

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	Regional Update	First Scripture	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for our team as we near the finish line for translating portions of the Old Testament. We are currently working on Psalms. Pray that we will not experience the types of problems we did when the previous phase neared completion and sickness, death, and other unexpected issues brought progress to a standstill.

— A Bible translation team in the Pacific

A seminary student has been ministering in a war-torn area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In a recent update, he reported that his worship pastor was shot and killed. Several church members have died, and many are starving. Pray for God's sufficiency as people continue to gather for worship and to receive comfort from God's Word!

— A student in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Please pray for our translation workers. We have a very good team, but the non-believers do not want to learn more about what it means to have faith in Jesus.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Earlier this year, the Xerente people received the Pentateuch in their language at two very moving dedication services, one in the city (a central point for many villages) and another in one of the villages. Pray that God's Word will be shared, take root in people's hearts, and transform their lives.

— The Xerente team in Brazil

Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia (Europe and the Middle East), but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ. Translated Scripture is spreading not only within countries but also among diaspora and refugees. Security risks, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppression (both religious and political) pose challenges to reaching Eurasia with God's Word.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,174,860	52

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Denominations Support Kytep Translation

During the Bible Society's General Conference, various denominations stood up to endorse the current Kytep translation and its impact on their community. Some comments came from the head of the Alliance of Kytep churches as well as a representative from the State Commission on Religious Affairs of the Kytep Republic. This was a miracle because divisions between denominations have been great.

The nation where Kytep is spoken recently passed a new law on religion that contains new restrictions. Its requirement to re-register churches could prove difficult for some.

PRAISE

That there is unity among denominations for the Kytep translation.

PRAY

For wisdom for church leaders in knowing how to respond to the new law's restrictions and registration requirements.

Monday

PRAY FOR A [FIRST SCRIPTURE](#) PROJECT PEOPLE GROUP

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Translator's Transformation Testimony

Greetings! My name is Vijay, and I belong to the Doria language group.* One day, people came to our area and told us they needed Doria speakers for translation work. I agreed to join them. In the beginning, it was difficult because I am from a Hindu background and did not know anything about Christianity. Now, I have spent six months doing translation work and am so happy to be completing the drafts of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. I've experienced many changes in my life. I have now accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I pray to God and read His Word daily.

PRAY

That Scriptures in Doria will draw Vijay's family and many other members of his community into a thriving relationship with Jesus.

**Doria is part of a cluster project among Hindus in a Muslim country that's bringing first Scripture to more than 140,000 people speaking five languages.*

Pray Now

For partner Peace Dove's efforts to continue producing high-quality translation for the Deaf in their country. Also, for the wife of one of Peace Dove's translators who is going through cancer treatments. The first round did not produce the results they hoped for. Cancer is in her lungs and liver.

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)

Interacting with Cultures

Interacting with Cultures is a small organization focused on reaching Muslim groups that are difficult to access and have no church. They are creative in their Bible translation methodology, adapting it to what the end-users ask for and requiring regular discussion groups to discuss and internalize the translated passages. Team members have seen an increase in participation in some of their projects by individuals of the majority faith.

PRAISE

That discussion groups in one language have awakened the interest of other language groups who are now asking for their own translation!

PRAY

For wisdom for Interacting with Cultures in creating strategies that will enable these other language groups to have mother tongue Scripture soon.

Pray Now

While visiting neighboring countries, an Ardyn translator had several interactions that confirmed the value of social media in spreading and stirring interest in translated Scriptures. While his team is focused on providing Scripture to Ardyn speakers in their home country, the translator was encouraged to see translation texts being read and appreciated by Ardyn speakers in other countries. Pray that God's Word will enable many Ardyn speakers to understand and embrace gospel truth.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: AWAN LANGUAGE

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

— 1 John 1:1–4 (NLT)

¹ او چی که آ اول بید، او چی که شُنْفَتِمَه و پی تیامون دیدمَه، او چی که سِلِش کورِیم و پی دَسا خومون لمسش کورِیمَه، یَعْنِه کلوم حیات، به شُمون اعلام بگنم.

² حیات ظاهر بیس؛ اُمون وان دیدمَه و وَر وان شوهادت بدهم. اُمون حیات ابدی به شُمون اعلام گنم، که پی بووه بید و وَر اُمون ظاهر بیس.

³ اُمون او چیه که دیدمَه و شُنْفَتِمَه به شُمون آم اعلام بگنم تا شُمون آم پی اُمون رفاقت داشتَه بووه؛ رفاقت اُمون پی بووه و کووکش عیسی مسیح.

⁴ اُمون یان سی شُمون بنوِسیم تا شودی اُمون کامل بووه.

— 1 John 1:1–4 (Awan)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Soap-Seller Solves Translation Puzzle

When an Arach translator came across the term *frankincense* in a passage he was working on, he had no idea what word from his language to use. He started searching through a large Arach dictionary, but after an entire day, he found nothing helpful. A week passed, and he still didn't know how to translate this word.

Then, a lady came into the office selling handmade soap. The translator smelled the soaps and chose the scent he liked best. The lady described the smell using a word he was unfamiliar with—*bot*. When the translator looked this word up in the dictionary, he saw the meaning—*frankincense*! The translator thanked the Lord for sending this soap-selling woman to help him find just the right word to use.

PRAY

For the Arach translators as they faithfully labor to translate Scripture in a way that's accurate, clear, and sounds natural to Arach speakers.

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)

The Geser Project Partner in Eurasia

About 18,000 Geser speakers live a simple lifestyle far from population centers. Most members of this oral-culture community follow animist or Buddhist practices.

The Geser project aims to bring this people group 28 Bible stories in two dialects. However, progress for the partner has been challenging. There is only one main translator, and filling other roles has been difficult. Community testing has also been hard because ordinary people fear rumors of terrorism.

PRAISE

For encouragement from a man who heard about the Bible stories and urged them to keep the language alive by recording them for use in a boarding school.

PRAY

That believers will become interested in helping with the translation. Team members say that God sends unbelievers, but Christians remain apathetic or fearful.

Pray Now

The Embassan Cluster project team is working to finish preparing Revelation for a translation consultant to check. Please pray for wise translation decisions, synergy for team members to work well together across 3 continents, and the power of the Spirit to do their tasks well.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Precious Light for the Irayai People

A trip to the historic homeland of Irayai [EE'–RAH–YAI] speakers unexpectedly provided a good opportunity for a team member to share God's Word with people in their own language. He had packed flashlights with built-in MP3 players that carried recorded Scripture, though he wondered if people—mostly Muslim and resistant to the gospel—would let him mention his faith.

As it turned out, after a 5-hour trip on snowy, icy roads, several passengers accepted the players to take to their villages. His host also shared recorded Scripture with his relatives.

PRAY

- That Irayai people will listen to God's Word and hear the Lord speaking through it.
- For the health of a translator's little girl—she is scheduled to undergo a serious and expensive operation.

Pray Now

The Magend language team reports both positive and negative reactions from Muslims who have been viewing translated Scripture on social media, particularly around Christmas time. Pray that many would seek to learn more about Jesus as additional Magend Scriptures become available.