

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 unity, wisdom, skills, and the Lord's guidance for our new translation team as they begin work on Psalms and Isaiah. May their translation be faithful and speak clearly to the hearts of the community.

— the Vwanji team in Tanzania

Pray for the release of Abi M., one of our translators who was kidnapped several months ago by people who have still not identified themselves. We need God's wisdom and provision for this period of time and a safer place for him and his family to live as we hope for his release.

— a Bible translation team in Africa

Praise God for the impact that our ministry team of storytellers is having in our country, especially among the youth.

— the Faro Cluster team in Cameroon

Translation work has just begun on the first Scripture that Molo speakers will have in their language. Pray that the community will be receptive to the Word of God throughout the project.

— the Molo team in South Sudan

Praise God that our team, which serves in a region of ongoing conflicts between the government and rebel troops, are safe and able to complete planned translation activities. Pray for our health, and for conflicts to end so people here may live in peace.

— a Bible translation team in Africa

Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia (Europe and the Middle East), but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ. Translated Scripture is spreading not only within countries but also among diaspora and refugees. Security risks, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppression (both religious and political) pose challenges to reaching Eurasia with God’s Word.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
2,313,130	57

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. January 2025.

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

Two Language Communities Look Forward to New Testament Dedications

Two people groups in the same Eurasian country will soon receive printed New Testaments in their language: the Driway [DREE'-WAY] and Ikimeg [ICK'-KEE-MEHG].

The Driway population numbers 1.2 million, but very few are true Christ followers. Most live in small villages and face daily challenges of discrimination and fear-based religion.

Among the 200,000 Ikimeg speakers, nearly all of them identify with a major world religion. The few who know Christ lack grounding in their faith.

Both communities expect to hold celebratory dedications of their completed New Testaments in the next few months!

PRAY

That these translations will effectively ground believers in the faith and speak in a compelling way to those who don't know Jesus as they are shared.

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)

Lion City Oral Bible Translation

The Lion City [Cluster project](#) includes five Bibleless language groups that adhere to a major world religion but live in a country where the majority follows a different world religion. Below are testimonies from two translators for that project, referred to as “R” and “H” for security purposes, who came to Jesus through this work.

“Starting out, it was very difficult because I didn’t know much about the Bible During these three months, I have learned many new things. I have had many changes in my lifestyle, like awaking in the early morning and starting the day with prayer and devotion, and learning how to behave and respect others.” — R

“Before joining the project, I was working as a mason. One day I met with a man who told me about the translation work. He asked me to join. I am so very happy. There is much to learn every day. It has been a big change in my life. I found the people here very humble, kind, and loving. I learned how people respect each other.” — H

PRAY

That translators for the Lion City Cluster project will be given favor and continue to find joy in serving their communities and each other.

Pray Now

For the East Arrows team translating the Old Testament and for a Muslim girl who has not stopped thinking about a verse she read when the translation was tested in her community. The verse spoke of people who received God's blessings but failed to appreciate Him. She took a picture of the verse and sent it to her WhatsApp chats. Pray that her discussions may be meaningful and result in deeper understandings of God and His ways.

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)

Peace Dove for the Deaf

Peace Dove has been working to produce a high quality, verse-by-verse New Testament translation for the Deaf in their country using signs that are understandable to all, regardless of their religious beliefs. Deaf communities everywhere are watching closely to see what Peace Dove produces, even if they can only partially understand it.

Other translation organizations are working to start their own sign language translation projects in more difficult areas using source materials produced by Peace Dove.

PRAY

- For guidance for Peace Dove on how much to help others while continuing their own work.
- For the development of a regional sign language group to work together on meeting needs of the Deaf in several countries. Logistics are being discussed.
- For more sign language consultants.

Pray Now

For planning of the Northern Ireland Sign Language project. Please specifically pray that God will provide 2 or 3 sign language translators and a video technician for the team.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: ASTARE LANGUAGE OF EURASIA

When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.

— John 11:33 (NLT)

[REDACTED]

— John 11:33 (Astare)

Mary and the Jews who were following after her were crying. When Jesus saw this, his heart was filled with sadness and his heart ached.

— John 11:33 (translated back into English from Astare)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Astare of Eurasia

A translation project manager asked God to show him how to evangelize Astare [AS–STAR’–AY] speakers in a community outside their homeland. Some people he met invited him to an association that offers activities to keep Astare culture alive.

His family began attending each week. Soon, people learned the man, though born Muslim, was a Christian and that he had even translated a book of the Bible into Astare. They started asking about Christianity, including one of the association’s directors who asked him to speak there.

Although one man objected because the group was secular, his attitude softened when the subject of Bible translation came up. Eventually he welcomed the presentation.

PRAISE

That God answered the project manager’s prayers and opened a way for the project manager to share his faith with many Astare speakers.

PRAY

That God would open the eyes and hearts of many Astare, including those living outside their homeland, to the gospel.

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)

Eurasia Interns Alan Kodak and Petru Pascalau

God has gifted Bible translation intern Alan Kodak with many skills and experiences that are useful for translation consultants. His training builds on an understanding of technology, culture, and languages that's expected to help bridge the gap between the translation team and the communities where he serves.

Intern Petru Pascalau will complete his training this month and expects to be acknowledged as a Bible translation consultant by [SIL](#) very soon.

PRAY

- For Alan's mother-in-law, whose depression and delusions are being treated at a psychiatric hospital. She is slowly improving, but visits are limited to only three times a week.
- For Petru's next assignment upon completion of his training. He has expressed interest in becoming a much-needed sign language translation consultant.

Pray Now

For a Wasika lady and others like her whose families forbid reading Scripture. She asked to receive a printed copy of translated portions after a group reached out to the Wasika community. However, her mother-in-law found it and told her not to ever read it. May the Lord lead people to persevere in their hunger for Scripture, as this lady now does in reading it digitally.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

Translation Work Leads to Life-Changing Questions for a Team Member

Nine months ago, Moe, a Muslim, began work as a Tama project translator. After several months, he began asking an expatriate team member about who Jesus is. The expatriate answered him, using portions of the translated New Testament.

In September, the two were able to meet in person. They spent three days reading and discussing the entire Gospel of John. As a result, Moe understood and accepted that Jesus existed before creation as the eternal Word, came to earth as a human, and offers new life through His sacrifice.

PRAY

For Moe to truly receive this life-changing faith so He may experience the new birth Jesus talks about in John 3.

Pray Now

For a weekly Bible study in a city where most people follow Islam. The group of Briyani speakers is studying a translation of Genesis, which has produced in-depth discussions about the message of the first chapters. This is the very first time that the Briyani Old Testament is being used for chapter-by-chapter Bible study!