

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

Working with others using an AI program called Scripture Forge, I was able to help the Hua team in Asia produce first drafts of 1 Samuel and Isaiah based on the Scripture translation work that has already been completed. The Hua team has been reviewing and revising the AI-generated drafts and preparing 1 Samuel 1–14 and Isaiah 1–10 for consultant checking. We are impressed by the initial results! May God give us wisdom in all these efforts for His kingdom purposes. We must be vigilant so that AI tools are not used in ways that achieve speed at the cost of quality. However, we are seeing many opportunities for AI tools to be used in ways that can enhance both velocity and quality.
— a Seed Company translation consultant

Give thanks to God with us for the support we receive from the Lord in this work. He gives us health and helps us face challenges and move forward despite opposition. There is currently a great need for evangelistic films. Pray that the “JESUS” film and others will soon be available. Pray always against demonic altars that oppose the light of Christ by standing against the work of Bible translation. Let us also pray for the salvation of the souls of the Ilem people.
— the Ilem team in Africa

Praise God that we’ve completed the first draft and team check of the New Testament! Pray that a consultant will be able to check the book of Mark soon. Pray for translator Mark’s health. Recently, he’s had intense pain around his waist. He can’t bend or stoop to wear his shoes, can’t stand up from a sitting position, and sometimes can’t even walk. He is traveling to another town to be checked at the hospital. Pray for a good doctor and quick recovery.
— the Mele Cluster in Asia

Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia includes seven countries, most of which present security risks. This region has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language. Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have even completed the difficult training required to become translation consultants. Much of their work is done in secret, under governments that are unstable or hostile. Interrogation is a constant threat.

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
17,614,673	173

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

Oral Bible Storytelling Changes the Landscape in One Asian Country

For a long time, the southern part of one Asian country had the largest number of Bibleless people groups in the nation. In 2017, three organizations helped begin an Oral Bible Storytelling movement in 15 different languages of this region. God's Word has not returned void. Churches have been faithfully proclaiming the translated stories, and many have come to faith in Christ.

Today, four of these language groups are expecting to continue on with Oral Bible Translation, and another group is continuing with written translation. Local partners are growing in both passion and capacity to see the number of Bibleless languages in this country reach Zero.

PRAISE

That the four groups using Oral Bible Translation have completed story crafting and are scheduled to begin recording the stories in February.

PRAY

For continued unity among the Bible translation partners in this country.

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)

Darotah of Asia

About 6,000 people who speak the Darotah language reside in remote mountainous regions, cut off from neighboring languages. This natural isolation limits their access to education and job opportunities, leading to widespread poverty. Most live in fear of spirits, and many young people struggle with alcohol addiction.

While Christianity's origin among the Darotah is unclear, it likely took root when young people moved to cities for work, encountered Jesus, and returned home to share the gospel. Today, only a handful of believers remain, facing significant persecution from the government. Not a single word of Scripture yet exists in Darotah.

PRAISE

For the new Darotah Bible translation project, which just began last month!

PRAY

For the team to persevere in this hostile nation as they translate Mark and Luke.

PRAY FOR A BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUP

Siksa of Asia

This language is still in the research phase of beginning a potential Bible translation project. Siksa is spoken by nearly 70,000 people in one Asian country, most of whom identify as Christians. However, they only have access to the Bible in the national language, which they do not understand well. They have no written language, and most are not literate in the national language either. However, they strongly desire to begin Bible translation and literacy work.

PRAY

For an upcoming meeting to develop a translation project plan, collect linguistic data, and start taking steps toward beginning Bible translation in Siksa.

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)

Project Advisor Samantha, Working with the Yebu Team in Mainland Asia

Samantha had been faithfully working alongside the Yebu language team when she was expelled from the country, along with other foreign Christian workers, in 2018. She has kept in contact with the two local translators, but it's been challenging with unstable internet and security concerns.

Recently, she finally had the chance to take a 2-week trip to connect with the two translators in person. It was a very discreet meeting so as not to arouse any suspicion amongst authorities.

PRAY

That the translators will be encouraged and refreshed by her visit, and that they will be protected from any suspicion or obstacles after Samantha returns home.

Pray Now

The Akin team in Mainland Asia writes, “Praise God that the translation of Jonah was successfully completed. Pray for the health of team members and their families, as there have been severe flu and cholera outbreaks in the area. Pray for the safety of Akin young people who fled their homes to escape from being conscripted in the military.”

