

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

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise God that the New Testament translation is now complete, and the team is moving on to the Old Testament. Praise God that the translator's family had a good move to the western part of the country and has been welcomed by neighbors there. Pray for Christian friendships for the whole family. Prayer is still needed for the translator's young daughter, who now needs hemodialysis at the hospital 3 times a week and is still waiting for a suitable donor kidney. The hemodialysis is definitely helping her feel better; she is playing again. Pray for the home country of the Bella people, where there is so much unrest.

— the [Bella](#) team in Eurasia

The passing of New Tribes missionary and project facilitator Daniel Schuring in April this year overwhelmingly impacted the teams and communities. They are still processing his death and seeking God on how to continue. As a result, the translation projects are on hold right now. Pray for the indigenous translators and communities. May God give everyone wisdom in redefining these projects.

— the [Waiampi Camopi](#) and [Wayampi Amapari](#) teams in the Americas

[Answered prayer](#): The other day, unexpectedly, I saw on a social network two verses of Psalm 139 translated into Xerente. The person who translated them was a man I have been evangelizing and discipling for several years, but who has not yet converted. I spoke to him, and at the moment, he has a full-time job. But maybe God is preparing new translators in the future. Finally, 1,800 verses of the Pentateuch in Xerente have been printed. A dedication service is scheduled for October 30.

— Werner Seitz, training to be a translation consultant in Brazil

Sahel

“Sahel” means “coast” in Arabic. But in this case, it refers to an African region that borders the southern “coast” of the Sahara Desert, rather than a body of water.

Please pray for peace and stability in this region. Some sources are calling the Sahel "the new home of global terrorism" with the rise in religious extremist violence in recent years. The several junta governments across the region are struggling to keep the violence in check. Currently, multiple countries across the region are also experiencing extreme flooding. Pray that the Lord's peace would reign in the Sahel, and that He would have mercy and stop the flooding.

[Go deeper in specific, strategic prayer for the Sahel with this 3-part article from the Lausanne Movement.](#)

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
3,713,550	76

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. October 2024.

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

Pseudonyms may be used for names and locations in areas hostile to Christians.

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Bakoko People of Cameroon Celebrate Receiving New Testament

We first prayed for the Bakoko people of Cameroon in [January 2023](#) as they sought to print their complete New Testament. A few months ago, they finally got to hold their dedication celebration! This project was delayed many times due to COVID-19 and its effects, but today, we rejoice that 680,000 Bakoko speakers have access to the full New Testament in the language of their hearts.

PRAY

Let's pray in agreement with a Bakoko pastor who read the Great Commission and the story of Pentecost from Acts 2 at the celebration. Now that they have the New Testament in their own language, he exhorted them to share what they have. May they make disciples of all Bakoko people, and may the Holy Spirit fill the Bakoko church with His presence and power!

[Watch the Bakoko New Testament Dedication Dance](#)

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 Deaf of Burkina Faso

Recognition of the need for God's Word among the Deaf in Burkina Faso has been growing in the hearts and minds of our partner [ANTBA](#), but sign language translation is challenging—especially when the group does not yet have a unified sign language. Joshua Project estimates that there may be more than 200,000 Deaf people in the country, and that number climbs to more than a million when the hard of hearing and mute are included.

PRAISE

- For local interest in building a studio to specialize in producing sign language media.

PRAY

- For God to make a way to reach the Deaf and mute of Burkina Faso.
- For resources for ANTBA and other organizations across the Sahel to facilitate sign language translation work among the Deaf.

Pray Now

For the development of the Dadjo project in the Sahel, scheduled to begin in 2025. This project aims to complete various New Testament books as well as Genesis, in order to help reach a people group of about 49,000 people that is estimated to be 100% Muslim. Some translated Scripture is already being used in schools and evangelism. Ask for God's wisdom for the partners coming together to help transform lives in this area through God's Word.

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)

Wycliffe Benin Celebrates 20 Years of Bible Translation

What began as a dream for a few believers in Benin became reality in 2004, as Wycliffe Benin was formed. Twenty years later, let's celebrate that only 3 languages remain in Benin with no Scripture translation among them!

A key person in Wycliffe Benin is Prosper Nongnide, who carries increasing responsibilities in both translation and administration. [Learn about one of the Bible translation projects Wycliffe Benin works in, Idaasha, and watch Prosper's incredible testimony.](#)

PRAISE

- For God's faithfulness to the people of Benin.
- For the many active projects and sign language development Wycliffe Benin is involved in.

