

# 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.

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Around the World	Bibleless or First Scripture	Regional Update	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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# Saturday

## PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise God that a malaria outbreak fueled by heavy rains in our communities has eased, and cases are decreasing. Praise God that He has brought reconciliation and peace in the midst of conflict between some Oyda tribes and that a conflict between two Konta churches has been resolved in a good way. Pray that Konta families will be comforted by God's grace during a difficult time as 6 members of a church died in a landslide.

— The Oyda and Konta teams in Ethiopia

Pray for me, as I am currently coordinating 2 translation projects. Praise God that we completed the first session of in-person biblical Greek training in one of them. Praise God that our Boknogobo Oral Bible Translation project has been able to use the Render app for audio recording again after experiencing some technical issues in the past few months.

— A Bible translation intern in Asia

The father-in-law of a partner organization's director underwent a 7-hour surgery to remove a tumor near his liver. Praise God that the high-risk procedure was successful and the condition of the father-in-law, Jesus H, is stable. Pray for the next surgery Jesus H will soon need to remove a tumor from his prostate.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

Praise God that my mentor, who lost her husband last year and was unavailable for several months, has returned by God's grace, and we have resumed work on my practical sessions. Pray for God's favor as I have started the second year of classes and the workload seems to increase every year.

— A Bible translation intern in Africa

# Pacific

The Pacific region includes many countries spread across hundreds of islands. Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture, and hundreds of translations are in progress.

While churches are present almost everywhere, many people mix Christianity with other beliefs. This region also presents unique logistical challenges. Many language groups are very remote, and some can only be reached by boat.

Despite the great number of remaining needs, help for new translation projects is limited because trained consultants are often maxed out with existing work.

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

People	Languages
322,085	280

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 2025.  
Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

# Sunday

## 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)

## Laying Groundwork for New Project In Vanuatu

Partner organization SIL Vanuatu recently completed an initial set of assessments to determine the potential for a new translation project among the Akei-speaking communities of Vanuatu. A recent Taste of Translation event was well attended by Akei pastors and church leaders from different denominations. They showed great interest in gaining a better understanding of the Bible translation process.

### PRAY

That all necessary resources will be available to begin this engagement in Vanuatu and that the community will be ready to support and take ownership of the Bible translation process.

# Monday

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### Waiting is Over: Label New Testament Arrives

People who speak Label [LAH-BEL'] in Papua New Guinea celebrated the completion of the printed Label New Testament at a dedication ceremony last November. The event featured speeches, dancing, choirs, feasting, and more. Roughly 100 copies of the New Testament were sold that day. The total number of Label speakers is roughly 200.

One speaker at the ceremony encouraged all to read God's Word regularly to nourish their spiritual lives. Another confessed that he had initially been against a Label translation, as the population seemed too small and generally uninterested. But with God all things are possible! Partner [SIL](#) and others decided to include Label in the New Ireland [Cluster](#) of 6 languages, 5 of which are producing a New Testament.

### PRAY

That as people read God's Word in Label and other cluster languages it would bear much fruit in their lives and strengthen local churches.

## Pray Now

Translation consultants have completed their review of the Buhutu New Testament, and the team is nearing the end of the final readthrough. The text will soon be ready for typesetting. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of Buhutu speakers in Papua New Guinea to receive His Word, understand His love for them, and seek to follow Him.

# 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 Principals Training March 31–April 11

In the Solomon Islands, seven translation teams managed by Islands Bible Ministries (IBM) are preparing to come together for a Bible translation principles refresher course in Honiara, the capital city. The teams represent the following projects: Are'are 2, Duke, Kubokota 3, Seqa 3 [SENG–GAH], To'ambaita [TOH'–AH–MBAHY'–TAH], Luqa 3 [LOON'–GAH], and Zabana 3. Seed Company Field Project Manager John Bruner will lead the course.

## PRAISE

For the faithful commitment and efforts of each translator on these seven teams.

