

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	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We pray for more peace in our country and in other countries that have chaos and civil war, so that the work of translating and preaching the Word of God to people of different languages will continue to move forward and transform people's lives.

— from the Isanzu team, part of the Kaisandosa Cluster project in Tanzania

Please pray for us because we are worried about the instability of our country. Pray for God to protect us. Ask God to give wisdom to our team so we can translate the Bible without any mistakes. Right now we are working on Deuteronomy and Joshua.

— from the Nosko team in Asia

Pray for wisdom for the local leaders who are sharing biblical teaching and evangelizing in the midst of much false teaching in the area, and for those using the “JESUS” film in evangelism.

— from a team in a sensitive region of the Americas

Our area has had unusual floods, so we pray to God to save people from the floods and other disasters. We pray to God for his comfort in the home of our fellow translator Bishop Sylvanus, who has lost his firstborn son.

— from the Ndwewe team, part of the Bonde Cluster project in Tanzania

Praise God for our progress on 1–2 Samuel, Exodus, 1 Kings, and Numbers. Joshua, one of the team members, has moved to another country with his family due to the political crisis here. So please pray for them to get adjusted to a new environment.

— from the Adia team in Asia

Pray for the consulting work I do with translators, that I may be more sensitive to their needs and that the support I give them is beneficial for their lives. Also that I may see more clearly the path that God is showing me in life.

— from Jose Carlos Gomez, an intern in Mexico

Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just three countries, but there is a great concentration of need within these islands. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We partner with 17+ ministries and organizations in this region, plus many consultants.	Leaders in translation organizations, churches, and businesses alike are seeing Bible translation's importance in ministry.	Persecution is common in one country. Pastors have been kidnapped, imprisoned, or even killed.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,639,455	191

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. May 2024.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Bible Complete in Lik [LEEK] Language of Islands Asia

We've prayed the Lik Bible to the finish line throughout the last 2 years as the team progressed through the final [typesetting](#) and [printing](#) stages. Now, the 7,000 people who speak this language get to hold the Bible in their hands!

PRAISE

- **Acceleration:** Because the Lik Bible was adapted from a related language ([Ketning](#)), the entire process took only 14 years. That's 26 years quicker than the language it was adapted from, giving a *whole extra generation* access to God's Word in the language of their hearts!
- **Multiplication:** One Lik translator has become the translation advisor for another team working in a nearby language, helping them produce better work than ever.
- **Transformation & Celebration:** After the full Bible dedication, 42 people presented themselves for baptism. The next day, the community held a huge feast: 70 pigs slow-cooked in shallow pits lined with heated rocks!

[Watch the Lik Bible Unboxing and Pig Feast](#)

Monday

PRAY FOR BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUPS IN KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

When Christianity was first introduced in the early 1900s in this region of Indonesia, many began to follow Jesus. Today, about half of the Kanang, Kompang, and Jalinken people consider themselves Christians. But without God's Word in their heart language, many still practice spirit worship.

PRAISE

- That these 3 people groups along with 2 others will receive the book of Luke and Acts by 2026!
- That recently translated Scripture is [already making an impact](#).

PRAY

- For translated Scripture to help local teachers in their effectiveness.
- That Scripture would bring clarity and truth to those who still practice ethnic religions alongside Christianity.
- For young people to be led to spouses who love Jesus rather than marrying those of other faiths.

People Group	Population
Kanang	37,000
Beseru	37,000
Jalinken	32,000
Kompang	45,000
Tabair	20,000

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)

SIL Philippines

SIL, a translation and linguistics partner, has been working in the [Philippines](#) for 70 years. Here are just some of their accomplishments during that time that we praise God for:

- Involved in translation of Scripture into 90 languages
- 16 current projects, most of which are Old Testament projects
- Research and documentation of many previously unwritten languages
- Working with Department of Education in producing reading materials for elementary school students

PRAISE

- “For the Lord’s sustaining strength so that we can continue doing His calling for our lives”

PRAY

- “For strength, knowledge and wisdom, and God’s protection and provision”
- “For the churches and individual believers to have an increasing burden to support the work of the Lord in the Philippines”

Pray Now

For the Parem team of Islands Asia, which is currently in need of two more team members and has two existing team members battling illness. Please pray for healing and for new members to join!

