

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 for bringing joy and blessings to the lives of people in our Ngigua community through translated materials we shared with them. Pray that He will inspire three churches here to share the materials and engage wholeheartedly in this mission.

— The Ngigua team in Mexico

Praise God that interest in hearing oral Bible stories is growing in our area. Pray that more people will be able to attend the next workshop in a few months.

— The Lelepa Bible translation team in Vanuatu

Praise God for showing people that it's appropriate to praise the Lord in their cultural ways as long as there is a strong theological foundation. This is a turning point in the community. As the Word of God in Psalms is sung to traditional tunes, pray that people will increasingly understand the value of their own identity within the context of Christ's identity.

— The Wantu team in Africa

One of our translators, Lino, was in an accident last month that resulted in a serious head injury. Praise God that surgery went well. Pray now that his body does not reject the 7 titanium plates plus attachments used in the surgery, and that his wife and daughters will be able to provide the help he needs to recover.

— The Kakataibo team in Peru

Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just a few countries, but there is a great concentration of translation needs within these nations. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers. Praise God that leaders in translation organizations, churches, and businesses alike are seeing Bible translation's importance in ministry. In addition to the logistical challenges of reaching remote islands, persecution is common in one country. Pastors have been kidnapped, imprisoned, or even killed.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,869,580	117

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

Team Members Embrace Artificial Intelligence Tools

Several Islands Asia translation teams are using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to prepare the initial drafts of their translations, using already translated New Testament material to “teach” the AI how their language works.

For the most part, teams like AI’s consistency and overall accuracy. However, they often find AI doesn’t work as well when material or ideas differ from those New Testaments, especially proper names of people and places.

PRAY

For team members to apply AI tools wisely. They’re learning to feed the AI model the names of people and places. They also find that studying the material on their own before looking at the AI draft helps keep them grounded when the AI goes off on a tangent.

Monday

PRAY FOR THE RIMEKONG

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Crafting Bible Stories and Worship Songs

The Rimekong [REE-MEH'-KOHNG] people spend their days as traders and farmers of rice and coffee. Most follow Islam, but they also still believe in spirits and superstitions. They often call a shaman to heal sick people or to cast out demons. Marriages between the Rimekong and people from other ethnic groups who are not Muslims are forbidden—unless the other person becomes a Muslim as well.

Team members are crafting heart language Bible stories and worship songs that will help the Rimekong understand more about Christianity, encourage followers of Jesus, and help churches proclaim the gospel.

PRAISE

That 15 Bible stories have been checked by a consultant. They are being shared with the community through portable radios and Story Fellowship Group activities.

PRAY

That the translation team works well together and that all who hear the Bible stories are drawn closer to God.

Pray Now

Due to several challenges, the Raja Ampat Hiren Cluster project needed to restart as two separate projects: the Raja Ampat Cluster project and the Hai project. Teams on both projects are conducting orthography workshops in March. Pray for these teams as they adjust and prepare. Ask the Lord to enable them to thrive under their new project plan.

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)

GIDI (Evangelical Church in Indonesia)

Established in 1963, GIDI is the home of 56 language communities in 8 areas of Papua, Indonesia. In collaboration with Global Partnership, Kartidaya, and Seed Company, GIDI has recently completed the translation of oral Bible stories in 6 languages as part of the DeSuTu [Cluster](#) project.

This church organization is eager to continue their partnerships with Bible translation agencies and to be actively involved in reaching Bibleless language communities in their region. They are currently working to develop and grow their capacity for participating in Bible translation projects.

PRAY

For wisdom and favor for GIDI's leadership as they collaborate with other Indonesian churches and translation agencies and strategically ponder their role in future translation projects.

Pray Now

Consultant-in-training intern Risma Wicaksono reports, “I am thankful that the Lord continues to give me the strength to carry out my responsibilities, especially after a motorbike accident last July. I am doing much better now, but I am still taking medication. Pray for two members of the translation team that I am working with who have family problems. This has caused slight delays in their completion of translation goals.”

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: GAIJO LANGUAGE (ROBENO CLUSTER)

“Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn’t think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.”

— 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

"Inoh leh ngan ko'ih mala bisukul tudu' Topa' dop-e ingan mo' tilima' Pingunang Topa' de' mo' magah ko'ih, ingan tilima' nang gah inoh idoh di'-e so' manusia, pak-e gah de' bonal-bonal so' Topa'. Pingunang Topa' itih leh de' ngubah idip ingan de' bisaya' tudu' Kristus."

— 1 Thessalonians 2:13 {Gaijo}

This is why we are always grateful to God because you all have received the words of God that we had already shared with you, you all received that the Good news is not from humans, however this news is truly from God. The words of God are what changes the life of those of you who believe in Christ.

— 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (translated back into English from Gaijo)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Robeno Cluster of Islands Asia

The Robeno Cluster began in 2019 with 6 languages representing more than 600,000 native speakers. Over the last 6 years, the teams have endured many challenges but have persisted towards the goal of each finishing a New Testament for their language group.

PRAISE

That during the Christmas season, all 6 languages printed a trial edition of the nearly completed New Testaments. The teams rejoiced as they carried these books into their villages, gifting them to pastors, village leaders, children, and many others.

PRAY

For the translation teams as they diligently work to finish their New Testaments within the next year. May the hearts of their people begin to soften in preparation to receive His word!

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)

Collaborating To Reach Bibleless in Maluku

Some 50 church leaders gathered in the province of Maluku, Indonesia, earlier this year at a conference to discuss how best to reach the remaining 29 Bibleless language groups in their region. Convinced that it's the church's duty to be actively engaged in this effort, the leaders discussed the challenges and opportunities of Bible translation in Maluku.

The purpose of the conference was to unite churches and translation agencies around a single vision: That every people group and language in Maluku will worship Jesus in their heart languages. Those attending were encouraged by the collaboration between churches and Bible translation organizations.

PRAISE

That so many church leaders attended this event and supported the goal of reaching Maluku's Bibleless language communities.

PRAY

For a spirit of cooperation and unity among churches and translation organizations.

Pray Now

The rainy season has brought destructive flooding to the West Kalimantan region of Indonesia. Many translators' homes have been affected, and they can't travel on the damaged roads. Pray for sunny days ahead so translation work can continue strong in this region.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

Scripture Leads to Extraordinary Forgiveness

“When there was no Bible in my language, sometimes I wasn’t sure what things meant in the national language Bible,” a woman from the Timber community explains. Now, as she reads Scripture in her own language, it’s clear, and she understands its meaning.

When she recently read Mark 12:31, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” she felt deep conviction. She was struggling to love others, especially one person in particular. “I hated them so much, I couldn’t look at their face,” she says. But after reading this verse several times and praying, God softened her hatred. She has since spoken to and forgiven them. “This is extraordinary! By myself, I couldn’t love that person, but God changed my heart,” she marvels.

PRAY

For continued Scripture engagement, that Timber people will be eager to read and listen to the Word and apply it in their lives.

Pray Now

Due to a misunderstanding with a local field partner, 2 translation consultants were unable to attend a recent translation workshop with the LoTaWa Cluster project. Pray that this situation will be resolved quickly and that the consultants will be available for the next workshop.