

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 Bible translation projects affected by the recent activity of M23 rebels, who have taken control of many key cities in the North Kivu province of Democratic Republic of Congo. Many projects are based out of the capital, Goma. Last month, our partners in Goma found it necessary to shelter in place with extremely limited access to water and electricity. Pray for God's peace and care for those who live there, and for His ongoing provision for translation work.
— Bible translation teams in Democratic Republic of Congo

Praise God for evangelism activity that has been taking place in Borana and the surrounding area. Pray that He will continue to grant our team success in our evangelism and translation work.
— The Borana team in Ethiopia

Pray for a translator couple who need the resources to build a house to live and work in. They are also praying for a boat and motor to reach villages on the other side of a river. As they work among the Camopi, pray for the salvation of people in this community.
— The Wayampi Camopi team in America

Pray that doctors will be able to quickly identify and treat what is causing vomiting, bad headaches, and weakness in the 18-year-old daughter of one of our translators. She was medically evacuated to Lima for care.
— The Northern Pastaza Quichua team in Peru

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 Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
634,030	11

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 Across Borders to Reach the Kuku

More than 240,000 people speak Kuku, a cross-border language that spans from Uganda to South Sudan. Led by The Word for the World Uganda, the Kuku team is rapidly accelerating their work by employing the [cluster](#) approach. With the Kuku dispersed across such a broad area, team members must spend weeks at a time away from their families, often working late into the night. Their sacrifice is paying off, however, as the team is more than 25% ahead of their goals of translating the Kuku New Testament by 2027.

PRAISE

For the faithfulness of the team, including translation consultants and language program managers, and their dedication to producing a high-quality translation for the Kuku people.

PRAY

For the team's efforts to provide all Kuku communities across borders and in diaspora with access to heart language Scriptures as they become available.

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)

Qimant Language in Ethiopia

Qimant is an endangered indigenous language in Ethiopia. A census taken in 1994 revealed a population of more than 170,000 Qimant speakers, but the language no longer appears to be taught in schools. Today, it is spoken by a few thousand people, primarily by those over 50 years of age. Many also speak Amharic. The Ethiopian government decided to remove the language as an ethnic identity in 2007.

In recent years, however, community members have started a movement to retain their culture and language and have requested a Bible in their mother tongue. There is conflict in the area with the government, so that makes it especially difficult to start Bible translation at this time.

PRAY

For wisdom for Seed Company and others as they consider beginning a translation project for the Qimant speakers.

Pray Now

Armed groups are fighting against the Ethiopian government, making local land travel difficult and risky. Additionally, due to increased fuel costs, travel expenses are becoming very high. Please pray for peace in the country and for wisdom for our partners to manage their projects efficiently and effectively.

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)

The New Faces of Bible Translation in Uganda

[The Word for the World](#) Uganda has in recent years become actively engaged in Bible translation. Even though their staff and language teams are new and still learning, they have exhibited an extraordinary level of passion and excellence in their commitment to their projects. They are unafraid of trying new innovations that might increase the speed and quality of translation.

Led by Area Director Reuben Kabwe and Uganda Director Sandra Tuhumwire, these teams have progressed rapidly. They are often more than 10% ahead of planned translation progress.

PRAY

For the continued safety of The Word for the World leaders, staff, and translators as they work in dangerous areas of Uganda, where firearms and cattle raids are common, and in places frequently under the threat of malaria and other diseases.

Pray Now

For successful implementation of AI strategies to improve both the speed and quality of Bible translation with SIL Uganda and Bible Society of Uganda teams.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: DONGA LANGUAGE OF ETHIOPIA

So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

— John 16:22 (NLT)

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— John 16:22 (Donga)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Vwanji of Tanzania

Last September, the Vwanji people of southern Tanzania began translating the Old Testament. The primary field partner is the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, the country's largest denomination. The Vwanji team aims to translate the Psalms and part of Isaiah by early 2028.

PRAISE

That the Evangelical Lutheran Church has committed to supporting the project by providing translators, a project manager, a treasurer, a bookkeeper, and an office with power and internet.

PRAY

- For wisdom, unity, and guidance as the new team begins their work.
- That artificial intelligence research training scheduled for this month will equip the translators with valuable tools to enhance the quality and speed of their translation efforts.
- That the partnership between the team and local churches will be marked by mutual support and effective communication.

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 Rabumaa Steps Up

The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) is managing 19 translation projects that still do not have their own consultants. Spurred by a desire to help meet this need, Rabumaa Shiferaw began a consultant-in-training internship in 2024. He is already supporting the efforts of several high-security translation projects. A Seed Company consultant is mentoring him as he also works with several Oral Bible Translation projects.

PRAISE

For Rabumaa's commitment to becoming a translation consultant and helping meet a vital need in the Bible translation world.

PRAY

- That Rabumaa will be able to attend a translation consultant development workshop in Asia in June.
- That God will protect him as he travels to work with different translation teams.
- For Rabumaa to have time to accomplish his growth plan alongside all his other responsibilities.

Pray Now

Pray for reliable and abundant rainfall in Tanzania and that all communities receive enough rain to ensure a plentiful harvest, providing them with the food they need for the year ahead.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Interns Grateful for Their Experience

At a celebration in Kenya last December, Seed Company interns expressed profound gratitude for the opportunities they had been provided at Deaf Opportunity Outreach (DOOR) and Bible Translation & Literacy (BTL). Their internships not only enhanced their professional skills but also deepened their faith, they said. Many highlighted how their experiences set them on a new trajectory, opening doors to more education and career opportunities that they never imagined possible.

One person said the internship allowed them to develop critical skills that they are now using in local language projects. Another spoke about the mentorship and support they received, which helped them grow both personally and spiritually.

PRAY

For wisdom for BTL interns Abraham, Catherine, John, Jonathan, Samson, and Samuel and DOOR intern Tom as they enter a new phase of life and ministry.

[Watch the BLT Internship Completion Celebration](#)

Pray Now

Timbaro translators in Ethiopia write, “Most of our communities are suffering from Malaria.” Please pray for the Timbaro people’s physical healing, as well as their spiritual growth once the recently completed Timbaro New Testament is printed and distributed in their communities.