

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

Our country is facing many challenges to Bible translation work. Recently, police barged into an Oral Bible Translation workshop and questioned several foreigners who were involved. Praise God that a partner organization was able to quickly evacuate them without further issues. Pray for our local team members as their projects remain threatened by ongoing police interrogations.

— A Bible translation team in South Asia

Pray for God's inspiration in our community testing of Genesis, Ruth, and Jonah. May God give us strength to do His work as He transforms and unites His church for divine mission.

— The Kubukota team in Solomon Islands

A Bible translation intern was traveling to a grammar collection workshop when an armed terrorist group stopped their bus and ordered everyone off to be searched. Praise God that, after 20 minutes of negotiation, passengers were released, and no hostages were taken. Pray that God will continue intervening as these situations become more common in this area.

— A Bible translation intern in the Sahel

Pray that God will grant our team wisdom as we work on translating, checking, and revising Romans. It is a difficult, time-consuming book to translate. May God give us patience and care to make the translation clear and natural.

— The Mexican Sign Language team in Mexico

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless. Obstacles to their progress include hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
940,420	56

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 Consultant Training Program Launched in Congo Basin

On January 6, Kitoko Institute (KI), in partnership with Christian Alliance University, began classes for its first cohort of 7 students. Led by Professor Edouard Nsiku, the 3-year program will prepare Bible translation consultants according to internationally adopted standards. Among the inaugural class is [intern Stéphane Mulamba](#), who we prayed for in December. Instruction for this cohort is in French, but KI has plans to introduce programs in English, Swahili, Portuguese, and Arabic.

PRAISE

That two brothers serving in the military are in KI's first cohort. They are training to serve on teams related to military Bibles in Lingala and Swahili. Praise God for how he has orchestrated this opportunity!

PRAY

- For the current cohort of students.
- For the success of KI's farming project, which aims to generate local financial resources for training consultants by 2028.

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)

Uncovering an Alphabet to Bring the Word

Many language communities in the Congo Basin want a written translation in their heart language but live in areas where other more widely spoken languages have been prioritized for reading and writing.

Linguist Dr. Constance Lojenga uses a participatory workshop approach to help non-prioritized communities discover the patterns and structures in their languages so that an alphabet can be created. They begin by identifying vowel and consonant sounds in their language and agreeing on the symbols that will be used to convert them to writing. The Lega, Kalonga, Kanu, Kilongelongo [KEE-LOHN'-GEH-LOHN'-GEH], Kwami, Mvuba, and Mwanga/Ishile language communities are already going through this process. As they share these newly developed writing systems with their communities, the foundation is being laid to share God's Word in print.

PRAY

For wisdom and favor for Dr. Lojenga and these language groups as they develop alphabets and writing systems for their communities.

Pray Now

For language communities in the cities of Goma and Bukavu and the provinces of North and South Kivu in the DRC as they are now under the occupation of rebel military forces. Pray for protection and provision for all the partners, translators, and communities affected. Ask God to raise up peacemakers. Pray for translator Joseph to heal from a gunshot wound to the leg and for project coordinator Jimmy to recover from malaria.

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)

Interceding for Partner in Goma, Believers Throughout Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

A key translation partner in the city of Goma, DRC, is going through a time of great distress. The city is suffering from ongoing violence, insecurity, and a worsening humanitarian crisis. Food shortages are becoming severe due to bank closures and rising prices.

Families of translators are sheltering together without access to medical care. While we thank God for the protection of these families to date, the situation remains critical. In some cases, Christians have been targeted for kidnappings and persecution.

PRAY

- For the safety and health of our brothers and sisters, including translators and their families, in Goma.
- For lasting peace throughout the eastern regions of DRC.
- For wisdom and justice in leadership and governance, as DRC faces ongoing political unrest

Pray Now

For field partner IMB (International Mission Board) as they bring the Kananga Cluster project in the DRC to completion. Pray that each remaining step, including final documents, will be completed without obstacles. Ask God to grant wisdom, clarity, and smooth transitions as IMB starts working with new languages. Pray their efforts will bring God's Word to those who need it most.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: GBAGIRI LANGUAGE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.

— Luke 13:1–3 (NLT)

Ne yara na zi, nma wire o tene tɔ he Zezu, wen ko wii-Galile o ne Pilate gbɛ wo o ndo bhɔn ko ai o ne mɔ o he Nzapa. Ne Zezu tɔ ho o: «Ene gbam kene o egee, dhaka dhaɲ-mɔ ko wii-Galile o na zi gana ko kodhe wii-Galile o dhen naa gbɛ ndo oi wa? » Hodhong, m tɔ bene o, kene ra a riwar demɔ kene o ene ne, nene fe o bhɔ ho wo o ga.

— Luke 13:1–3 (Gbagiri)

PRAY

For more projection kits so that the screening of the Gbagiri “JESUS” film can move forward in ten villages.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Excited Viewers Respond to Clips from Gospel Film

In recent months, a member of Seed Company's Field Technology team visited the NoKi Orality [Cluster project](#) in the Congo Basin to assist with a technology training workshop. While there, she used the oral translation of Luke 8:22–25, the story of Jesus calming the storm, and dubbed a portion of the Luke Gospel Film in all three cluster languages: Kanu, Kwami, and Mvuba. Many who watched and listened to the characters speaking in their mother tongue were excited and grateful.

“We have seen Jesus speak Kwame,” declared one member of the audience.

Another observed, “It is unexplainable the joy we have.”

PRAY

For opportunities for translators to share portions of the Luke Gospel Film that have been dubbed in their mother tongue with their friends and families.

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) 8uj

Empowering Interns Through Technology

Supporting the development of field partners remains a high priority, so Seed Company plans to start an initiative that will provide computers to potential finance cohort interns, enabling them to participate in online finance training sessions and sharpen their skills. These interns represent a bright future as they will play a vital role in the Bible translation effort. Investment in these roles will have a meaningful impact on both the interns' lives and the language communities they're working with.

PRAY

- That laptop distributions go smoothly and that the interns can absorb and apply all they learn through the training.
- For the Lord to guide the trainers as they strive to equip and empower the interns.

Pray Now

For the family of Papa Ziko, a translator on the Eleku team of the Ngiri Cluster project in DRC, who passed away in January following a sudden and brief illness. Ask God to provide for his family and pray that his wife will be able to continue the work he began. Pray for the community and the translation team as they continue translating their first Bible stories into Eleku.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

God Answers Whispered Prayers

Marie Makaya was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and grew up in Denmark. She's now a field project manager with Seed Company's Congo Basin team. When recently assigned to work with partner organization ACTB (Congolesse Association for Bible Translation), she experienced God's answer to a prayer she'd quietly whispered when first joining Seed Company—to be assigned to a project in her home area. ACTB manages the project that's translating God's Word into Yombe, her parents' mother tongue.

As Marie told her parents the good news, her father's eyes filled with tears. She thinks of her grandmothers, who relied on others to read the Bible to them in a different language, and she's amazed that she now gets to play a part in bringing the Bible to her own people.

PRAY

That God will give Marie and ACTB wisdom as they manage projects and care for teams amid the political unrest and overwhelming challenges in the DRC.

Pray Now

For a lead translator with the Congo Banda Cluster 2 project in the DRC who had his computer stolen nearly two months ago. The thief has been in contact, promising to return it—pray for its recovery and for the thief’s heart to be transformed by Christ. Pray for the two main Ngombe Nord translators with the Bungofu Cluster 2 project who are seriously ill. Pray for healing, strength, and God’s provision for these teams.

[Watch Greetings from Acotba-Subo and the Congo Banda Team](#)