

# 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 that our translators' work will lead to their personal encounters with Jesus. Pray that our deep discussions about the stories they are translating will bear fruit as the Holy Spirit works in their hearts.

— a Bible translation team in Asia

Praise God that the first chapter of Colossians in Kichwa has been successfully checked by a translation consultant. Pray for work on the remaining chapters to be completed and audio recorded so that this book may be heard and understood in our community.

— the Kichwa team in Peru

Pray that God will provide safe travels for our team when we journey between the language community and the provincial capital several times a year. The trip involves 29 hours by boat each way, part of which is 3–4 hours across open ocean in a small dinghy.

— the Sudest team in Papua New Guinea

Pray for people in the Njem community as they travel for various translation workshops, trainings, and meetings. Transportation is a chronic concern. People are scattered across a wide area, roads are among the worst in the country, and the rainy season lasts for most of the year.

— the Njem team in Cameroon

Pray that pastors in the Nyakyusa community will become more involved with Bible translation efforts. Pray also that the consultant's checking of Genesis will be successfully completed this month.

— the Nyakyusa team in Tanzania

# Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia 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 Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
20,816,845	152

*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

### Translating During Civil War

One Southeast Asian nation needs the Bible as never before due to the civil war that has caused much suffering since 2021. In some large cities, electricity is available for a few hours a day. The army has blockaded some major roads. Prices for basic goods are soaring, causing many to suffer, especially the poor.

Mother tongue translators must decide whether to remain at home or flee to a nearby nation. Those who stay (and their older children) are at risk of being conscripted into the military. By God's grace, those who have already fled to other countries are able to translate though travel and communication is difficult.

## PRAISE

That many translators remain motivated to press on and are living out their calling with humility, prayerfulness, and good humor.

## PRAY

- For teams operating in the roughly 20 language projects in this country.
- For the gospel to inspire those suffering in this war-torn nation.

# 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)

## Taking God’s Word to the Siksa

The Siksa people live in 7 villages, 5 of which are situated on mountain tops. Travel for them—and for anyone trying to connect with them—can be treacherous, especially during the rainy season.

A small language group of around 7,000 people, the Siksa have no Scripture in their language. Their churches use the national language Bible, which most do not understand. While many identify as Christians, some still practice animism, often consulting witchdoctors for help.

Partner organization [SIL](#) is starting a language development project this year that includes plans to begin Bible translation. Obstacles remain. Travel is limited, Siksa education is lacking, and electricity and internet access aren’t available.

### PRAISE

That the Siksa are excited and motivated to start their own literacy program and translation project.

### PRAY

For wisdom for partners and church leaders in overcoming obstacles and planning the initial stages of Bible translation for the Siksa.

## Pray Now

Ask the Lord to grant health and endurance to the Way team as they face challenges from electricity and internet cuts. Mother tongue translators have had to evacuate their homes due to terrible conditions from the civil war in their country. By God's grace, the completion of the Way New Testament is within sight!

# 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)

## Miss K's Legacy Lives On

As a missionary serving the Wolu people for decades, Miss K believed that without heart language Scripture, the Wolu could not truly understand God's love for them. She introduced Seed Company to Wolu community leaders. Not long after, translators began work on a Wolu New Testament. Miss K has since retired, but her passion for the work motivates her to continue serving as a partner between the two groups.

Miss K's faithful service continues to bear fruit. Over the years, she mentored many Wolu, including two mother tongue translators who have an incredible heart for sharing Jesus with others. Today, many Wolu have put their trust in Jesus and eagerly receive Scriptures as they become available.

## PRAISE

For the spiritual harvest occurring among the Wolu people.

## PRAY

For the Wolu New Testament project and for those who have endured great suffering both in police interrogations and in physical illnesses.

## Pray Now

Join with us in praying that two new translation projects could begin in 2025 in a very challenging nation in Mainland Asia. Doors are closed but the needs are great. Pray that God will open the way as we pray in faith.





## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Jeeba of Mainland Asia

The Jeeba people live in an area so dominated by the majority religion that to become a Christian is to risk great suffering or even death. Because of this reality, the translation team felt kinship and conviction while reviewing the story of Stephen's martyrdom in Acts 7. They believe that Jeeba speakers who read Acts in their own language will draw strength from Stephen's story and recognize the immense power of his testimony. Even while being stoned, Stephen asked God to forgive the sins of those who put him to death.

In translating Acts, one team member says, "we became even more hopeful by faith that a church would one day be established in the land of Jeeba and that a Jeeba pastor would preach with the translated words."

### **PRAY**

For the team and Jeeba believers to have courage to live out their faith under the threat of persecution.

# 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)

## Intern Prepares for New Baby

Intern Ken and his wife Lisa will play a critical role in building up Bible translation teams in their home country, where foreign Christian workers are no longer permitted. They had been living outside their homeland as Ken pursued a master's degree in linguistics and Lisa was remotely managing two translation teams. Recently, however, they needed to return home after Lisa became pregnant. She experienced complications during her first pregnancy, so they decided to take a semester break until their second child is born in April.

Following their second child's birth, Ken plans to complete his degree. Then the couple will focus on supporting the numerous needs of Bible translation teams in their country.

## PRAISE

For Ken and Lisa's commitment to reaching the remaining Bible translation needs in their home country.

## PRAY

- For Lisa's pregnancy, that she will experience minimal complications.
- That the Lord will continue preparing this couple to fulfill their vital role in supporting Bible translation efforts in a challenging environment.

## Pray Now

For the SOUL [Cluster](#) teams as they seek to complete their final Oral Bible Story recordings in February. They are praying for a miracle regarding the timing and the quality of their recordings. In addition, please pray for a spirit of collaboration at upcoming meetings between Bible translation partners and local churches.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

## Buddhist Boy Wants to Be Baptized

While Yamka language translator Saul was visiting a local pastor, he spoke with a young Buddhist boy who expressed interest in becoming a Christian. While curious about Christianity, the boy was unwilling to be baptized.

Saul read the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 with the boy, and they discussed how the eunuch wanted to be baptized immediately after hearing the good news. Saul then shared the gospel message again with the boy, who said he'd think more about his decision.

The next morning, the boy announced that he wanted to be baptized, and the church leaders happily did so.

## PRAISE

That gospel truth is penetrating people's hearts in Yamka villages.

## PRAY

- That this young boy's commitment will take root, grow, and blossom into genuine faith in Jesus.
- That the translators, local pastors, and other Yamka believers will boldly share the good news of Jesus with others.