

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

Praise God that the Psalms are complete. Pray that at least one of our community testing groups becomes a regular small group. We are also facing the limitations of our translator and consultant in juggling multiple projects and responsibilities. This reality, coupled with the stress of general conflict in the region, has impacted overall progress. So please pray as we push forward at the best sustainable pace we can.

— the Filo team, part of the Yulvdi Cluster in Eurasia

Many people have been killed in the Didi community. Let us pray for the consolation of the families affected. Many families have suffered losses of materials and animals in their villages due to terrorists. Please pray also for the translators who have not been able to work as much because of the disruptions and instability. The translation office in the village was ransacked and important equipment broken (printer, typewriter, etc.). Praise God for his divine protection of the translators' families and for the checking of Job with the consultant, which went well. The translation team has also been able to rent an office in a safer location.

— the Didi team in Africa

I traveled to Asia to meet up with 15 translation consultants in training for 3 weeks of mentored checking. One of the consultant interns is from a country that has recently experienced a coup and a devastating civil war. In one of our devotion times, she told us that a person opposed to the Gospel threatened her, saying, "Wherever you might go, to the ends of the earth, we can come and kill you." What a privilege it is to work with folks who are risking it all to see the Good News go to the ends of the earth.

— a Seed Company translation consultant

Anglophone East Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, which includes 14 countries, English is frequently used to train and coordinate Bible translation teams. Common obstacles to translation include drought, political conflict, and virus outbreaks.

We praise God that, as local leaders take greater ownership and leadership in Bible translation, this region is getting closer and closer to Zero!

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
634,030	11

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

Hadzabe People of Tanzania Celebrate Completing Luke and the “JESUS” Film

We first prayed for the Hadzabe team as they worked on Luke and the “JESUS” film in [late 2022](#), and today, we celebrate the answer to our prayers! Very few of the 1,000+ Hadzabe people are known to be Christians. But now, they have access to the first portions of Scripture in their own language.

PRAISE

For the fruit God has brought from the team’s three years of hard work.

PRAY

For the audio Scriptures to be widely used and for the 21 translated Bible stories to also spread rapidly among these communities. As these nomadic hunter-gatherers travel through their homeland, may the gospel travel with them!

[Watch the Hadza community celebrating receiving Luke, Acts, and the "JESUS" Film.](#)

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)

The Ganta-Ochollo of Ethiopia

Ganta-Ochollo communities have requested assistance in starting translations for their languages. While there is a Bible in Gamo, a closely related language, Ganta-Ochollo people still need an interpreter when this Bible is used in church services.

PRAISE

- For the excitement and motivation among the Ganta-Ochollo communities to start Bible translation in their languages.
- Since these languages are closely related to Gamo, it may be possible to use a computer adaptation to complete these translations faster.

PRAY

- That God will make it possible for translation to begin soon in these languages.

[Watch the inspiring stories of how the "JESUS" film and New Testament have transformed the Gamo community.](#) We pray for similar transformation, one day soon, in the Ganta-Ochollo communities!

Pray Now

For peace for the [Arbore](#) and [Mursi](#) communities of Ethiopia, who continue to experience conflict with neighboring tribes. Community members and translators must travel a long, difficult way to the nearest town to work, and the partner also has difficulty visiting the Arbore community.

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)

Pioneer Bible Translators in Tanzania

The East Africa Branch of [Pioneer Bible Translators](#) has partnered with Seed Company since around 2012, completing 15 New Testaments in 2015 and continuing with some for Old Testament translation. They focus on not only translation but also facilitating wide community use of the Scripture.

PRAISE

- That [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) has helped the East Africa Branch establish its own studio to record Scripture—an answer to many years of prayer.
- That two new families have joined to lead a new translation project, also an answer to more than 10 years of prayer!
- That a New Testament project this partner works with ([Matumbi](#)) is nearing completion.
- That responsibility is increasingly being handed over to Tanzanians.

PRAY

- For God to protect the Matumbi team from spiritual attack as they prepare the New Testament for typesetting.
- For the [Mwera](#) team, another group Pioneers works with, as they recover from the death of their project facilitator, and for John, the lead translator for another project, who is preparing to fill this role.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: OYDA LANGUAGE OF ETHIOPIA

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

— Psalm 34:17–18 (NLT)

Xillo asi uukkoder; Xoozii si7ane; un waayti ubbannippa ashshane. Xoozii wozina meqqides kale yene; ayyantta meqqidayan ashshane.

— Psalm 34:17–18 (Oyda)

Praise God for the progress the [Oyda](#) team has made on the Old Testament since we prayed for them in [June](#)! We join in praying Psalm 34 over their people, that all who live in fear of evil spirits would know that the LORD alone hears them when they call for help and rescues them from their troubles.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Meadowlands of East Africa: “How Can Things Be Carried On Poles?”

The Meadowlands Bible translation project is [highly sensitive](#) and has a large diaspora community around the world.

Recently, the Meadowlands team ran into a challenge while working on the last part of Exodus, which describes how “poles” were used to carry items for the tabernacle or hang the curtains. But in the Meadowlands language, “poles” are vertical, not horizontal! After much deliberation, they decided to use another word meaning specifically “poles in a horizontal position.” What is seemingly insignificant in one language can be very important in another!

PRAISE

- Meadowlands refugees in Europe and North America have been spending large amounts of time reading God’s Word in their language and watching the “JESUS” film.

PRAY

- For the team as they continue to work on the last part of Exodus and finish up videos from Acts.
- For healing from migraines for one of the lead translators.
- For new gospel workers reaching out to Meadowlands speakers in the diaspora.

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

Scovia, a New SIL Uganda Intern

Scovia Ayikora recently became one of the newest [Seed Company interns](#) with [SIL Uganda](#). But frequent power outages were hindering her as she juggled working with the translation team, completing her studies, and caring for her children. Praise God for providing for her to have solar power at her house!

She recently wrote to express her heartfelt joy and gratitude: “[The solar power] has simplified my studies and work. For sure, with God impossibilities become possibilities.”

PRAISE

That God has also provided for the entire translation team to install solar power in their office.

PRAY

For the team, community leaders, and churches as they continue to improve the office to facilitate smooth translation progress.

Pray Now

For an intern with our partner [Bible Translation and Literacy of East Africa](#), Cornel Omullo, who lost his 9-month-old son this past September. Christian Delight Aora was born December 18, 2023, and returned to the arms of his Heavenly Father September 9, 2024. Please pray for him and his wife as they grieve the loss of their child.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

An Answered Prayer for the Basongora People of Uganda

The Basongora people recall a prophecy from 1974 that the Bible would come to them. They see their current translation project as an answer to prayer.

Although most Basongora people profess Christianity, many still turn to spiritualists for answers or fear witchcraft. Church leaders believe having God's Word in their language will help them know that God is greater than the evil they fear.

When team members recently reviewed their translations of 2 Corinthians and Galatians with the community, people were overcome with emotion. They want the Scriptures to be spread far and wide and read at church services.

PRAISE

For [The Word for the World Uganda](#) who works with this project; even as a young organization, they have become a national leader in Bible translation.

PRAY

For the successful publication and distribution of the first drafts of several New Testament books, and for continued community enthusiasm.

Pray Now

For the [Karama](#) people of East Africa, who just received the first copies of Exodus and Mark in their language. Almost all Karama people follow another major world religion. Pray that these books will be very fruitful in drawing the Karama people to Jesus as Lord.