

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.

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

Continue to pray for communities in Myanmar and Thailand that are dealing with the effects of last month's 7.7 magnitude earthquake: for healing of physical and emotional wounds, for resources to rebuild damaged structures and infrastructure, for compassionate hearts throughout the world to mobilize and support international relief efforts, for security and stability within the regions, and for faith and resilience that points to the hope of Christ.

— Bible translation teams in South Asia

Tensions have been rising in South Sudan between major political rivals. Pray that God will protect partner organizations and teams who are working to bring translated Scripture to those communities and will give them the ability to wisely navigate any unsafe situations that arise.

— Bible translation teams in South Sudan

Pray for Gilbert, a computer technician for a partner organization in South America. His doctor has ordered tests after a routine medical exam caused "concern and alarm." Pray for the uncertainty this causes him and the organization and that tests will bring clarity.

— A Bible translation team in South America

Praise God that our first Oral Bible Storytelling training with partner Lutheran Bible Translators and several Lutheran dioceses in Tanzania has gone well. People from five different language groups are learning to train storytellers!

— Five Bible translation teams in Tanzania

Sahel

“Sahel” means “coast” in Arabic. But in this case, it refers to an African region that borders the southern “coast” of the Sahara Desert, rather than a body of water. Local partners—many of whom use French as a common language for resources and training—are committed, passionate, and gifted. In addition to the security risks posed by many of this region’s 12 countries, obstacles to Bible translation progress include political instability, violence, travel hazards, famine, drought, and poverty.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
3,091,550	85

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. April 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

The Makori New Testament is Here!

Earlier this year, the Makori [MAH-KOH'-REE] language New Testament was dedicated in an eastern Sahel country. More than 200 people from the region celebrated with songs, Scripture readings, a Bible story reenactment, and an encouragement to use the Scripture that is now available.

In addition to physical copies, more than 200 SD cards were distributed containing audio and video resources available in the Makori language.

PRAISE

- That printed New Testaments cleared customs in time for the dedication.
- That so many dignitaries from the government and social groups came and witnessed the joyful impact of God's Word in Makori.

PRAY

- For the impact of translated Scripture in a land where less than 0.01% are Christian.
- For other translation teams in the region, who were encouraged by the dedication.

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)

Bua People of Chad

The Bua are nomads numbering about 27,000 in Chad. They are traditionally herders of animals who roam in search of water and green plants for their camels, goats, cattle, and sheep. Their nomadic lifestyle makes them particularly difficult to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Most Bua speakers now practice folk religion, which includes a mixture of Islam and animism. Not many claim to be followers of Jesus Christ. Only a few recorded Bible stories exist in their language.

PRAY

- That the Bua can soon have portions of the Word of God in their heart language.
- That God will give them dreams and visions, leading them to salvation.
- That many will respond to the one, true God and become his forgiven children.

Pray Now

The six Misaje [MEE–SAH’–JAY] Cluster communities live in a conflict zone in northwest Cameroon. They recently held two combined dedications to celebrate their completed New Testaments. Now, they’re transporting small batches of New Testaments to local communities to minimize the risk of losing them all in an attack. Pray that translated Scripture will make it into the hands of people who will read and accept God’s message. Pray for lasting peace in this region.

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)

La Coordination in Chad

La Coordination (short for La Coordination Régionale des Comités de Traduction de la Bible au Guera) frequently works where there is no local church, and among people who belong to a major world religion.

They are working diligently to have the New Testament typeset in the Dadjo language by 2028. They are also using oral Bible stories from a previous translation to encourage the community's respect for God's Word and promote formation of a church.

PRAISE

That La Coordination was able to benefit from a Seed Company program that helps equip organizations for effective partnerships.

PRAY

- For successful completion and publication of the Dadjo New Testament.
- For a Dadjo church to be established and lives to be transformed.