## PRAY

That God will grant safe travels, good health, and vitality to each participant in the training.

## Pray Now

Pray for the Shefa OBS Cluster's fourth Oral Bible Storytelling workshop, which will take place April 28–May 9 in Port Vila, Vanuatu. After the devastating impacts of a recent series of earthquakes in the capital, the participants and host organizations are working hard to recover and prepare. Pray that the leaders, trainers, and participants will be encouraged through the workshop and that these stories will touch and heal the hearts of all who hear them in the community.



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: TO'AMBAITA [TOH'-AH-MBAHY'-TAH] LANGUAGE OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.*

— Genesis 1:1–2 (NLT)

*Ana nga thathafalia, God e thaungai nia nga thalo lo bia nga fanua nai ano. Fanua nai nao e malimanga maka gwau, ma rorodo'a ka thuu faafia nga kafo. Anoe'do tha God ka tatha 'i fafona nga kafo eki.*

— Genesis 1:1–2 (To'ambaita)

## **PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT**

### **The To'ambaita Old Testament in the Solomon Islands**

Church activities that include Scripture readings and daily devotions have become a central part of the To'ambaita community. As Old Testament books are translated, they will add depth and richness to devotional times and allow churches to correct practices that have resulted from wrong interpretations of Scripture.

#### **PRAISE**

In mid-February, translators Miriam, Pagas, and Gaius eagerly worked through Genesis 1–25 with translation consultant Pat Andrews. They reviewed and applied translation principles, and also worked on improving the translation steps of exegesis, drafting, and testing.

#### **PRAY**

In March, the team will be working with another translation consultant, Pat Edmonston, to complete Genesis 26–50. Pray for strength and wisdom as team members work hard to finish the book.

# 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)

## Pacific IT Cohorts James, Jeremy, and Toros

A shortage of expatriate [SIL](#) missionaries in Papua New Guinea (PNG) has made it difficult to maintain the level of translation work that is needed, especially when it comes to IT. God has answered prayers with the addition of IT cohorts James in Timor-Leste and Jeremy and Toros in PNG. Mentored by Seed Company Field Technology Specialist Myles, who resides in Japan, the four men met in 2024 at a workshop in Ukarumpa, PNG. They are gathering again this month in Ukarumpa for another workshop and more training.

## PRAISE

For God's provision of James, Jeremy, and Toros to help facilitate the work in PNG.

## PRAY

- For safety for Myles and James as they travel to PNG for the upcoming IT workshop.
- For hearts of understanding, productive times of learning, and rich times of fellowship at the workshop.

## Pray Now

Vanuatu interns Georgie Reman and Robert Pel completed their Scripture Engagement internships in partnership with Seed Company at the end of February. They have overcome numerous obstacles and are ready for their full-time engagements with SIL Vanuatu. Pray that the Lord will direct their path with SIL in Bible translation efforts around the beautiful island nation of Vanuatu.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

## AI Enables Translator to Write Worship Songs in Wampar Language

Nathan, a translator from the Wampar project in Papua New Guinea, is using artificial intelligence (AI) programs to compose mother tongue worship music—and the community wants to hear more.

When the people heard these hymns and gospel songs in their language, “they were amazed and deeply moved,” says Nathan. “They could truly sense the power of God’s Word through music.”

Nathan has since launched a gospel music studio where, with the help of AI, he produces more than 10 songs daily, along with a YouTube channel where he can share the music with a broader audience. He is thankful for the opportunity to spread God’s Word and bring encouragement through music to the Wampar people.

## PRAY

That the worship songs and translated Scripture will continue to bear fruit among the Wampar community.

## Pray Now

Noel Diru and Lorie Temi are in the final stages of their training to become Bible translation consultants. However, both interns in Papua New Guinea need certified consultants to supervise them for a few more consultant checks. Finding consultants who are willing and able can be difficult, so pray that opportunities will be found for both Noel and Lorie to complete their training and be available to consultant check translations on their own.