

# 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

Our team [is] working on things that lay the foundation for sharing the message of Christ. Pray to Jesus Christ to show me the best way to deliver the message to my countrymen, so that they can change their mindsets and come to the right path.

— a translator from the Igbala team, part of the [Embassan Cluster](#) in Eurasia

Roldan from the Pastaza Sur team has asked for prayer for his wife who has lost her sight due to cataracts. She needs surgery. In addition, Pastor Fernando has headaches and vision problems. Pastor Dionicio from the Pastaza Norte team has an infection that won't heal, while Isabel, the wife of another translator, is suffering from poor eyesight. Finally, they are having trouble visiting a church because the river is too low, and their canoe does not travel well in such low water.

— the Pastaza Quechua Cluster in Peru

Pray for all who check the translation to have one mind. Language can be complex; pray for the right words to be used. Pray for us to get more helpers in the translation field and for the health of the translators and checkers, most of whom are elderly.

— the To'ambaita team in the Solomon Islands

Thank God, about 30 Servi Roma refugees in Germany repented and were baptized. Pray that as the book of Jonah is distributed, God will touch their hearts in both Germany and Ukraine.

— the Servi Roma team

# Pacific

The Pacific includes 27 countries spread across hundreds of islands. Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture, and hundreds of translations are in progress.

While churches are present almost everywhere, many people mix Christianity with other beliefs. This region also presents unique logistical challenges. Many language groups are very remote, and some can only be reached by boat.

Despite the great number of remaining needs, help for new translation projects is limited because trained consultants are often maxed out with existing work.

## Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
331,627	288

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. September 2024.  
Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

# Sunday

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### Building Linguistic Expertise in Papua New Guinea

While more local people in Papua New Guinea have begun training to be translation consultants, Bible translation partners have also seen a need for local linguistic consultants. We praise God for people like Marie, Natasha, and Cletus who have answered His call and are now linguistic [interns](#)!

[Meet Marie, Natasha, and Cletus, and learn more about what these local linguistic consultants do to support Bible translation](#)

In a culture in which women have often been undervalued, we especially celebrate how this training is helping women like Marie and Natasha grow in their confidence as vessels and voices for the Lord.

May this investment in local linguistic expertise multiply throughout the region!

# Monday

## PRAY FOR BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUPS

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

## Spotlight on Timor-Leste [TIH'-MOR LEST']

Timor-Leste is a small Island nation located between Australia and Indonesia and populated by about 1.3 million people. While Timor-Leste has 20 known indigenous languages, this number will almost certainly increase as more language surveys are conducted. Despite a large Christian majority, the entire island remains without a Bible they can readily understand.

### PRAISE

That in the coming months, the national language, Tetun Dili, will have a published New Testament along with several Old Testament books!

### PRAY

For two other priority languages, Makasae and Mambae, which are spoken collectively by around 500,000 people. The Gospel of Mark has been published in Mambae, and a few Old Testament narrative portions are available in Makasae. After years of research and training, these two language teams are gearing up to translate the full New Testament.

## Pray for Safe Travel

Travel in Papua New Guinea is always difficult. In this video, the Seed Company Pacific field team is crossing the river at Yalu Bridge to visit the [Huon Gulf Cluster](#) teams. But there's one problem: the Yalu Bridge has been washed away by floods.

[Watch Video](#)

# 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)

## Australian Society for Indigenous Languages

We praise God for the ways the [Australian Society for Indigenous Languages](#) helps to make Scripture accessible and understandable for indigenous people. Bible translation work in Australian aboriginal languages has been slow and challenging in the past, but praise God that, today, four aboriginal language groups have the Gospel of Mark.

In [May](#), we prayed for a technology intern named James who is serving at the Timor-Leste office of this organization. We look forward to many more opportunities to equip workers and translate Scripture alongside this partner!

## PRAISE

James writes, “After the internship, I will be able to support Bible translation ministry more, from the first steps of translation up through getting the text ready for publication.”

## PRAY

For plans to partner with this organization in more translation work in Timor-Leste in the coming year.

[WATCH: Meet some of the local translators working with this partner.](#)

## Pray Now

For the [SHEFA Oral Bible Storytelling](#) teams in Vanuatu, as they've been in a workshop since September 30 and will continue through October 11. Pray for safety and health for all. Pray especially for the [Namakura community](#), which has been devastated by the loss of some of their people at sea.

# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: BUHUTU OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.*

— 2 Peter 3:18

*Na eda Guyau yo Tau~Famwahulida, Yesu Keliso ena ainauya gaibu yo ena sonoga lisina  
yai bena ami tubu. In lisina yai mate lohologo mahudo'ina, aho, na ya ota~esegahi hige  
ofina! Mo'isa Wananaha. Pita*

— 2 Peter 3:18 (Buhutu)

*Our Guyau [Lord] and the Tau Famwahulida [One Who Saves us], by the grace (free  
gift) and the knowledge of Yesu Keliso [Jesus Christ], you should grow. In him now is all  
goodness and it remains forever, no end! Really True/Amen.*

— 2 Peter 3:18 (translated back into English from Buhutu)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Buhutu of Papua New Guinea

While around 90% of Buhutu speakers identify as Christians, many believe that following church traditions and performing good works are necessary for earning salvation. Most have abandoned animistic traditions, though occasionally someone may mention storm spirits, love potions, or sorcery.

As more Scripture is becoming available in Buhutu, believers are growing in their faith and understanding their deep need for Jesus. They are discovering what 2 Peter 3:18 teaches in their language: that “in him now is all goodness, and it remains forever, no end! Really True. Amen.”

### PRAY

For the Buhutu team as they're completing the final New Testament consultant check this month. Once this is complete, they'll prepare the text for publication. They're planning to distribute it in print and audio.

# 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

### Isaiah Tetang in Papua New Guinea

As Isaiah wraps up his [internship](#), his mentor celebrates how much he's grown in his ability to solve difficult translation problems in light of the original biblical Greek and Hebrew texts. He is poised to become an excellent translation consultant after completing further training.

Isaiah writes, "Once a shy individual who struggled with public speaking, I've witnessed remarkable changes in myself. This translation work has not only deepened my knowledge of the Bible but has also transformed my attitudes, behavior, and character over time. Now, I feel confident in encouraging others, teaching, and building people up through the powerful Word of God."

## PRAY

For God's guidance in Isaiah's next steps, blessing and provision for his family, and God's comfort as they grieve the recent loss of his brother.

## Pray Now

For the Feni and Label (LAH – BEL) communities of Papua New Guinea. The Feni community just dedicated the New Testament in mid-September, and the Label community is getting ready to dedicate the New Testament in November! May these Scriptures be treasured, widely used, and transformative.

# Friday

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

## IMPACT STORY

### Reliable Internet Access for the Solomon Islands

One reason Bible translation needs have remained so great in the Pacific has been the lack of reliable internet access. Now, the entire nation of the Solomon Islands has access to Starlink satellite technology! Our prayers in [July](#) have been answered, and then some.

Teams we've prayed for in the past, including [Are'are](#), [Duke](#), To'ambaita, and [Kubokota](#), now have Starlink. We look forward to the increased translation momentum and impact that will result.

## Praise God

That since the [Zabana New Testament dedication](#) in the Solomon Islands, team members report that they're seeing people in the community apply biblical principles in critical moments and observing how Scripture helps people in everyday life. May the team continue to see the fruit of their labor in transformed lives—both in the small, everyday moments, and in life's greatest crises and times of need.