

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

Praise God that we are continuing to make good progress on Leviticus, which has seemed to move more slowly than some previous books. Pray for a good reception as we are distributing published copies of Exodus and Ruth in the community.

— The Nyamwezi team in Tanzania

Pray that the lives of our four translators will be faithful testimonies of God's grace. As pastors and church leaders, they have important responsibilities outside the translation project that sometimes take priority. May God use funerals and other responsibilities they oversee as opportunities to promote the use of Scriptures in our language.

— The Mecayapan Nahuatl team in Mexico

Pray for showings of the "JESUS" film, care for literacy needs, and the safe distribution of the New Testament in Gayil. Praise God for providing training for translators to increase their knowledge. Pray for peace in the country, where crime makes life difficult.

— The Gayil team in Ethiopia

Praise God that a people group in Brazil will soon have 1 Corinthians in their language, and the New Testament will be completed soon. Pray that God will cause the government to rescind their prohibition against missionaries entering the area where the people live.

— A Bible translation intern in Brazil

Anglophone West Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is used as a trade language. This week, we’re praying for the Anglophone West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia, where God has provided incredible unity and local leadership among ministries with diverse strengths. Bible translation has accelerated rapidly in Nigeria over the last few years, decreasing the number of languages waiting to be engaged from 200 to fewer than 30 today.

Challenges in the region include social and economic instability, persecution, corruption, lack of training, and false teaching. Many projects are brand new and need fervent prayer to bring their good work to completion.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
354,611	26

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 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

A Region with Great Victories, Great Challenges

A few decades ago, Anglophone West Africa ranked high among the regions with the largest number of languages without Scripture. Today, that number is below 30! Praise the Lord for opening doors to new translation projects in this region!

Unfortunately, West Africa continues to be one of the world's most dangerous places to be a Christian. Nigeria is ranked seventh in terms of persecution of Christians (and first for violence).

Since mid-January, terrorist groups have multiplied their attacks on Christian communities, displacing more than 4,000 believers. Over a recent 2-year period, nearly 10,000 Christians were killed in Nigeria.

PRAISE

For the many ongoing translation projects in the region and the faithfulness of partners and teams working there.

PRAY

- For our brothers and sisters facing danger because of their faith.
- For their ability to cope with the unstable, difficult economic situation.

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)

Work on Onko New Testament to Begin Soon

The Onko people are excited about the prospect of soon having Scripture in their mother tongue! Translation teams are preparing to launch the initial Onko project this July.

Home to approximately 60,000 speakers residing in the upper Ogun River region in Oyo State, Nigeria, the Onko community has long felt a gap in their spiritual nourishment. Scripture in Yoruba and English have not fully met their deepest spiritual needs. This New Testament translation project aims to address those needs by making Onko Scripture accessible and relatable, fostering substantial spiritual growth.

PRAISE

For the opportunity that Onko people will have to read the good news and listen to oral Bible stories in their own language!

Pray Now

For the success of the Onko project (described on page 6), for wisdom for the translation team, active engagement by the community, and the spiritual transformation of the Onko people as they read and listen to God's Word in their heart language.

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)

Translation Partner in Ghana Seeks Prayer in Selecting New Leader

Silvester “Kwame” Nkrumah, executive director of the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy & Bible Translation (GILLBT), will step down in August after more than 30 years of service to the organization in various roles. A long-time champion for Bible translation and a close partner of Seed Company since its founding in 1993, Kwame will remain active in ministry. Still, his presence at GILLBT, an organization that celebrated its [60th anniversary](#) in 2022, will be missed. The organization’s board of directors is actively searching for Kwame’s successor.

PRAY

- For wisdom, discernment, and God’s leading for the GILLBT board as they search for a new executive director.
- For a smooth transition period during the transfer of leadership responsibilities.
- For guidance for the board and new executive director in making strategic decisions that will accelerate Bible translation and literacy efforts.

Pray Now

Pray for Rev. Charles Adu Twumasi, who is the advancement director for GILLBT. Ask God to grant strategic direction as Charles leads fundraising, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement. May the Lord open doors for financial and technical support to sustain and expand GILLBT's work. Pray also for inspiration and creative ideas to effectively communicate the organization's vision and impact to its supporters.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: NIGERIAN PIDGIN LANGUAGE

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

— Genesis 1:3–5 (NLT)

So God kon sey, “Make lite kom.” And lite kon kom! God si sey di lite dey good, so E kon separate di lite from di darkness. God koll di lite, “Day” and di darkness, E koll am, “Nite.” And dat evening and morning kon make am di first day.

— Jenesis 1:3–5 (Nigerian Pidgin)

[Watch a reading of Genesis 1 in Nigerian Pidgin](#)

Pray Now

Pray for the successful dedication of the Nigerian Pidgin Bible on April 12, in Warri, Delta State, Nigeria. This event will be the culmination of 13 years of diligent effort in the face of numerous obstacles. The excitement is palpable as they prepare to distribute 15,000 copies, making the Scriptures accessible to a broader audience and fostering spiritual growth within the community. Pray for the seamless coordination of all involved, ensuring a memorable and impactful dedication ceremony that glorifies God.

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)

Launching a Board Development Initiative in Nigeria

Seed Company is partnering with Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association (NEMA) on a board development initiative to enhance the capacities of six Nigerian Bible translation organizations. This initiative will focus on evaluating and improving the leadership, governance, financial management, and fundraising skills of their board members. In-person workshops, with tailored follow-up visits, will ensure that these organizations implement sustainable and effective strategies. The initiative will also include assessments, feedback, and progress reports to strengthen collaboration between the organizations and the Nigerian church.

PRAY

That the leaders involved with this initiative will have wisdom and the ability to effectively train participants, leading to fruitful outcomes that will advance the mission of Bible translation in Nigeria and beyond.

Pray Now

The older men in a Piti village in Nigeria were followers of African Traditional Religion and antagonistic toward Bible translation. But when they got involved with Scripture listening sessions, the good news of Jesus captured their hearts. They've since joined a local church and even cut down the trees around their shrine to build roofing for the church building. Piti team members are amazed to see how God is using their Oral Bible Translation project to dramatically change people's lives. Pray that translated Scripture will help Piti speakers understand Christ's immense love and what it means to follow Him in their unique context.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

“JESUS” Film Impacts Gbii Communities in Liberia

When a soccer tournament was underway in a Gbii town at the same time as a “JESUS” film screening, the players and spectators overheard the film. Astonished, they started exclaiming, “Jesus is speaking Gbii! Jesus is speaking Gbii!” Their curiosity led them to leave the game and rush to the venue where the film was playing.

In another town, a new church was recently planted after a pastor showed the film for three consecutive nights. Each night, more attendees came, and 11 people gave their lives to the Lord.

PRAISE

That the “JESUS” film is making the gospel more accessible and has drawn thousands of Gbii speakers to surrender their lives to Christ.

PRAY

That new believers will grow in their faith and become mature followers of God.

[Watch the “JESUS” film Impact Story](#)

Pray Now

Praise God for the effect of Scripture on the lives of two young Etulo women who worked as prostitutes. A Scripture engagement team member shared with them using John 1:12 from the Etulo Bible: “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God” (NLT). Both women stated how clear the Bible was in their language and surrendered their lives to Christ.