

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	First Scripture/ Bibleless	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise the Lord for our dedicated New Testament, which is now in use! Pray for the community members to have much desire to read and apply what the Scripture is teaching. Praise the Lord for the rains after a very dry spell, and pray for peace in the area.

— **the Ilchamus team in Kenya**

We praise God our protector, who ensures the safety of our translators wherever they go. God also watches over all the materials used to further this beautiful work. We would like you to support us in prayer as we move forward with the construction of an office for the project. May God's hand be on the equipment (like computers and router) so none of it fails us along the way.

— **the Dangbe team in Togo, part of the Hougbe Cluster**

As people read Scripture, may they be encouraged so they can break free from the bonds of the evil one. We also ask for your prayers for our families, that those who have received the grace of salvation may continue to progress and not turn back, and for those who have not yet been freed, may God open their eyes to know the true Way and Life.

— **the Matumbi team in Tanzania**

Please pray that God will grant us wisdom as we work on checking and revising Romans. Pray for Shelley as she checks Romans, and ask that we will be able to finish and publish Titus soon. Please also pray for Joe and Damaris, who are visiting the team. Damaris is exploring how she could remotely support the team administratively a few hours a week, and Joe is considering the possibility of joining the team. Please pray that God would clearly guide us all.

— **the Mexican Sign Language team**

Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia (Europe and the Middle East), but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with 14 strong partner organizations, including churches, church planters, and other mission groups.	Translated Scripture is spreading not only within countries but also among diaspora and refugees.	Security risks, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppression (both religious and political) pose challenges.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
2,906,359	69

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. June 2024.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

16 Complete New Testaments Celebrated in Eurasia

In June, 16 language communities in Eurasia celebrated receiving the New Testament! While eight of them had technically been dedicated in January, the translation teams themselves hadn't been able to attend due to security issues. These languages are located in a closed country that is hostile to the gospel.

PRAISE

That most of the translation team members got to attend this celebration and see the fruit of their labor. Many of them have endured persecution, arrest, and jail time, and they still fear for their well-being and the well-being of their families. Yet, despite threats to their freedom and even their lives, they've had wonderful attitudes and great joy.

PRAY

For God's continued protection and favor over the translation teams and everyone involved in sharing these New Testaments.

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)

Doria of Eurasia

Doria is part of a [cluster project](#) among Hindus in a Muslim country that's bringing the first Scripture to more than 140,000 people speaking five languages. Around 20,000 people are believed to speak Doria as their heart language. They live in a rural area and almost all practice idol worship. Poverty and unemployment are major issues.

PRAY

- For God to help this new translation project go smoothly despite the lack of transportation, electricity, internet access, and mobile devices in the Doria area.
- For protection during the rainy season, which often causes great challenges for Doria people, many of whom do not have solid roofs.
- For many to accept Christ and for new churches to form as New Testament translation gets underway.

Pray for the Bibleless: Spotlight on the Deaf

Sign language Bible translation and Scripture access is one of the greatest needs across the world, including in Eurasia. We praise God for the progress that's been made as we've prayed for the Deaf in Eurasia this past [February](#) and last [April](#).

PRAISE

For one partner's vision to accelerate Scripture availability for the Deaf in four Eurasian countries with similar sign languages. They want to bring teams from these four countries together and have each team work on a different New Testament book. This collaboration will prayerfully shorten the length of time between translation and Deaf people actually receiving Scripture.

PRAY

For God to provide sign language translation consultants for these new projects. Ask Him to help Bible translation partners find and train qualified candidates.

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 Eurasia: Velocity in Translation

We praise God for the pieces He's put in place for our partner SIL Eurasia's success:

- A [cluster approach](#), helping teams collaborate, encourage each other, and go faster
- Experienced management
- Doing extra quality checks *before* the consultant checks
- Enough available translation consultants!

As a result, they have *velocity*. They average over 1,800 verses per year!

PRAISE

For these translation teams:

- Chakhi & Karrip, who have Old Testament translation well underway
- Darata, Driway, Koid, Ikimeg, North Warmi, and South Warmi, who all finished their New Testaments in the past year and are working on the Old Testament!

PRAY

For their plans to get even more velocity in the future by incorporating a team-based Bible translation app called [Scripture Forge](#), which offers AI help and tools for community review.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: ASTARE LANGUAGE OF EURASIA

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

— John 14:6 (NLT)

Îsayî va “Rayir, heqîqet û heyat ez a. Eke rayir ez nêbî tu kes nêeşkeno bireso Babîyê min ê Semawî Homayî.”

— John 14:6 (Astare)

John 14:6 and the Astare People

This verse, John 14:6, is a big deal for the 800,000 [Astare](#) speakers, who live in an area where many people follow a radicalized form of another major world religion. They may not have much of a problem with Jesus until they get to the part where He claims, “No one can come to the Father except through me.” At this point, they have a decision of eternal importance to make. They can no longer accept him as simply a prophet or teacher.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Astare of Eurasia

A translation step called community testing usually involves visiting areas where the language is spoken, testing the translations for understanding, and gathering suggestions for improvement. In Eurasia, this step is often conducted via Zoom so people can share their thoughts freely without worrying about who's watching.

While helping a translator check Acts via Zoom, one young Astare man was astonished to learn that Christianity was from the Middle East, not the West. He also learned that Astare may have been one of the languages spoken at Pentecost in Acts 2!

Then the young man revealed that his grandmother had been a Christian. The translator, whose own grandmother had been a Christian and helped lead him to faith, invited this young Astare man to meet again to continue the conversation.

PRAISE

For the opportunities community testing brings to share about Jesus in an area where most are closed off to Him as Lord.

PRAY

For the Lord to open the eyes of millions in Eurasia just like this young man.

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

Frank in Eurasia

Frank is deeply involved in the world of Bible translation. Not only is he directing a partner organization while serving as a quality assurance [intern](#), but he is also managing a new translation project beginning this month.

PRAISE

That because of his studies, Frank was recently able to teach a translation course to 9 translators and one project manager involved in 3 different language projects!

PRAY

“Our two sons were born with a rare genetic disease, but recently our eldest son was forced into the army. His diseases are not on their list of diseases that count as reasons for deferment. Our son needs daily medical supervision; he was prohibited from sports and hard work, and now it's even harder for him in the army.”

Pray Now

For Bassam, a translator who lives in a country that is very restrictive and hostile to the gospel. After being imprisoned and then released, he boldly continues in translation. Pray for protection as he and his team move forward in finishing the New Testament, which is scheduled for dedication in October.

Friday

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Darata Sunday School Programs in Eurasia

Darata people live in a desert area. They face high unemployment rates, marginalization, and denial of basic human rights. Almost everyone in their country practices another world religion—including many who identify as Christians. Where public education is available, Darata children are treated poorly and not expected to succeed.

PRAISE

That the Darata community has [received the New Testament](#), and these Scriptures are being used in Sunday School classes and church services. One girl who had been raised in the majority religion accepted Christ through Sunday School. Today, she boldly teaches Bible stories in Darata to the children in her village!

PRAY

For God's Word to reach more people like this young girl, and for Darata people's lives to improve in every way as they learn about Jesus.

Pray Now

For seven teams in West Asia who work together and are ready to begin the translation of more Scripture. Pray that they'll be able to begin smoothly and quickly. Please also continue praying for a new mentor for the three consultants in training who are working in two sign languages in Eastern Europe (a follow-up from the [last Eurasia issue](#)).