

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

We thank God for protecting us in our journeys to reach several villages where we aimed to make people into disciples of our Lord Jesus. He didn't leave us alone in difficult situations. We thank God for His quick healing of our fellow translator who was injured in a motorcycle accident when he was returning home from evangelism. We ask for prayers for our plans to have Bible learning classes, since people of other religions are trying to keep interested people from attending. May the Lord Jesus keep them strong so they will continue studying the Bible. Pray for our health as those who do not believe oppose us spiritually and physically.

— the Yao team, part of the Ruvuma Cluster in Tanzania

Pray for the work that remains for the Misima audio recordings. The Scripture app needs to be rebuilt, and MegaVoice players need to be loaded with the updated recordings. Pray for the advisor to find time to work on this in addition to the ongoing, regular work of translation.

— the Misima team in Papua New Guinea

Pray for the family of a Mimji translator who passed away a few months ago. He left a widow and children. The translator has left a void in the community. Praise God for the new candidates who have been chosen to join the Mimji team. Pray as they are trained and integrated into the teams; they have completed their first training session.

— the Mimji team, part of the Tammaago Cluster in Africa

Please pray for comfort and consolation for the manager of the Karrip translation project, whose husband died from a snake bite.

— the Karrip team in Eurasia

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. 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 to reaching Eurasia with God's Word.

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
2,394,050	56

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

Over the Last 12 Months, Nearly 32 Million People in Eurasia Have Received the New Testament or Full Bible

Amid persecution, wars, and tragedy, God's Word has continued to run swiftly throughout Eurasia.

About 26 million people who have received Scripture over the last year live in a country that is extremely closed—but where the church is expanding rapidly.

Another 5 million people who have received Scripture live in a country that is among the top countries in the world for persecution of Christians, who often endure violence or are relegated to occupations that are deemed unfit for people who practice the majority religion.

May God's Word bring light in the darkness and courage to Christ followers in these countries!

Monday

PRAY FOR A BIBLELESS LANGUAGE

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Northern Ireland Sign Language

Northern Ireland Sign Language is an example of how difficult it can sometimes be for a language to go from "Bibleless" to the first steps of translation. We first prayed for them in [June 2023](#), then again [this May](#). They are still "Bibleless," but we are praying that they won't be for much longer.

How would you plan a Bible translation project if you had no concept of what one looks like? Imagine asking pilots in 1950 how to land on the moon when no one had ever been in space.

That's how the leaders of the Northern Ireland Sign Language team felt trying to begin Bible translation. So a couple of weeks ago, they held a "Taste of Translation" workshop in Belfast. An all-Deaf team demonstrated what a translation project would look like, what's involved, and what kinds of roles are needed, giving them a "taste" of what a long-term project will entail. 30 Deaf people attended and were very engaged the whole time!

PRAY

- For the Northern Ireland Deaf community to get excited about owning this translation project, and to not only believe in the work but also in themselves and their ability to do it, with God's help.
- For the leadership team to recruit dedicated team members from this workshop and have clarity on how to move forward. They've already decided to do 33 chronological Bible passages!

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)

Global Sign Language Team

The [Global Sign Language Team](#) of SIL is a key partner on several sign language Bible translation projects, including Northern Ireland Sign Language, which we prayed for yesterday. This group partnered with Seed Company and the Northern Ireland Sign Language team leaders to host their Taste of Translation workshop a couple of weeks ago.

PRAISE

That the Global Sign Language Team has already pledged a translation consultant to the Northern Ireland Sign Language project! This is huge. Many sign language projects cannot start because there are so few consultants available.

PRAY

For the Global Sign Language Team as they provide training and oversight to the Northern Ireland Sign Language project and as they continue to work with sign language teams in Romania, Spain, and the Middle East.

Pray Now

For translator Fred from the Wasika team in Eurasia, who is a cultural Muslim.

One day, while they were having a celebration at the office, he shared that learning about Jesus through the translation project has changed his idea of who Jesus is. He said he wants to learn more about the life of Jesus and try to be more like Him. This was the first time any of the Wasika translators (none of whom are believers) have made a statement like this. Pray that God's translated Word would draw all the Wasika translators, and one day all Wasika people, to believe in Jesus.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: VEECHNY LANGUAGE OF EURASIA

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.

— Psalm 118:14 (NLT)

“Ребби зи кбуват я, зи мани я. Хиласвал хъана Ам зи.”

— Забур 118:14 (Veechny language of Eurasia)

About the Veechny

At the intersection of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, about 670,000 people who speak the Veechny language are shrouded in the fog of Islam. Though translated Scripture portions were first published in the 1990s, they have not been widely shared, and the growth of the local church remains slow. Yet Veechny believers are committed to their faith, longing for their people to know the personal God of the Bible—the God who speaks their language.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Veechny of Eurasia

PRAISE

That many Muslims are being reached through this project. One famous Muslim man who has published several Veechny dictionaries has been helping with words and terms. Every time a new book comes out, he receives it with joy. He has now read the whole New Testament.

PRAY

For the translators as they revise the New Testament and finish the Old Testament, with a goal of printing the full Bible by 2028. Only an estimated 0.1% of Veechny people identify as Christians. But translators are praying that the full counsel of God's Word will bring light to this spiritually dark region.

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

A Voice Empowered Through Recording Scripture

Translation is a courageous faith journey that looks different for each translator. Many deepen their walks with God through hours poring over the written word. Others, like Allen with the Tiat team in Eurasia, do so through audio recording:

“Recording was a really difficult task for me, because I don't like hearing my own voice. When I listened to the voices recorded by other teams, I said, ‘I wish I could record well. How come they read so beautifully?’

“Despite all the difficulties, John and Mark were finally recorded. About a month later, when I saw that the recording was uploaded, I listened with all my heart. I no longer hated my voice.”

PRAY

For Bible translators in Eurasia and around the world who are currently in the process of audio recording Scripture. In many cases, this Scripture will be broadcast over satellite radio to areas that would be too dangerous for most people to travel to. As they learn to love their God-given voices, may they feel equipped for even greater service in the kingdom.

Pray Now

For the Absuara community in Eurasia. Due to lack of resources, they have had to indefinitely postpone a translation project that was scheduled to begin this month. About 20 years ago, a lone local poet translated the New Testament and Psalms, but he published them independently without going through any checking steps, and other Absuara speakers find the finished product very difficult to read. Please pray for God to provide all the resources they need to produce understandable, widely used Scripture. They are hoping to translate the full Gospel of Mark and 25 oral Bible stories.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.
— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Lion City Cluster Oral Bible Translation

The Lion City [Cluster project](#) is translating God's Word for five majority-Hindu Bibleless languages in a majority-Muslim country. Below are testimonies from two translators for that project, "ML" and "H," who came to Christ through their work:

"I was a Hindu and didn't know anything about Christianity. We thought we would go and work for our survival, as an opportunity to earn a living, but after coming to this project, we understood that we are involved in the Lord's work.

"My interest built, and I started reading the Bible. I learned how to pray. I am just a new believer starting to learn everything. I am thanking all the [project partners] for providing me this opportunity. Please remember me and my family in your prayers."

— ML

"My family is completely involved in Hindu worship, and I did the same since childhood. My life went well, and I was looking to go somewhere in the city to work. I didn't know what my role in this project would be, but I said I would join. Maybe this is the plan of God.

"Before, I had heard about Christianity and the Bible, but I didn't know much about it. But it just amazed me how these people have a loving relationship and brotherhood with each other, and this attracted me to follow the Lord. I am new, so please pray that I have complete trust in the Lord, and also for my family, that they believe in God and the Bible."

— H