director for Pioneer Bible Translators in East Africa.

PRAISE

- That the Vidunda team expects to finish the whole Bible by the end of 2026!
- That Nestory will be able to serve more translation teams in his new leadership role.

PRAY

- For stable internet and protection from spiritual warfare for the translators; spiritual attacks often increase right at the end of a 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

Trauma Healing and Peace Building in Ethiopia

Simret Fekadu, who we prayed for [last July](#), recently helped train people from the Ale, Konso, and Dirashe communities of Ethiopia in trauma healing and peacebuilding. These three groups have endured horrific events, but trauma healing programs are helping Scripture go from their heads to their hearts.

"God sent you to save my life," said one participant who works in Christian ministry. "I considered suicide recently. I have all I need, yet I had a battle in my mind. Now, I am emotionally at peace and feel as though something has left from inside of me."

PRAISE

- For the inner healing that God's love brings.

PRAY

- For Simret as she finishes up her Seed Company internship.
- For God to continue healing these communities through His Word.

Pray Now

For the Oyda community in Ethiopia as they translate the Old Testament after celebrating the complete New Testament in 2022. One Oyda speaker who helped review the translations said, “Translating the Bible into the native language is like revealing one’s secret to the person one loves.” Translators request, “Please join in praying that the glory of the Lord will shine through this translation project.” May all Oyda speakers be set free from traditional practices aimed at appeasing evil spirits.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

“Our Faithfulness, God’s Work”: A Devotional and Testimony from the Suri Team in Ethiopia

[Watch the devotional and testimony video here.](#)

The Suri people live in southwestern Ethiopia, spread across a mountain range and two river valleys. They rely heavily on annual rains, and food is often scarce between April and June. Suri translators are finishing the New Testament and aim to publish it in 2025. Young churches are actively using the Scripture available so far, and they eagerly anticipate the spiritual growth that the full New Testament will bring.

PRAISE

- For the faithfulness of Yelegoy, the young Suri man spoken of in the video [who we also prayed for in 2022](#), and for his family members who have become believers.
- For those being set free from fear of evil spirits.
- For the revival in Suri churches.

Pray Now

For the upcoming dedication of the audiobooks of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Judges, Ruth, Jonah, Esther, Nehemiah, Psalms, and Proverbs in the Rendille language of Kenya! Pray for rain in the area, and praise God for the rains they've received in the past months. Praise God for team member Joshua's newborn baby girl.

[*Experience the story of the Rendille New Testament.*](#)