

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

The Shatikha community recently dedicated their New Testament translation.

Pray that the church there will be strong and united in spirit.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

Pray for our project facilitator to find a consultant to work with the team on

Psalms 1–30. Pray also for the facilitator’s need to reside in the U.S. for an

extended time so they can obtain the U.S. residency they need.

— The Mecayapan Nahuatl team in Mexico

Pray for God’s truth and grace as we speak with leaders from across the border

who have been interested in learning about participation in our team’s translation

work. Also, pray the Lord will set a date for the reading-aloud session we need to

finalize the printing of Luke.

— The Doyi team in Venezuela

Praise God that we were able to complete final filming and video editing of

Romans 1–4 and section headings in Mexican Sign Language. We will be ready to

publish it online once illustrations are ready.

— The Mexican Sign Language team in Mexico

Pray that the Bible app with our translated Scripture will be shared so that

everybody who needs it can have access. Pray also that some new teachers will be

able to help people in their villages learn to read Scripture.

— The Nap team in Mainland Asia

Anglophone East Africa

"Anglophone" refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, English is frequently used to train and coordinate Bible translation teams. Common obstacles to translation include drought, political conflict, and virus outbreaks.

We praise God that, as local leaders take greater ownership and leadership in Bible translation, this region is getting closer and closer to Zero!

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

| People | Languages |
|---------|-----------|
| 631,200 | 10 |

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

Translators Attend Scripture Forge Training

In February, SIL Global, a linguistics and translation organization, hosted translation teams in Entebbe, Uganda, for training in Scripture Forge. This artificial intelligence (AI) application enables teams to increase their speed, efficiency, and accuracy in producing Scripture drafts.

Seed Company also provided training, where teams learned about:

- Accelerated drafting techniques—using AI-assisted drafting tools and software.
- Implementing mid-level quality assurance workers to ensure consistent quality.
- A cluster checking approach—encouraging translators from related language teams to work together.
- Using daily accountability tools to track progress and provide real-time updates to stakeholders.

PRAY

- That teams can apply this knowledge to their translation projects.
- That Scripture will begin reaching local communities more quickly and with increased accuracy.

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)

Ganza Speakers Need Scripture

The Ganza—a cross-border people group of 4,400—have never had access to God's Word in their language. Approximately 3,700 Ganza speakers live in the Blue Nile region of Sudan. 97% of the population adheres to Islam, and 3% identify as Christians. The remaining 700 Ganza speakers live in Ethiopia and adhere entirely to Islam. Though the Ganza are small in number, they are proud of their linguistic and cultural heritage. Every generation speaks the language, from grandparents down to small children.

Evangelical Fellowship of Ethiopia (ECFE) is working closely with SIL Ethiopia and other partners to conduct surveys and pave the way for a translation project among this group. They believe an oral strategy like Oral Bible Stories would be the most effective way to begin.

PRAY

For wisdom and discernment as ECFE and SIL Ethiopia evaluate possibilities for starting a Bible translation project among the Ganza people.

Pray Now

Poor rainfall in Tanzania has put this year's harvest at risk. Pray that God would be merciful to those whose livelihoods depend on rainfall so they can provide for their families. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will use this time to cause many to come to Him and draw near to 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)

New Methods for Old Testaments

Some 9 language teams from the Mbeya Cluster project in Tanzania completed New Testaments between 2019 and 2023. Since then, [SIL Tanzania](#) has been preparing for Old Testament translation in many of these languages. So far, four languages have begun projects led by Community Based Organizations (CBO), whom SIL is training and equipping to assume management soon.

Kinga, Ndali [N-DAH'-LEE], Nyakyusa [NYAH-KYOO'-SUH], and Vwanji [VWAHN'-JEE] translators recently helped to research artificial intelligence (AI) for drafting. Through capacity building and using innovative technology, these language groups should soon have the complete Bible available to them.

