

# 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 our team as we meet through March 9 to make a final detailed review of the translated New Testament. We are trusting the Lord for clarity, wisdom, good health, consistent electricity, and reliable computers to make good progress.

— The Nomad team in Papua New Guinea

Praise God for people we are meeting with in villages where everyone worships the god of another world religion. They are curious and sometimes even eager to hear the good news of Jesus as our team shares it. Pray for God to open their hearts as we and other Christians take advantage of this opportunity.

— A Bible translation team in Anglophone East Africa

Pray for those of us who have persevered through sickness this winter. Pray also for our protection as we work in a land where killing, robbery, and all kinds of evil are increasing.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Praise God for the success of community testing sessions in our area, despite increased instances of kidnappings that threaten wealthy churchgoers. The community's willingness to participate brings us great joy. Pray that God will continue to protect the people we are meeting with.

— A Bible translation team in the Congo Basin

# Americas

The Americas region covers countries and territories in North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Many translation teams benefit from community support, strong partnerships, trained theologians, and reliable internet and technology.

Ask God to send workers to conduct more language surveys, especially for oral and sign languages, to accurately determine the remaining needs.

## Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
130,950	53

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. February 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

### **Bible Translation Bears Fruit in the Wapishana Community in Guyana**

Several Wapishana [WAH'-PEE-SHAH-NAH] believers attended a meeting hosted by a local pastor where they engaged with God's Word in their own language. The experience touched the attendees so profoundly that they returned to their own communities and formed new churches. They are using copies of Wapishana New Testaments and recordings on small audio devices to study and teach Scripture and enable their members to apply God's truth to everyday life. The people eagerly come because they love hearing Scripture in Wapishana.

Translator Olive has visited several of these new churches and is encouraged by the powerful changes she sees heart language Scriptures fostering among her people.

## **PRAY**

- For the Lord to equip and protect Wapishana pastors Dean, Lucas, Quentin, and Francisco as they guide and care for their young churches.
- For strength and health for the Wapishana translators as they've recently battled several bouts of malaria.

# 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)

## Pupunha People Want Heart Language Scripture

There was no mention of the Pupunha [POO–POON'–HA] people before 1970. Today, they continue many ancient traditions, including a ceremony preparing their children for adulthood by piercing the children's ear lobes and inserting a fine stick.

Pupunha leaders now want God's Word in their language! They are sending someone to be trained in Bible translation principles and are now beginning the process of community engagement. They hope to soon begin an Oral Bible Translation project focused on Ruth.

### PRAY

- For the team-building process, new team members join a group that has worked among the Pupunha for years.
- That the Pupunha people will take ownership of the translation and be prepared to receive the message of God's Word and that many lives will be transformed.

## Pray Now

The Chibi of Brazil will be meeting in March to check the book of Matthew. Pray for the consultant Raissa as she prepares and for good health. For travel for the members of the team who will meet in São Paulo, for safety and good health. For wisdom and unity so that the time there will be profitable. Praise God for the first Chibi church being built in Ceará!

# 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)

## Field Partner Faithfully Serves for 25 years

JAWCA is a Christian association founded in 1999 to bring God's Word to Quechua speakers in the Huánuco region of Peru. JAWCA has trained more than 3,000 pastors, leaders, and lay people to serve in 5 church denominations and has provided literacy materials, audio recordings, and videos that promote reading and studying Scripture.

In November 2024, JAWCA started managing a translation project that will produce Old Testament books in four Quechua dialects: Ambo-Pasco, North Junin [WHO-NEEN'], Pasco-Yanahuanca [PAZ'-KOH YAH-NAH-HWAN'-KAH], and Tusi Pasco. For Pasco-Yanahuanca speakers, this project will provide their first-ever Scripture.

## PRAISE

That four teams worked with a consultant to check Genesis 1–2 and took printed copies to test the drafts with groups in the community.

## PRAY

- That new translators will become adept at the translation process and enjoy and benefit from their work.
- That Scripture engagement activities will equip Quechua speakers to study and accurately interpret God's Word.

## Pray Now

Pray for the lives of translators Angela and Carmen of the Cuicateco 3 project. Both are experiencing serious health problems and need to travel 3 hours to receive medical attention. Sister Carmen fell down the stairs and seriously injured her back and arm, while Sister Angela is having eye problems after waking up with temporary and unexplained blindness. Both had dental surgery at the end of last year. Their health impacts their daily activities and also the team's progress on translation.

# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: IXIL LANGUAGE

*...leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.*

— Matthew 5:24 (NLT)

*...aaq' kan va-oye' tzitzi' vatz u k'ujleb'al nachb'ale' as kuxh b'an ka'b'a'no stuk' b'axa, b'a'nxi ulen ve'te' as aaltzi' ve't va-oye*

— Matthew 5:24 (Ixil)

When Ixil [EE–SHEEL] speaker Margarita heard a pastor preach on Matthew 5:24 in her own language, she was surprised by the clarity of the message. She'd heard this passage many times in Spanish but had misunderstood its meaning. Now, she recognized that her resentment toward her family regarding a disagreement they'd had was hampering her relationship with God.

Margarita is grateful for Scripture's clear instruction that guided her to reconcile with her family. She's eager for her Ixil communities to receive the full counsel of God's Word so they can grow in spiritual wisdom and maturity.

## PRAY

For the Ixil translators as they faithfully carry out their work despite painful personal circumstances; one translator has lost two children during his years serving in Bible translation.

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### “The Son of God Came to Destroy the Devil’s Works” — 1 John 3:8

When Awaete [AH-WAH-EH’-TEH] speaker Gigante started shaman training as a boy, his community anticipated he’d become a powerful shaman. However, he didn’t dedicate himself entirely to the process; instead, he married and had children and then became a violent man as alcoholism consumed his life.

In time, Gigante started listening to *Janeruwete Pwurigyapwera*—God’s Word! He learned about Jesus and started walking on *Janeruwete rape rupi*—God’s path. “The evil in his life is now being destroyed by Jesus,” the translators report. To demonstrate his changed heart, Gigante arranged a wedding ceremony and declared his love for his wife before God and his family.

#### PRAISE

For the beautiful bond between Awaete believers as they stand firm on God’s Word and apply its truths to everyday life.

#### PRAY

That translation team members will have wisdom and tenacity as they balance home, community, and work responsibilities.

# 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)

## Amanda Completes Her Internship with Praise!

Amanda Azevedo partnered with YWAM Porto Velho, YWAM Brazil, and several other partner organizations during her internship. As part of her responsibilities, she produced documentaries, videos, and other materials that helped awaken the local church to Bible translation in Brazil.

Amanda enjoyed meeting young people who never knew the reality of living and working among unreached people groups in Brazil. Her videos (see below) and other projects showed them how they could become involved in translation efforts. She thanks Seed Company for sponsoring her internship, which has helped her identify opportunities for longer-term work.

[Watch The Sound of a New Wave by Amanda Azevedo](#)

## PRAISE

For the positive feedback from the videos released and the encouragement received to produce more content.

## PRAY

For future productions, resources, people, and opportunities to continue mobilizing the church to participate in the Bible translation movement.

## Pray Now

A family on the Nhengatu team in Brazil had to relocate due to a family need. They are staying at a local mission organization for six more months to support their 17-year-old son Vinicius, who is struggling with depression. Pray for spiritual growth for Vinicius and their daughter, Juliane; for wisdom in their translation work; and for the salvation of the team member's father, Manuelito. Additionally, pray that Salomão can join them to collaborate on the translation project.

That God will grant the Mexican Sign Language 4 team wisdom as they translate the book of Romans. It has been slow going, but with patience and care the translation is turning out to be clear and natural, the team reports. Church members who participated in reviewing Romans 1-3 are excited about what they have learned and are eager for the remainder of the book to be completed.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

## Serving the Sick and Needy with Kiche Scripture

Sister Juana Tax lives in Guatemala. She speaks both Spanish and Kiche Totonacapan [KEE'-CHAY TOH-TOHN-EE-CAH-PAHN'], but she is grateful to have Scripture in Kiche. "I have a New Testament I read in Spanish," she says, "but when I don't understand, I open the New Testament in Kiche, and that way, I understand better."

She serves the sick and needy through her church's Ministry of Social Action. Members wash clothes, for example, and help with baths. Portions of Genesis in Kiche were recently shared with the church, and she appreciates how reading verses to the sick will help them.

## PRAISE

That Scripture is being shared with Kiche speakers so they can clearly understand God's ways.

## Pray Now

For Guadalupe (Lupe), a believer who shares what has been translated in Nahuatl with the local community as part of the Black Hills 3 team's Scripture engagement activities. The town where he lives is very unsettled and has much violence that puts him at risk. Pray for his safety and for the Black Hills team as they translate 5 Old Testament books.