

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

Please pray for unity and God's guidance for strategic meetings November 19–20 in an Asian country with some of the world's top remaining Bible translation needs. More than 150 church leaders and Bible translation organizations are expected to attend. Ask that these leaders will emerge with specific, God-given plans for reaching this country's remaining languages.

— the Seed Company [Growth Partners](#) team

Please pray for ministry partners with YWAM who were involved in a [serious bus accident](#) in Nigeria. One young man passed away, and others had serious injuries. May the peace of God from Philippians 4 guard their hearts and their minds in this time.

Praise God for new leaders who are beginning to take on teaching responsibilities in the Deaf church in Barcelona! Pray for the 25th anniversary Spanish Evangelical Deaf Conference scheduled for December 6-8. This is an opportunity to celebrate Scripture that's been produced and to promote its use in Deaf churches around Spain. Pray as we start the final checking of Romans and Philippians over the next few months, and pray for several team members who are caring for elderly parents in declining health.

— the Catalan Sign Language team in Spain

The government is increasingly restrictive with regards to free speech and freedom of religion. New regulations make it harder to spread new ideas among Muslims. Please pray about a new connection with someone inside the closed country where the Tawodi people live. This person is a local whose ministry is focused on the Tawodi, and we will introduce our materials to him to see if they would be helpful.

— the Tawodi team, part of the Wayataw Cluster in Eurasia

South Asia

Home to more than 2 billion people, a staggering 26% of the world's population, South Asia covers four countries. Once ruled by the British, these nations are now thriving democracies. While some parts of South Asia have had Christian presence from the earliest centuries, in recent years, persecution has increased sharply. Political parties oppose Christian outreach, and church leaders have been arrested.

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

We praise God that most of the known Bibleless languages in South Asia have been engaged in translation, according to [Progress.Bible](#). While this is a huge milestone, partners strongly believe there are many more needs that haven't been discovered yet. In addition, many translation teams in early stages have a long, difficult road ahead before their people receive significant portions of Scripture. Please continue praying for initiatives like the [Finish Line Project](#) that are trying to find and reach the remaining South Asian people groups in need of God's Word.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Large South Asian Country Moves Closer to Scripture for All

South Asian Bible translation agencies are working to complete a major milestone by 2033: the [All Access Goals](#). What are the All Access Goals? They mean that by 2033, the vast majority of the world will have access to the vast majority of God's Word. And *everyone* on earth, even the smallest communities in the most remote areas, will have access to some Scripture in their own language.

The group working to see this happen for one large South Asian country is called the [Last Command Initiative](#). They focus on not only Bible translation but also church planting, Scripture engagement, and language development.

PRAY

- For the remaining needs in this country, which include 17 full Bibles, 22 New Testaments, and 35 Bible portions by 2033. Some teams must start from scratch; others are in some of the most inaccessible areas of the country.
- For a gathering planned for December 5–7, during which regional partners will strategize to reach these goals.

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)

Himku of South Asia

Himku speakers live in a remote, mountainous area. They number less than 2,000, but they are dear to God and to believers who have visited their village.

One Bible translation worker visited the Himku area and witnessed their need for Scripture when he was new to the ministry. Today, more than 10 years later, they remain Bibleless even though he and partners have desired to begin translation among them.

PRAISE

- That after years of praying and waiting, just a few hurdles remain to beginning Bible translation in Himku.

PRAY

- For spiritual breakthrough. There are only around 10 or fewer Himku Christ followers; most follow other major world religions.
- For God to lead one or two of these Christians to help start a Bible translation project soon and to provide everything they need.

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)

ILLA in South Asia

ILLA began in a mountainous South Asian country in 1993 with the vision to have the full Bible in the Branchu language. In 2009, they celebrated the complete Branchu New Testament. At that point, they expanded their vision to include four neighboring languages.

PRAISE

Four hundred thousand Branchu speakers [now have the full Bible in their language](#), and more than 300,000 people speaking the other four languages now have the New Testament. Just last month, ILLA began New Testament translation in another language spoken by 19,000 people. Praise God for expanding their vision beyond their own community to include so many others without Scripture in their own language.

PRAY

For grace and wisdom for Sunil, who is leading a brand new 3-member translation team for this new project. May the team learn quickly and work effectively.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: OLGAM OF SOUTH ASIA

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

— Romans 8:1–4 (NLT)

[Watch an Olgam team leader and consultant read Romans 8:1–4](#)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Out of about 15,000 people who speak Olgam, only about 1% identify as Christian, but their churches are growing. Some Scriptures have been translated into Olgam, and the team is currently focused on completing the New Testament. As they receive the book of Romans, may all Olgam people fully understand that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

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Daward of South Asia

Nearly 2 million people speak the Daward language. A traditionally nomadic minority group, today they often live in urban slums spread across multiple states in one large South Asian country. Although the Christian population is very small—less than 1%—a few Daward believers have begun to emerge.

A previous Bible translation project produced some oral Bible stories from the New Testament in Daward. When local pastors noticed the effectiveness of these stories, they wanted more to help disciple the new believers and evangelize others.

PRAISE

For the Daward New Testament translation project that just began in October!

PRAY

For God's grace and provision for this project as it unfolds, that He would bless the translators and churches and that the people would receive Scripture with open hearts.

Thursday

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

— 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

SPECIAL PRAYER NEED

The Situation in One South Asian Country

In summer 2024, a South Asian country descended into a severe political crisis marked by widespread protests. The unrest was driven by numerous grievances against the former government, accused of discrimination in government job quotas, corruption, human rights abuses, and unfair electoral practices. Tensions sharply escalated when security forces were deployed, resulting in fatalities, mass arrests, and disappearances of protesters.

In August, following violent clashes that led to hundreds of deaths, the prime minister resigned and fled the country, leading to the establishment of an interim government. This interim administration faces the challenging tasks of restoring stability, addressing human rights violations, and preparing for upcoming elections.

Pray for This Country

During these challenging times, we seek your prayers for the following:

1. **Peace, Safety, and Stability:** Please pray for peace and stability. The ongoing unrest has caused widespread fear and anxiety. We ask for an end to violence and a peaceful resolution to this crisis.
2. **Faith and Unity:** Pray for the churches and ministries to remain united and strong. May they be a beacon of hope and love, supporting each other and those in need during these dark times.
3. **Interim Government Leadership:** Pray for wisdom, courage, and compassion for our leaders as they navigate these challenging times. May they be divinely guided toward decisions that lead to reconciliation and healing.
4. **Healing and Comfort:** Pray for families and communities mourning the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength amid their grief.

Friday

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Kaasni of South Asia

Everyone loves a good story, and in many areas around the world, people benefit much more from Scripture when [Oral Bible Storytelling techniques](#) are used. Such is the case with the Kaasni people of South Asia.

Kaasni storyteller Larry noticed that listeners used to struggle to pay attention during sermons. “Now,” Larry shares after applying what he learned through an Oral Bible Storytelling workshop, “they stay engaged and regularly attend church to hear God’s Word.”

Storytellers have also noticed the impact that “Unity Among Believers,” a story from [1 Corinthians 1](#), is making among churches. “No matter our denomination, we are all children of Jesus,” the team leader shares. “We must not create divisions but instead unite in praising God together.”

PRAY

For Kaasni churches to continue growing in unity, and that God will bless the ongoing efforts of those sharing His truth in Kaasni.