The Akin community has a rich history of Christianity, with about 80% professing faith. The New Testament was published in 2019 and is being widely used. The team is now working on the Old Testament.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: SAMUK LANGUAGE OF ASIA

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

— **Philippians 1:6 (NLT)**

awx nyum cae vaang: pee seem: lawng ma phax caox tangx kaoq cix kaan: ma yuang: hai phex cae khee seep cix lat van kuac meeq van: ma phax caox ye chux khrit li neen: caam:

— **phi li pix 1:6 (Samuk)**

I believe and rest [my] mind about God's doing good work in you and [God] will continue to do it until finished on the day when Jesus Christ appears.

— **Philippians 1:6 (translated back into English from Samuk)**

“The Philippians reference is one I've thought of often as we've dealt with difficulties, especially with the challenges to the literacy program, then the inability to work together during Covid and wondering just how long things could stay shut down (which of course, turned out to be quite a long time).”
— a translation consultant working with the Samuk team

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Samuk [SAH' – MOOK] of Asia

About 10% of the 10,000 people who speak Samuk are Christian; the other 90% are Buddhist. Though they don't fully understand the national language Bible, the small Christian population has remained faithful for over 100 years. They long to have the New Testament in their own language.

PRAISE

That three Gospels and most of the epistles have been translated in the last few years. Translators are currently working on Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, and Jude, while 1-2 Thessalonians, James, and 1 John are spreading among the people. The elderly listen to audio recordings. Christians and Buddhists alike use Scripture to learn to read.

PRAY

For favor with the government as the team seeks their permission to begin more literacy classes in other Samuk villages.

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

Pauline, a Literacy Specialist [Intern](#) in Asia

Pauline is the Assistant Director of [our strongest national partner organization in one Asian country](#). She is a leader and trainer of other local leaders; everything that's invested in her, she then invests in others to build God's kingdom.

Pauline reflects, "When I was young, at church, we sang hymns and read the Bible in another language. I sometimes felt and prayed how good it would be if we could sing hymns in my mother tongue. Now God has opened the way for me to accomplish that wish."

PRAY

"For my younger brother and brother-in-law who have been imprisoned by the military for more than a year. We cannot contact them and can't even send food, medicine, or clothes. Please pray for them to have peace, enough food, good health, and freedom as soon as possible. Please pray for my family members to be safe while there is fighting in my hometown. My 9-year-old nephew has been especially traumatized."

Pauline's Testimony

“At the age of 8, my mother wanted me not to go to school. However, I wanted to continue my education. One day, while working in the fields with my mother, I sat alone to rest under a tree. I cried and said to myself, ‘I want to go to school. Isn't there anyone who can send me?’ When I finished speaking, I suddenly heard a soft voice that said, ‘I am the one who will send you.’ I looked around to find out who talked to me, but I saw no one.

“After three days, two teachers from the city arrived at my house and asked my parents to send one of their children with them. They promised that they would take care of the child and provide for their needs. My parents decided to send me. Through the teachers' guidance and teaching, I came to know God and was sure that it was God who was talking to me in the field. When I didn't even know Him, God chose me specially. And He continues choosing me and using me. He chose me to continue my education, to know and believe in Him, to be blessed by others, and to be a blessing for my family and my country.”

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Wuntu Church Leaders Equipped by Scripture in Mainland Asia

When new Bible translation projects get off the ground, one major prayer need they all share is for their work to be enthusiastically accepted and used by the local community. Scripture only transforms lives when it is used. Translator David rejoices that this is happening among Wuntu church leaders:

“Most of the believers in our local ethnic churches do not know the national language and do not like to speak or hear the national language. Our church needs to teach in our own language. So every time we finish translating a Bible book, we have it checked by a consultant, we record it, and then we immediately share it with the leaders of each church.

“In June, after sharing translated Scripture with the churches, the teachers of each church were moved to say that they were in great need of more translated Bible portions. I began to arrange a local language teaching workshop, and arranged for them to study our translated Scripture together every Thursday afternoon so that they can accurately teach their brothers and sisters in the church.”

Pray Now

The [Way team in Mainland Asia](#) requests, “Please pray that God would continue to keep our village area from becoming a war zone, and to protect us from air strikes. Please pray for safety in travel between villages during the rainy season, and for an internet connection to be available regularly. We praise God for His protection, provision, and encouragement in the midst of many dangers and difficulties.”