PRAY

- For God to continue to bless the [Idaasha](#) team.
- For Wycliffe Benin and Prosper as he shoulders growing responsibilities. growing responsibilities in Wycliffe Benin

Praise God

For the Numala [NOOH – MAH’ – LAH] and Nuasue [NOO – AH’ – SOO – AY’] translators in Cameroon who have finished the consultant checking step for their entire New Testaments! Ask God to provide funding to print them in 2025. Translators pray that access to the New Testament will help bring freedom to those in their communities who live in fear of evil spirits.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: PAGNON [PAH' – NYOHN] LANGUAGE OF THE SAHEL

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

Mii mege na yîri mii shiinbii mpimu na ke, pire ka piye tîrege, maa mii jáare, maa mii cya, maa kântugo wà pi toronkanni nimpini na, mà mii yaha ninyi na, mii sí n-dógo pi nwɔ na, si pi kapegii yafa pi na si pi kini yaha l'a sî yyaha na.

— 2 Chroniques 7:14 (Pagnon)

My people that is called in my name, if they humble themselves and pray me and seek me, and turn away from their bad behavior, from heaven I will listen to them, and forgive their sins and make their country prosperous.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14 (translated back into English from Pagnon)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Pagnon [PAH' – NYOHN] of the Sahel

There are two seasons in the hilly area of West Africa where the Pagnon people live: rainy and dry. During March and April, the last part of the dry season, the weather is very hot. The team comments, “This is not the best time to visit us, unless you can handle the heat!” After translating the New Testament more than 15 years ago, they continue to work toward completing the Bible.

PRAISE

For the growing use of Pagnon Scripture. Choirs regularly use Scripture-based hymns, churches read Pagnon Scripture during worship, children memorize translated passages, and small groups listen to audio recordings.

PRAY

For the team as they wrap up this translation phase in December and start a new phase in January. May all the details come together well, for the team's encouragement and God's glory.

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

Nehemie Dao in Burkina Faso

Nehemie is a linguist and Bible translator. Through a Seed Company [internship](#), he is working to become a linguistic consultant.

Linguistic consultants help codify languages' grammar and orthography (alphabet and spelling). They help people learn to evaluate the mechanics of their own language so that it can be written, preserved, and taught. And they do the foundational work of having a written language into which the Bible can be translated.

Through the hard work and expertise of people like Nehemie, more African translation organizations are being equipped to do the work of excellent Bible translation on their own.

PRAY

For God to grant Nehemie wisdom and protection as he does the difficult work of learning structures of unwritten languages to help them have access to God's written Word.

Pray Now

For a high priority Old Testament translation project in the Sahel that was halted by the COVID-19 pandemic and has been unable to restart. While the team finished the New Testament years ago, the small but growing church among this people group of about 1 million greatly desires the full Bible. Ask God to bring all the necessary resources together for this project to launch and to prepare the hearts, minds, and ears of those who will receive His Word.

Friday

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Oral Bible Stories Open Hearts in Vasu Community of the Sahel

In a remote part of the Sahel, where threats of terrorist group Boko Haram and kidnapping for ransom loom, live the Vasu people. This small group of fewer than 5,000 is estimated in a recent report by the OBS Project to be about 70% Christian, 18% followers of African Traditional Religion, and 12% Muslim. Over the last 3 years, local oral Bible storytellers have seen incredible fruit from sharing Bible stories in Vasu. Here is just one testimony:

"During our [previous] evangelistic outings, some people would openly chase us away. But since we've been telling Bible stories in their mother tongue, even Muslim women invite us to come and tell Bible stories. Many people have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

PRAISE

- For God drawing people to Himself through the Vasu storytellers and the Bible stories they have been sharing.
- For our partner's creativity and innovation in planning the first-ever Oral Bible Translation project in this region.

PRAY

- For the team as they begin an Oral Bible Translation project; may God help the 3 translators (who were originally trained in written translation) apply what they've learned to this different method.
- That an experienced consultant will be available to assist this team in checking the translation.
- For safety for the teams; they face dangerous roads and impassable rivers during the rainy season when the water is too high to ford. Some language committee members have been kidnapped.
- For the uncertain political situation across this part of the Sahel.
- For financial provision for this team; costs have continued to increase and could spike suddenly if conflicts intensify.
- For good internet service, which has been deteriorating.