

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

Praise God for a meeting that happened between a team member and a religious leader from another world religion. The man agreed to help with our project! His review of our stories is already elevating our work. Pray for his safety, our developing friendship, and opportunities to disciple him as our relationship grows.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Pray for the new person who is doing transcription for the Houdou team. Our whole team is getting used to a brand new orthography introduced a year ago. Pray that transcribers for both the Houdou and Dangbe teams can finish Luke soon and move on to Acts.

— The Hougbe Cluster team in Togo

Pray for our plans to publish a songbook and primary book this year in our language, and that we will complete translation goals for the phase that ends in a few months. Pray also that God will care for people who have needed to relocate due to conflict in our country.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

Pray for our translator, who is struggling to find a stable home situation. Everything is expensive and sometimes unsafe here. Also, pray for her health.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Americas

The Americas region spans North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Many translation teams benefit from community support, strong partnerships, trained theologians, and reliable internet and technology.

Ask God to send workers to conduct more language surveys, especially for oral and sign languages, to accurately determine the remaining needs.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
130,950	53

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 in Mexico Host Executive Team

In March, the Chiconcuautla [CHEE-KOHN-KWOWT'-LAH] translation team was pleased to host Seed Company's team of chief executives, who traveled 4.5 hours outside Mexico City to reach the language area.

Translators hope to complete the New Testament by the end of December.

Translator César said the most difficult book for him is their final book, Hebrews. The number of references to Old Testament verses illuminates the need for people to have the full counsel of God's Word.

During the visit, team members set up a new Starlink Mini, which helps connect them with more mobility and security than Starlink previously provided.

PRAISE

That technology is speeding up quality translation.

PRAY

For the Chiconcuautla and other teams as they look to make both New and Old Testaments available.

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)

Albarradas Sign Language in Mexico

Clemencia and Ignacio are unique among people who live in Santa Catarina Albarradas, Oaxaca, México. They are the only Deaf children known to have moved away from their community.

They returned to their birthplace after elementary school in another village, having also learned Mexican Sign Language (LSM). Now, as adults in their 50s, they can understand both the Albarradas Sign Language used in their village and LSM, which is used by Deaf translators from Mexico City.

That's important because Deaf people in their village could not understand *any part* of a passage when translators spoke to them in LSM. The need is great to bridge the two languages.

PRAY

That Clemencia and Ignacio will be able to translate and support the start of a limited project in the next 3 months.

Pray Now

Earlier this year, a literacy story was read at a school in Mexico in the Zapoteco de Teotitlan del Valle [ZAH-POH-TEK'-OH DEH TEE-OH-TEET'-LAHN DEHL VAI'-YEH] language. Now, the school wants to use more stories—not only secular stories but biblical stories as well! Pray that we can take full advantage of this open door to make people aware of God's truth using their language.

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)

Fraternity of Associations of Native Evangelical Churches of the Peruvian Amazon (FAIENAP)

[FAIENAP](#) is a group of 15 associations of indigenous evangelical churches in the Peruvian Amazon. They represent about 200 indigenous churches from 12 ethnic groups with a total population of more than 165,000. FAIENAP's goal is to reach people from all ethnicities in their region and to give them an opportunity to encourage and support each other.

The organization's three primary areas of focus are training, translation, and Scripture use. FAIENAP has been working with [SIL Global](#) on translation projects for several years. They are currently partnering with Seed Company and SIL in translating Matthew, Mark, and Luke for digital publication for the Kakataibo [KAH-KAH-TAHY'-BOH] people.

PRAY

That the FAIENAP team "will not grow weary in doing good" (Galatians 6:9) as they minister to the people of the Peruvian Amazon.

[Watch the beautiful work FAIENAP here.](#)

Pray Now

Pray that the Lord will favor the Ngiva team's plans to restart a radio outreach in Mexico that will bring God's Word to people who have not heard it. They hope to begin broadcasting from a new location in June. Construction has begun on land provided by a Christian brother, and they have received new equipment to replace some that didn't work well. Pray that God will give them perseverance so that the station can begin broadcasting by June, as planned.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: KATXUYANA [KAHT'–KSOO–YAH'–NAH] LANGUAGE

“But Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”
— Ruth 1:16 (NLT)

“Ayanan kum meni ow yanan me wiiyasi, Ohor hananno meni ow hor me wiiyasi.”
— Hutxi 1:16 (Katxuyana)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Babaçu [BAH'–BAH–SOO] Cluster

Book of Ruth Stirs Interest

In March, a Babaçu Cluster team worked with a consultant to check their draft of Ruth. Community members participated in the checking sessions to provide feedback on the text's naturalness.

During one session, a local man, curious to know what was going on, stopped by and stood listening as the audio of Ruth played. The team was amazed by how engaged he became. He interacted with the story, recounted several details, and showed keen interest.

As the checking wrapped up, a woman told the team she had dreamt about participating in a meeting and saw a table with a red bottle of coffee on it. "Now, I understand that God was telling me you were coming," she said.

PRAY

- For the translators as they complete corrections on Ruth based on the consultant's suggestions.
- That God will grant continued health, energy, and wisdom to the project translators and facilitators.

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)

Intern Werner Furthers Bible Translation in Brazil

Akwẽ-Xerente [SHEH'–REN–TEH] speakers living deep in Brazil's interior received the New Testament in their language over 10 years ago. A local pastor says, "Before, God spoke to me in Portuguese. It was difficult to understand Him. Now He speaks to me in my language, and it is much easier! Let us pray that soon we will have the entire Word of God in our language!"

Werner Seitz is a missionary and facilitator helping the Akwẽ-Xerente translation team translate the Old Testament. He is also training to become a translation consultant and is eager to help the Bible translation movement throughout Brazil.

PRAISE

For the recently released portions of the Pentateuch in Akwẽ-Xerente.

PRAY

- That Werner's training to become a consultant will continue going well.
- That the translation of the Psalms into Akwẽ-Xerente will go smoothly and that God will provide full-time translators to work with Werner.

Pray Now

A Katxuyana [KAHT'–KSOO–YAH'–NAH] team member in Brazil writes:

“In the area where we work, it goes against the culture to trust in a neighboring village and work for the good of others. So, our only two believing villages do not support each other’s faith or work together to spread the gospel. Please pray that the enemy’s divisive strategies will be destroyed and a flourishing Katxuyana church will be established.

Pray for unity, which is a fundamental step in the church’s growth.”

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

LIBRAS Draws a Deaf Woman to Jesus

Karina is a Deaf woman who was born into a hearing family. She struggled every day to communicate with others or understand who she was. But when she started using Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) at age 10, she flourished.

When she began working in the Bible Society of Brazil's Publishing Department as an adult, God wrote a new story in her life. She participated in the LIBRAS project, and the time she spent with other Christian Deaf translators filled a void she didn't know existed.

During her first international training, she placed her trust in Jesus, and He began to transform her life.

PRAISE

That the team finished recording "The Birth of John and Jesus." They have come a long way [in just a few years](#).

PRAY

For Karina to grow in her faith, and for the team to finalize Old Testament portions for release on YouTube.

Pray Now

We praise God for the work of translating the Bible into LIBRAS in Brazil and for the doors that are opening for greater integration with other Deaf teams. Pray for the challenges they face. May the translators grow in knowledge and in their relationships with God and each other, learning more and more about His love and praising Him.