

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

Now that the Achi and Mam Bibles are complete, we are meeting with pastors to encourage their use throughout the churches. Pray for us as we meet with 50 Awakateko pastor couples at the end of August and 60 Mam pastor couples toward the end of September. Pray that the pastors and their wives will use the translations and strongly encourage their use among their congregations.

— **translation teams in Guatemala**

At the end of May, the worst typhoon in 20 years hit Guam. Praise God that no lives were lost in the storm directly, but recovery is a slow process. For the translation team, it meant that we were unable to meet on Zoom for a whole month. Pray for us as we catch up, and pray for more volunteers to read through the translated Gospels.

— **the Mwoakilloa team in Micronesia**

The Lord granted me wisdom as I continued with the writing of my final paper while taking courses. I was able to earn a 3.5 GPA last semester. God granted emotional and physical health to my wife and children. Daily, I discover there still a lot to know about Him and everything He has created. Pray for wisdom as I continue writing my final paper while still taking courses. Pray for grace to grow in humility and service as I grow in knowledge. Pray for my wife and family, for good health for our children, and that they should believe in Christ at very tender ages.

— **Ngoh George Lyonga, who is studying to be a translation consultant in Cameroon**

Please pray for the rented apartment where my parents and I live. May God help us solve the rental problem or provide us with another place to live. Please also pray for wisdom not to assume so much work that I cannot complete it. Also pray for God's will in allowing the opening of the Greek course at the Bible Institute of Israel.

— **Diana, a local intern studying to become a translation consultant in the Americas**

Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia includes seven countries, most of which present security risks. This region has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with around 10 partners in Mainland Asia.	Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have become translation consultants.	Governments are unstable or hostile. Work is done in secret. Interrogation is a constant threat.

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

Pray for the Bibleless in Mainland Asia

People	Languages
21,389,719	196

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. August 2024.

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

Sunday

SPOTLIGHT ON UNCEASING PRAYER

Imagine you're a Bible translator. At the very least, you face daily challenges of [quality translation](#) and healthy teamwork. But, depending on where you're working, you likely have other obstacles too: Will we have electricity today? Will there be armed bandits on the road, lying in wait to steal my laptop? Will I be stopped and questioned by authorities?

Can you imagine how encouraged you would be if you knew you were being covered in prayer by people around the world, nonstop?

That's the vision of [UnceasingPrayer.Bible](#), the world's only 24/7 online prayer room for Bible translation. We currently have around 50 hours of prayer a week, led by people in Africa, the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

[Learn How to Join the Prayer Room](#)

On behalf of Bible translators around the world, *thank you* to our faithful leaders who host these times of prayer.

See you in the prayer room!

— The Pray for Zero Team

Monday

PRAY FOR A [FIRST SCRIPTURE](#) PROJECT

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Nata of Mainland Asia

We first prayed for the Nata team [almost a year ago](#). Today, their first translation project is underway.

As they worked on the book of Jonah, the Nata team members were encouraged by how God partnered with Jonah despite his difficulties, doubts, and disobedience. They also serve God under difficult conditions, including poor internet and phone connections, extreme weather, and a challenging political and economic climate. It can be tempting to get discouraged or give up altogether. Jonah reminded them that God's message of love will reach their people too, despite any challenges and setbacks they may face.

PRAY

- For God to provide a generator for the team so they can continue working despite unstable internet and electricity.
- For God to help the team find words in their language to convey biblical concepts as they ask older members of the community for help.

Pray Now

Translator Jakob and co-workers were released from house arrest earlier this month after being accused of leading a cult. Officials made everyone sign an agreement to stop religious activity, so he is discouraged because his church isn't meeting. But praise God that a few of the brothers are still meeting him in a secluded area to pray. So far, the security situation seems to have settled down after signing the agreement and paying a heavy fine.

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)

Translation Moving Forward Despite Fleeing Country

Language and Social Development Organization (LSDO) is a nationally based translation partner in a semi-closed country in Asia. They consistently demonstrate godly character, seek out new Bible translation needs, and persevere in the face of political and economic setbacks.