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: SARB LANGUAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

“Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

— Nehemiah 8:10b (NLT)

“Na nang gamu flidù du i klehew gablé Dwata én gafbagal gamu.”

— Nihimaya 8:10b (Sarb)

“And do not be worried because the joy that God gives that is what will make you strong.”

— Nehemiah 8:10b (translated back into English from Sarb)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT South Sea Cluster in the Philippines

The South Seas Cluster includes two languages, Sarb and Korb, which are spoken collectively by more than 250,000 people. They are working on Nehemiah and other Old Testament books and looking forward to the day when the full Bible is available in both of these languages.

PRAY

- For the local translators to have a good understanding of the Word and strength, wisdom, and perseverance for translating it.
- For our partners to have all the resources they need, including both finances and people, to fulfill everything God has called them to do.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Robeno [ROH – BEH’ – NOH] Cluster of Islands Asia

Most of the 619,000 people who speak the six languages in the Robeno [Cluster project](#) claim faith in Christ, yet fear of evil spirits is common. Those who do not take part in rituals and sacrifices are ostracized for bringing shame on their families. Some Christians succumb to outside pressure and leave their faith.

But local church leaders are seeing heart language Scripture make a difference. As more people comprehend the meaning of Christ’s sacrifice, their faith is strengthened.

PRAISE

That the six translation teams of the Robeno Cluster are translating God’s Word for more than half a million people. They’re not only translating the second half of the New Testament but also providing training for future translation advisors and consultants.

PRAY

For many lives to be transformed by the translated Scripture that’s already circulating among the communities.

Thursday

Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

— Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Women Leaders in Bible Translation Refreshed by Retreat

PRAISE

Fifteen key women leaders serving in six translation organizations recently gathered for a retreat in beautiful Bogor, Indonesia. They covered important topics regarding ministry, family, friendship, and leadership, and connected over their unique responsibilities and callings in these areas.

PRAY

For God to bring great fruit from this retreat in these women's lives. May they blossom like well-watered gardens, radiant in their splendor and continually bearing fruit for the Kingdom.

Partners Work Together to Begin Translation in Several Languages

PRAISE

That the [Ripple Effect](#) continues to gain momentum in Islands Asia. Translation programs are beginning in several languages, the fruit of unity between churches and Bible translation groups. Church leaders and community engagement coordinators have been presenting projects to directors of translation organizations. They are committed to working together to reach the Bibleless.

Praise God

That after struggling for more than two decades, the Eswe team in Islands Asia is seeing increased acceptance and usage of Eswe Scripture by local churches. This project is part of a broader effort to reach the 400,000 Eswe people, 99% of whom follow another major world religion. House fellowships are using translated Scripture in their weekly meetings, fostering a movement of Eswe people following Jesus! Please pray for the partnership between the translation team and churches to continue to grow and flourish.

Friday

A messenger soon arrived in Jerusalem to tell David, “All Israel has joined Absalom in a conspiracy against you!”

— 2 Samuel 15:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

A Story of Reconciliation and Love: Embracing the Lessons of 2 Samuel in the Philippines

This impact story is from the South Seas Cluster project, which we prayed for this Wednesday.

During a community Bible reading of the newly drafted translation of 2 Samuel, a mother was moved to tears by the story of King David and Absalom. She related deeply to David's enduring love for his rebellious son. Her own son had rebelled and was sent away, causing her immense pain. However, the reading of 2 Samuel softened her heart.

Inspired by David's unwavering love, she reached out to her estranged son. By God's grace, they reconciled and began to mend their relationship. This powerful testimony of forgiveness and reconciliation reminds us of God's enduring love and the healing power of Scripture. Praise the Lord!

Praise God

For open doors in the community as [Sulu Sea](#) team members continue to distribute translated Scriptures. One teacher has hung posters with Bible verses in her classroom! Pray for the students' lives and the whole atmosphere of the school to be impacted.