

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 praise God for the resumption of rain in our area and for His protection of those traveling to translation workshops. Please pray that the recent retreat will impact the spiritual life of the translators and their communities. Pray for those community members reviewing the translation, that the Lord may increase their zeal for the work they do. And pray for peace in our country, and particularly in our local region where there are always security concerns.

— a translation team in Africa

Pastors are planning a joint outreach mission to the interior of unreached parts of Samburu. Pray that many Samburu will come to Christ. Pray also for the families of the translation team, that the Lord will protect them from attacks of the enemy.

— the Samburu team in Kenya

Pray for our new municipal president, who is open to hearing and knowing the Word of God.

— the Chinanteco de Ojitlan team in Mexico

We want our young people, the future of our communities, to abstain from the influences of marijuana and liquor so that they may be able to see the light of God and turn to him. Please pray for them and that all people will be led by the Holy Spirit to obtain a copy of the Zabana New Testament, to read and internalize it, and to turn away from ungodly living. Pray that audio recordings of the Zabana New Testament will soon be completed so that those who have difficulty reading can understand the Word of God in their own language.

— the Zabana team in Solomon Islands

Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just three countries, but there is a great concentration of need within these islands. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers. Praise God that leaders in translation organizations, churches, and businesses alike are seeing Bible translation's importance in ministry. In addition to the logistical challenges of reaching certain remote islands, persecution is common in one country. Pastors have been kidnapped, imprisoned, or even killed.

Pray for the Bibleless in This Region

People	Languages
966,175	131

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

Local Leaders Collaborate to Meet Remaining Scripture Needs in Indonesia

In late November, 108 leaders of churches and Bible translation organizations across Indonesia gathered for strategic meetings. They aim to provide Scripture to the country's remaining languages still needing God's Word. A highlight from their time together was praying over a map of the country and asking for God's guidance.

These organizations and churches discussed being involved in over 100 languages. Dozens of these languages are set to begin brand-new projects in 2025!

PRAISE

- That local church leaders are taking a greater role in Bible translation.
- That the meetings resulted in specific plans to reach the country's remaining language groups.

PRAY

- For unity and wisdom as these leaders work together to meet the needs of their country's Bibleless people groups.
- For protection as new projects begin in 2025.

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)

A Five-Language Project in Islands Asia Plans to Explore an Innovative Approach

The Lembata [LEM – BAH' – TAH] project, scheduled to begin in January, will begin translation for five people groups—none of which have Scripture in their languages.

The team is experimenting with an approach that builds an artificial intelligence (AI) model of the language from sentences they collect in the communities (instead of from previously translated Scripture). Translated Scripture will be fed back into the model to refine and improve it for further translation.

PRAISE

The team has already begun to collect data from the community, even though the project hasn't officially started.

PRAY

The data collection process will take a few months to complete. Pray for the team to get the information they need to build an accurate AI model. Pray that we will learn whether this approach will be helpful for other language communities.

Pray Now

For the Parem team's upcoming consultant check of Luke 12–24. In [July](#), we prayed for ill team members and the need for additional translators. Please pray that the Parem team facilitator and translators will remain faithful and motivated to complete their tasks despite falling behind other teams in their [cluster project](#), due to these challenges.

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)

Wycliffe Malaysia

Malaysia has more than 136 people groups, many of whom still do not have God's Word in their heart language. [Wycliffe Malaysia](#) seeks to address remaining Bible translation needs in Malaysia and also send Malaysians to serve in Bible translation worldwide.

PRAISE

- [The "JESUS" film](#) has been completed in four Malaysian language groups!

PRAY

- For more like-minded people to partner with Wycliffe Malaysia as they start new translation projects.
- For efficiency, effectiveness, and joy in their work.
- For God to grant wisdom to the Executive Director, that she may be sensitive to His guidance.
- For the eight language groups in West Malaysia still needing God's Word in their heart language.
- For more Malaysian churches to be aware of the remaining translation needs in their country.

Pray Now

For Mondou people in an Asian village where a severe fire has impacted or displaced 74 families and demolished 44 homes. One quarter of the second largest village in the area was destroyed. Team members have been working to translate remaining Gospels and additional New Testament books to communicate the hope of Christ in the midst of heartache.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: TIOW [TEE'-AW] LANGUAGE OF ISLANDS ASIA

“They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!”

— Luke 9:17 (NLT) NLT

[Watch Luke 9:17 in Tiow](#)

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PRAISE

We first prayed for the Tiow in [October of last year](#), and today we celebrate that roughly 766,000 people who speak this language now have Scripture available in both audio and video! This video recording, based on Luke 9:1-22, has been created to be used as an evangelism tool:

[Watch a LUMO Scripture Film Based on Luke 9:1-22 in Tiow](#)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Tiow [TEE'–AW] of Islands Asia

Tiow is spoken in a region of Islands Asia where Buddhism and Confucianism are the predominant religions. Christians are a minority, and there is not yet known to be an all-Tiow church. Those who become believers are strongly pressured to continue worshipping the spirits of their ancestors and participating in rituals to bring good luck.

PRAY

With very few believers and no Tiow church, the team sometimes has trouble translating words like "God," "temple," and "sacrifice." They must decide whether to use local terms, which are often closely connected to their ancestral religion, or to borrow terms from other languages. Please pray for the team as they determine what words will best communicate God's message.

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

Winata Setiawan in Islands Asia

Winata became involved with Bible translation ministry in 2015 when he joined [Kartidaya's](#) member care team. As he observed how translation work is done, he heard many testimonies of how the Bible transforms people's lives.

In 2021, Winata started training as a translation team facilitator. His background as a pastor helps in Scripture interpretation, and his studies in pastoral counseling help him facilitate the translation team he works with. Winata is currently being trained as a translation consultant.

PRAISE

Winata will help address the translation consultant shortage in Islands Asia. As more consultants become available, more translations can be started and checked in a timely way.

PRAY

Please pray for good health, strength, and wisdom as Winata balances his training with work responsibilities.

Pray Now

For a smooth transition among team members working on the [Pitsuha translation](#), as some translators' health is declining with age. The team hopes to find new translators while others are still healthy enough to be effective mentors. Also, praise God that the team's work is ahead of schedule and they will likely finish the project with more Scriptures translated than they originally planned.

Friday

For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’

— 1 Kings 17:14

IMPACT STORY

Sarangani Blaan of the Philippines

Roughly 112,000 people speak Sarangani Blaan. About 90% of them are Christian. They mostly live in rural areas where their way of life remains distinct. Today, for the first time, a whole generation of Sarangani Blaan speakers will grow up reading Old Testament stories in their language.

After reading 1 Kings 17:8–16, one 8-year-old girl remarked, “My grandmother gets sad when rice starts to run out. I told my widowed grandmother, like the story we just read, that we need to give and feed people who are hungry, because the blessing of God never runs out. Even if the situation is desperate, the Lord will provide.”

PRAISE

That children are understanding and applying Sarangani Blaan Scripture to their lives!

Pray Now

For final checking of the [DeSuTu Cluster's oral storytelling project](#) in Islands Asia. The closing ceremony is planned for February. Please pray that these stories will impact the communities with life transformation and outreach opportunities.