

# 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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# Saturday

## PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for two translation interns in Peru. Fabiola Hernandez and her husband are expecting a baby girl in July. Pray that she will still be able to complete her training as scheduled next January. The other intern, Militsa, is sometimes exhausted due to thyroid issues. Pray she will find the health, strength, and rest necessary to complete her work. Pray also that the Lord will provide a way for her to continue serving, since her local church decided to suspend financial support.

— A Bible translation intern in Peru

Pray for strength and wisdom to push through the final stage of our translation work. It has been an uphill struggle for our tired translators, some of whom have been sick.

— The Guatemala 6 Grande team in Guatemala

Pray that the Lord will use Yene Scriptures to transform people's lives in our region. Mr. MA leads a weekly Bible study in a drug rehab center, and our team is conducting outreach this month and a Bible camp this month and next. Pray also for our successful checking of Psalms.

— The Yene translation team in Mainland Asia

Translators plan to complete the remaining chapters of Mark in the Kakataibo language this quarter, as well as 1–2 Peter and 1–2 Timothy. Pray for wisdom and success in meeting these goals.

— The Kakataibo translation team in Peru

# Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language. Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have even completed the difficult training required to become translation consultants. Much of their work is done in secret, under governments that are unstable or hostile. Interrogation is a constant threat.

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

People	Languages
24,969,575	149

*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

### **Dawnu Cluster Teams Complete New Testaments**

Translation teams of the Dawnu Cluster project finished the Unda and the Weida New Testaments in 5 years for the roughly 600,000 people who speak those languages. The New Testaments have now been printed, and a dedication is planned for later this year.

Most Unda and Weida speakers adhere to Buddhism, believing they can achieve freedom from suffering through their own efforts. They view Christianity as a foreign religion. But those who follow Jesus are convinced that having heart language Scripture will help many to recognize that God seeks relationships with people from all tribes, nations, and languages, including those who speak Unda and Weida.

## **PRAY**

Please pray that God's Word will give light to the Unda and Weida peoples, and that many will call on the Lord Jesus and be saved.

# 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)

## Large People Group Still Needs God’s Word

A previous Bible translation project among the Awepa language group of 1.4 million people combined 3 dialects in a way that made the final product too difficult for anyone to understand. SIL Global, a linguistics and translation organization, is conducting a survey to determine the best strategy for producing a new, usable translation. If the political situation permits, a project will begin this year with a couple from SIL overseeing the team.

### PRAY

- That God will grant discernment to decision-makers involved in developing plans for a new Awepa project.
- That team members will be equipped and ready to produce a high-quality rendering of Scripture that will benefit Awepa speakers for many generations.

## Pray Now

Seed Company has joined forces with partners L-Vida and Wycliffe Netherlands to kick off an Oral Bible Translation cluster project involving 4 language groups in Mainland Asia that began April 1. Pray that God will grant wisdom to the leaders and enable team members to quickly become adept at producing clear and accurate renderings of Scripture.

# Tuesday

## PRAY FOR MINISTRY TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY

*Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.*

— Philippians 1:4–5 (NLT)

## Sharing Christ on Christmas Day

The Jade Star (JS) Sign Language team recently reported on their visit to a government Deaf school on Christmas Day:

“We shared the meaning of Christmas and sang some Christmas songs together in JS Sign Language .... We showed the Christmas story in JS Sign Language, and each [small] group had a time of discussion, drawing, composing the song, and practicing the play of the nativity story. It was a great joy to see their interactions and interest in the story, even though most of them are nonbelievers.”

### PRAY

- For the 270,000 people who use Jade Star Sign Language.
- For the JS team to keep up with their project goals of translating Bible stories and songs.
- For a couple on the team who have land in the countryside that they want to use for ministry to the Deaf.
- For the team, as they train to do trauma healing ministry.

## Pray Now

A second Deaf community in Asia uses a different but closely related sign language to Jade Star. That community is mostly Buddhist. In the past they were hostile to the Jade Star team's outreach and holistic development work, but recently they have become much more open. Please pray for the Jade Star team, which is seeking to bring the good news to this Deaf community.



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: BIMONO LANGUAGE

*All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.*

— Revelation 1:5b (NLT)

*Baot eix nial, ssvt bel dafnid naox suax-yat gax nial zef zuilwof het zizqixyinf.*

— Revelation 1:5b (Bimono)

*He love us, using His own blood to free us from sin.*

— Revelation 1:5b (translated back into English from Bimono)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Translator Participates in Church Evangelism

During her church's evangelism training program, Bimono translator Luli and two others were invited to a woman's home to share the good news of Jesus with her husband. He had recently experienced a serious brain hemorrhage but was on the mend. The three believers took turns explaining different aspects of the gospel message to him. Luli focused on God's love and righteousness. Then, they helped clarify a few questions he had.

When Luli and her companions invited the man to give his life to Jesus, to their delight, he said "Yes" and prayed with them. Since he was still recovering, they limited the length of their initial visit but look forward to following up with him again soon.

#### PRAY

- That gospel seeds will take root and grow into genuine, thriving faith in this man's life.
- That more Bimono speakers will hear and embrace the good news of Jesus.

# 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)

## Quality Assurance Intern Phik

As a [quality assurance intern](#), Phik is learning to assist translation consultants so that teams can work faster. But that's not all he's doing!

Phik also agreed to work on an Oral Bible Translation (OBT) cluster project that serves 4 Bibleless people groups. He's been learning computer skills and OBT methods—so well that he's been able to lead OBT workshops. Meanwhile, he continues to do mid-level quality assurance work with several people groups.

## PRAISE

That God led Phik to these opportunities to help Bibleless groups in his home country.

## PRAY

Pray for wisdom as Phik considers working in the OBT cluster project as the translation advisor in training while also studying English, Bible, and translation principles.

## Pray Now

Since 2018, quality assurance worker Hannah has assisted several translation teams, helping them conduct vital checks of their drafts throughout the translation process. She is thankful for her home church's prayer and financial support, especially during a season when she needed to care for her father as he battled cancer. She thanks God for His faithful provision. Join her in praying that the Lord will continue caring for her and the teams she works with.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

## Translator Spreads Christmas Cheer

During Christmas, Yulomo translator Chulee traveled to his province's capital city to participate in a special event. While there, he shared translated materials with believers from other groups. They told him they were jealous that he had Scripture in his own language and expressed how much easier it would be to share the good news of Jesus with their friends and family if they had God's Word in *their* languages.

As a result of these interactions, several discussions are now underway with individuals from these neighboring people groups to consider starting their own Bible translation projects.

## PRAISE

For the eagerness these people groups have shown to receive Scripture in their own languages.

## PRAY

For wisdom and guidance for all involved in making decisions and taking the next steps to develop new translation projects.

## Pray Now

Due to government interference, communication problems, and the consultant's recent temporary blindness, the Mele Cluster 3 teams have fallen behind. Also, one translator received approval to attend seminary (a long-term benefit but will cause an additional short-term slowdown). The project advisor is evaluating the teams' goals and reworking the plan. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and guidance and pray that the teams can continue their work.