

# 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

Pray for safety and resources to check translated Scripture in communities far down the river in December.

— a translation team in the Americas

Thank God for the rainy season that was abundant! May the Lord be praised for the Bible stories that were told in the Dugun community during this period when travel is difficult because of the rains. After hearing stories, many hesitate to come to Jesus. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to convict them of sin and that they will repent.

— the [Dugun team](#) in Cameroon

We praise God that local church leaders are starting to open up and embrace the Psalms project! Please pray, as the enemy continues to come against this project. The community faces a huge unemployment problem. Please pray for God to provide and inspire creative ways of making a living. The Cokwe have one more workshop in December. Thereafter, they will have discussions about the future. Please pray for God to guide their deliberations and for them to be inspired and encouraged even during the translation break.

— the [Cokwe](#) team in Angola

Please remember lead translator Felipe of the Ixil team. His 32-year-old son recently passed away. This is the second son he has lost in the last couple of years, and he and his family really need the Lord's encouragement.

— the Ixil team in Guatemala

# Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless. Obstacles to their progress include hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption.

## Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
1,202,000	65

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. November 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

### A Center for Bible Translation in Democratic Republic of Congo

Seven years ago, the [Fellowship of Labor Churches](#), a local church network in Democratic Republic of Congo, embraced Scripture translation as a mission strategy in two provinces that are comparable in size to Uganda. As church members went out into the villages to initiate Bible translation, they began developing a team and locating facilities for training translators and hosting workshops. Today, these facilities host regular gatherings in excess of a dozen translation teams, plus consultants and partners, providing lodging, meals, electricity, internet, work space, equipment, and expertise to accelerate the work.

#### PRAISE

For developing this center for Bible translation in the heart of the difficult-to-access interior of this country.

#### PRAY

For wisdom and discernment for this church network as they pursue a long-term vision for Scripture translation and engagement in the region they serve.

# 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)

## Pray for Bibleless People Groups in Democratic Republic of Congo

Twelve people groups in Democratic Republic of Congo totaling more than 280,000 people have been eagerly anticipating the day when they will be able to hear and share Bible stories in their heart language. These communities have requested training and assistance from the Fellowship of Labor Churches, who we prayed for yesterday, and they are currently praying for funding to begin Oral Bible Storytelling projects.

### PRAISE

In November, representatives from churches in eight of these communities met with representatives from the Fellowship of Labor Churches and Seed Company to express their commitment to Bible translation and their ardent and urgent desire for work to begin in their languages.

### PRAY

- That all barriers would be removed for the launch of Bible translation in these languages.
- For God's perfect timing to bring Scripture to each of these languages and that the churches would remain prayerful and encouraged until work begins.

## 12 People Groups in Democratic Republic of Congo Waiting for the Bible in Their Heart Language

Language	Population
Banunu	34,376
Bomboli	45,000
Lolenge	6,000
Lolinga	15,000
Lolumbe	7,000
Lompongo	3,000
Londomba	10,000
Losanga	8,000
Losolu	5,200
Lotca	26,000
Mpama	102,289
Ngele ea ntando	20,000

# 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)

## SIL Congo: Navigating Cultural Differences

*From Seed Company's Congo Basin Regional Director, Stephanie:*

“By the end of my first visit to our partners at SIL in the Republic of Congo this summer, we were frequently joking that if someone said the hotel or restaurant was just around the corner, it meant we were going to be walking at least a kilometer.

“This helps us to understand what they mean when they say they will get us information ‘soon’ or respond to an email ‘quickly.’ Now that we understand each other’s culture better, we can be more effective in our partnership.”

## PRAISE

For unity in Christ that enables us to navigate cultural differences with grace and humility.

## PRAY

For the upcoming recording of biblical texts in the Yaka language with SIL Congo. May recording go smoothly, and may God grant good health to everyone involved.

## Pray Now

For the complex logistical and security challenges that Bible translation organizations face as they operate in the Congo Basin. Tikva, one new field project manager with the Congo Basin team at Seed Company, requests prayer as she grows in language and cultural communication skills to be a strong “bridge” for in-country partner organizations. She desires to be sensitive and obedient to the Spirit’s leading in this role.



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: GISIR [GIH – SEER'] LANGUAGE OF GABON

*And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.*

— James 3:18 (NLT)

*Abalagi polu ve gari awu gere mugunu, begudile monyu yi Nyambi garondi.*

— James 3:18 (Gisir)

*Those who sow peace around them like grain, (they) harvest a life that is pleasing to God.*

— James 3:18 (translated back into English from Gisir)

## PRAY FOR THE GISIR PEOPLE

Please pray that the Gisir community will use the translated Scriptures widely throughout their homes and churches. Pray for open hearts and minds as they engage with God's Word so that it may become a vital part of their daily lives.

Pray also for the screening of the "JESUS" film in Gisir. May it lead to deeper and greater understanding of the message of Christ. Pray James 3:18 over these teams, that as they plant the gospel of peace, they will reap a harvest of righteousness in their communities.

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Tsaangi in Republic of Congo

While the gospel came to the Tsaangi people in the early 1900s, and 80% identify as Christians today, many are still heavily influenced by sorcery and traditional religion. Often, people visit a medium when they get sick.

After waiting decades for Scripture in their own language, the [Tsaangi](#) community is getting closer to receiving the full New Testament, which the translation team hopes to complete by 2027.

### PRAISE

For the churches and small groups that are already actively using translated audio Scriptures.

### PRAY

For the spiritual and physical development of the Tsaangi people, and for protection and health for the translation teams.

# Thursday

## EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

*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)

## Consultant in Training Stéphane Mulamba in Democratic Republic of Congo

Stéphane Mulamba, a pastor with over a decade of experience in Bible translation, is scheduled to begin a three-year internship on December 15. He is the first intern to come from the Fellowship of Labor Churches, whom we prayed for on Sunday. During this time, Stéphane will study and work full-time as he develops core skills in translation consulting under the guidance of his mentors and supervisor. As a consultant, Stéphane will serve as an advisor and an encourager to translation teams, helping them to produce Scripture translations that are clear, accurate, natural, and acceptable.

## PRAISE

For how God has been preparing Stéphane for this opportunity over several years.

## PRAY

For emotional resilience and overall health for Stéphane and his family during the busy season of this internship.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

*Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

*Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth ...*

— **Philippians 2:6–10 (NLT)**

## **Budja [BOO' – JAH] in Democratic Republic of Congo**

Mister Liaki was known throughout the region for his troubled past. But something changed when he heard Philippians 2:6–10 in his heart language of Budja.

Learning how Christ, though divine, chose humility and obedience as a path to true honor stirred something deep within him, and Liaki gave his life to Christ. Today, he is a changed man, committed to his faith and helping with the work of Bible translation.

## **PRAY**

Pray for more hearts in the Congo Basin, like Mr. Liaki's, to be reached and transformed by Scripture in their own language.

## Pray Now

For Bible storytelling festivals being held in Democratic Republic of Congo. At one recent festival with around 500 participants, more than 230 people made decisions for Christ! In the coming weeks, more villages will hold similar festivals in other local languages. Please pray for safety for all who travel and set up for these festivals and for spiritual fruit as many more people hear the message of Christ in their own languages.