Due to the recent universal military conscription law, many LSDO staff have fled to a neighboring country where they've had the challenges of building houses, accessing water, and connecting electricity and internet.

PRAISE

That they are persevering in their New and Old Testament translation projects in spite of everything they're going through, and somehow remaining on track!

PRAY

For safety for LSDO staff who remain in their homeland, grace and provision for those who are now refugees, and the Holy Spirit's discernment in leading them to remaining translation needs.

Pray Now

“S” is an amazing single woman who has invested years of her life into mentoring two local translators in Mainland Asia. She had to leave the country due to security, yet she continues to encourage them and facilitate their translation work remotely. The two local translators are constantly being harassed by authorities; their communication with “S” is difficult and limited. Computers and communication tools are constantly breaking down. These translators are actively reaching people with translated Scripture, so it may be that the enemy is doing all he can to disrupt and discourage.

Wednesday

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Yamka of Mainland Asia

We will not hide these truths from our children;

we will tell the next generation

about the glorious deeds of the Lord,

about his power and his mighty wonders.

— Psalm 78:4 (NLT)

Roughly half of [Yamka](#) speakers identify as Christian; the other half practice Buddhism or animism. Before, even many Christians didn't understand that the Bible—available only in the national language—was also meant for them. Today, they have some of the New Testament available, and they're working on completing it. Translated Scripture is already impacting young and old alike.

PRAISE

- At a local church's Bible program, two young Yamka men believed and were baptized!
- When Yamka Bible storybooks were handed out at a worship service to those who could read (mostly children and youth), the older people requested their own copies and promised to learn to read them. One elderly man was overjoyed to receive "the very first Yamka book about God."

PRAY

- For God to comfort those who lost family members in landslides, especially one mother who asked her youngest son to take rice to his two older brothers, and all three died when the landslides hit.
- For the people whose possessions like livestock, boats, and planted rice fields have been destroyed in floods.
- For team member Saul's wife, who is scheduled to deliver their third child in September. "Please pray that God gives us favor so that we will receive the new precious gift from above without any hindrance."

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

John Chokchai, Oral Bible Storytelling Facilitator

When John said “yes” to being trained to facilitate Oral Bible Storytelling workshops, he was also saying “yes” to working in a closed country, learning two new languages, and partnering with God to reach 15 Bibleless people groups. Today, he not only leads workshops but equips other local translators to facilitate workshops themselves.

PRAISE

- For the faithful teachers and mentors from three different partner organizations who have invested in John, teaching him the languages and giving him opportunities to hone his leadership skills.

PRAY

- For wisdom as John considers moving his family from his home country to the closed country he's been working in so that he and his wife can better serve these Bibleless people groups he has come to love.

Pray Now

The Yene team works in an area of Mainland Asia where believers are actively persecuted and pressured to comply with the majority religion. The team requests prayer for church unity and for active use of the Scripture that's already been translated. They also request prayer for their work on 1-2 Thessalonians and Titus and for peace, justice, and resolution from the military coup.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Rakali of Mainland Asia: Scripture Spreads Despite War

Scripture is encouraging Rakali people who have had to flee their villages over the last few years. Some are still able to gather in person to read Scripture, while others join via Zoom. Rakali people in the US are using the Rakali Bible and commenting on how clear it is. They ask the translators to email them books that aren't yet available in the Scripture app.

A praise report from a [Rakali](#) team member:

“During these three months, even though we faced hard times with the civil war, by the grace of God, we had the opportunity to check translated Scripture with some villagers. The villagers told us that when they study the Bible in their own language, they can understand it better and receive strength. They said that there are not enough words to express thanks to those who support, pray, and translate the Bible for them to read.”

Pray Now

The Unda and Weida translation teams are getting closer to reaching their goal of finishing 2 New Testaments within 5 years, impacting 600,000 people who almost all follow Buddhism and equipping the ~2% who follow Jesus. Pray for healing for the many people who got sick during the rainy season. Ask God to provide solar and battery power as a backup when there is no electricity. Pray that the civil war and unstable political situation would not hinder them.