Pray Now

For the Dangbe [DAHNG'-BAY] translation team members working in Kpodjahon village in Togo as the continuity of their work is being hindered by regular power outages. Ask the Lord to provide a more stable source of electricity so they can remain focused on their vital tasks.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: Namkeli [NAHM-KEH'-LEE] Language of the Sahel

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:38–39 (NLT)

Bawo n be henelin n ma xo saya wo, nilamaya wo, melegolu wo, kuntigiyalu wo, saapin wo, sinin wo, hangolu wo, sanna nin duguma hangolu wo, daben si kutan me n nin Ala la kanuya tala no i noxon ma, a xa wo men hita n na n Marigi Yesu Kirisita barako la.

— Romèkaw 8:38–39 (Namkeli)

For I am convinced of this, that death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, or now things, or tomorrow things, nor powers, nor powers in heaven nor on earth, nor any kind of created thing, ourselves and God's love cannot be separated from being together, we will endure because of the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Romans 8:38–39 (translated back into English from Namkeli)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Namkeli New Testament Nearly Ready for Printing

The Namkeli team is thrilled to have reached an exciting milestone: They've finished translating the New Testament and received a consultant's approval.

Meanwhile, people are embracing translated Scriptures like never before. Several listening groups and radio broadcasts are facilitating deeper engagement and understanding. When a Scripture-use coordinator visited 19 Namkeli churches, he received many positive responses.

One church leader said the coordinator's visit made a strong impression on him. "He introduced us to various biblical materials and explained the importance of the translation project in our community. I am delighted to have God's Word in my mother tongue," he affirmed.

PRAY

- For the translators as they complete the preparations for printing, including the final read-through, proofreading and editing, and adding book introductions, maps, and a glossary.
- For dedication plans to go smoothly.

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)

Linguistic Technology Specialist Intern Jean-Pierre

Bible translators use computers, multiple software platforms, microphones, speakers, projectors, phones, and more to make efficient progress. However, teams often need help with using and maintaining this technology. Jean-Pierre is a linguistics technology specialist intern who is acquiring the skills to support projects in the Sahel.

Regarding his experience so far, Jean-Pierre writes, “All of this is a channel of edification for my faith and understanding of the Holy Scriptures. I’ve gained a broad vision of how to promote minority languages using these tools. It’s very edifying to know that I’m helping God speak in the languages of every community.”

PRAISE

For Jean-Pierre’s perseverance amid many setbacks.

PRAY

- For strength and healing as Jean-Pierre battles issues with his eyes and feet that have limited his activity.
- For peace and security in locations where Jean-Pierre is working where frequent terrorist attacks disrupt Bible translation activity.

Pray Now

There are about 75,000 Amerek [AHM'–ER–EK] people, but the number of Christians is counted as less than 0.01%. Praise God that even one believer is available to help with Bible translation in the language! Pray for A, the only open believer in his Amerek community and the leader of the translation team. May he be strengthened for the task and persevere under the weighty responsibility of translating the Bible for an entire language group.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Bible Stories Penetrate Resistant Community

Many Bakota people of Cameroon are nomadic and make their living as traditional healers. They are wary of outsiders and resistant to gospel truth. However, storytelling is important in their culture, so they have been open to oral Bible stories. One older woman was struggling with severe stomach pain, and her community was expecting her to die. She heard about the translation team storytellers and asked them to come. As she listened to stories about the angel Gabriel and Mary, and Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy, she chose to trust in God for healing. A few days later, her pain eased, and she recovered.

PRAISE

That storytellers are sharing the good news of Jesus with Bakola speakers through Bible stories and that young people are showing interest in becoming storytellers.

PRAY

That as the Bakola hear gospel truth and experience Christ's healing power, they will place their full trust in Him.

Pray Now

CABTAL (Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy) recently completed their new print shop. West African teams no longer need to rely on overseas printers to publish their Bibles (which usually involve long delays). The Nulibie team's completed New Testament was the print shop's first publication. Seed Company initially engaged this people group of 6,400 with oral Bible stories in 2011. Pray God's Word will take deep root and result in an abundant spiritual harvest.