PRAISE

That the Mbeya Cluster teams have had a strong start on their Old Testament translations.

PRAY

That AI drafting and CBO capacity building will yield accelerated access to quality Old Testaments.

Pray Now

Pray for capacity building intern Cornel Omullo, who serves with partner BTL in Kenya. Cornel writes: "I trust God for more comfort over my family, especially my dear wife. I pray that God may give her peace in her heart and that we may be able to move on from mourning our baby to a place of thanksgiving for what He is about to do in our lives and what He has done."

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MELO LANGUAGE OF ETHIOPIA

*Those who trust in the LORD are as secure as Mount Zion;
they will not be defeated but will endure forever.*

*Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people, both now and forever.*

— Psalm 125:1–2 (NLT)

*Xoossal ammaninttiza assay, yesha en7oowannee kukuroowa medhinass yeziza Xiyoone
amba garkk miingeezaya. Ambitay Yerusalaame yuushayid yezay garkke yey garkk
yhayinopp ayikkii medhinass, Xoossii fa woyay yuusha yeza.*

— Psalm 125:1–2 (Melo)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

The Rufumbira Project in Kisoro, Uganda

The Rufumbira language team in Uganda was recently introduced to a new tool for managing translation goals. This pilot project, TranTrak, allows everybody involved in the project to easily track daily progress and access it in real time.

During the training trip, Seed Company Field Project Manager Leah Knippel spent time with translators, a translation consultant, and the community review team of leaders from every church in Kisoro.

One highlight was when “Uncle Ezra,” the chairman of the community review team, led a hike up “prayer mountain” in Kisoro, an inactive cratered volcano on land once owned by his grandfather.

[Watch this video of Uncle Ezra describing the prayer mountain.](#)

[Watch this video of Ugandans circling the prayer mountain with singing and prayer.](#)

PRAISE

That people in Kisoro want Rufumbira speakers to have God’s Word.

PRAY

For more translation consultants to address the pressing needs in Uganda.

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)

Interns Graduate in Ethiopia

Some 4 Seed Company interns recently completed their growth plans in Ethiopia, including Israel Tigistu (media), Abel Kassaye (exegetical advisor), Tizita Zenebe and Simret Fekadu (Scripture engagement).

It was a special honor to celebrate the completion of Abel's internship as the exegetical advisor for the Ethiopian Sign Language (SL) team. That team is excited to have an advisor from their own language and culture. Translators from both evangelical and orthodox backgrounds are working together so that the Deaf of Ethiopia—estimated at between 1 million and 1.5 million—can see God's Word and believe.

PRAISE

- For these interns who are working in translation ministries in Ethiopia.

PRAY

- For copyright issues to be settled between two partners for the SL translation and other translations.
- For Abel, as he begins leading the Ethiopian SL translation team.

[Watch this video of Abel signing Jesus is Risen in Ethiopian Sign Language.](#)

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Determined Woman Secures Audio Bible

Nkokole, an elderly lady, visited the Rendille translation office in Kenya with a heartfelt request. She and her disabled friend, unable to attend church due to their physical limitations, relied on listening to the Rendille Audio Bible. The one they used had been reclaimed, leaving a gap in their spiritual lives.

As soon as the office opened, Nkokole arrived, determined not to leave empty-handed. The team found a copy and gave it to her.

Overjoyed, Nkokole said, "I can now listen to God's Word in my language at any time."

PRAISE

Praise God for the dedication of 10 Old Testament Rendille audio books.

PRAY

- For Nkokole and her friend, that their faith continues to be strengthened through the Word.
- That churches and individuals would use the Rendille Old Testament Bible App.

Pray Now

Elelo Kombe was baptized in January 2025. "Though I have been attending church for a long time it is only now that I have truly given my life to Jesus," says Elelo who speaks Rendille. "I am happy now that I am a new person in Christ. Though I am poor, I am rich in the Lord." Pray for Elelo as she starts her new life with Christ.