

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

Pray that translated Scripture will impact the lives of children in our schools as it is used to teach them our language, and that churches will use our Scripture more effectively for preaching, Sunday School, and evangelism. Pray also for someone to help us put translated Scripture on social media.

— The San Andres Creole team in Jamaica

Pray for our team as we grieve the loss of a translator, Ana, who met her Maker face to face after several years of poor health. Please pray especially for her translator husband, Jose, and for God's guidance as we seek to continue after this heavy loss.

— The Guambia-Misak team in Columbia

Pray for ACATBA as we face major infrastructure challenges, including limited office space, unreliable electricity and water, poor internet capacity, and ongoing funding needs. Also, pray for the availability of qualified translation consultants and for safety on the roads for all staff.

— A partner organization in Central African Republic

Pray for leadership development intern Carlos and his wife, who have responded to their community's need to care for 25 orphaned and vulnerable children with food, clothing, and education. Pray that the Lord will provide every need, including a church building project and a piano to use for worship.

— An intern in Mozambique

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless. Obstacles to their progress include hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
551,660	34

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. May 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

Partner Brings Project to Successful Completion

Field partner [IMB](#) (International Mission Board) served faithfully with the Kananga Cluster project till its completion on March 31, 2025. This marked the 6th oral Bible stories project that IMB has managed in the Congo Basin. IMB missionaries and skilled Congolese orality trainers effectively integrated [StoryTogether](#) and [New Hope](#)'s trauma healing models.

Project leaders are deeply thankful for IMB's dedication and contribution to these projects that have brought hope to many communities affected by trauma and enabled numerous lives to experience transformation through Scripture in their language.

PRAISE

For IMB's steady commitment to managing oral Bible story projects in the Congo Basin.

PRAY

- That gospel seeds planted through oral Bible stories in the 9 Kananga Cluster communities will take root and blossom into genuine faith.
- For the 9 teams as they transition to new projects, some with Seed Company and the rest with other new field partners.

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)

Eight Communities Prepare for Oral Bible Stories

Momentum is growing for Beta Lisolo Ya Nzambe (Tell God's Story) in the region surrounding Mbandaka in Democratic Republic of Congo. Three successful oral Bible story cluster projects have heightened the desire for Scripture among communities there. In November, we prayed alongside [12 Bibleless people groups](#) in this region, where villages are located in remote areas. A Mambenga Cluster project starts soon for some of them!

PRAISE

That 8 communities will begin story projects on July 1.

PRAY

For wisdom and discernment for the communities to finalize storytelling teams and form language committees in July and August.

Pray Now

Pray for a new church that has just been planted in Makanza village from a Bible storytelling club. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide this new community, that they would commit fully to Him, and that they would continue to share God's story among the Balobo North people of Democratic Republic of Congo.

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)

Leadership Transition at SIL and ACATBA in the Central African Republic

[SIL Global's](#) Central African Republic (CAR) branch recently celebrated 35 years of service in the country. A significant transition is ahead as leadership changes for the branch are set for October 2025.

SIL CAR, which supports Bible translation work rather than doing it directly, partners with [ACATBA](#)—the local Bible translation organization. At the same time, ACATBA's current director's term will also soon conclude, marking a leadership change and the beginning of a new chapter for both organizations.

PRAISE

Thank the Lord for the service and dedication of Elizabeth Marti (SIL CAR) and Elvis Guenekean (ACATBA), both outgoing General Directors.

PRAY

For God to grant courage, wisdom, and discernment both to those involved in selecting the new General Directors as well as to those who are selected.

Pray Now

Pray for the release of the container holding the newly-printed Bhogoto New Testament and Psalms and the Banda-Linda New Testaments, currently delayed at the port in Douala, Cameroon. Pray for wisdom and success for field partner ACATBA's Director, Elvis Guenekean, as he works tirelessly to resolve the situation.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: KWAMI LANGUAGE

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.

— Luke 24:1-3 (NLT)

*Butu bo ijeḥa mokooma naliti, mma bamukali, bakeelanḥa ku kabuli na balia makété na malasi iḥe bajiilé k□k□ḥa. Akuba bakiiḥa, basaḥaḥa ikoi likili ḥḥe ekanahḥa mujohḥo o kabuli letiniko m□mbepe. Abilé basihḥa mu kabuli, batasaḥilé mubh□□ oMokota Yesu.**

— Luke 24:1-3 (Kwami*)

*The Kwami Oral Bible Translation (OBT) project uses an entirely oral translation process to create audio Scriptures. The translation shown here represents this verse taken from the audio Scriptures and then written in their language.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Stronger Together: Bobangi Joins the Yombe 2 Cluster

The Bobangi team in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been faithfully translating 10 Old Testament books and Psalms 1–17 as a language in the Bayaya 3 Cluster, which concluded at the end of March.

Since the Yombe team is also engaged in Old Testament translation, the partner proposed a creative and strategic merger: integrating Bobangi into the existing Yombe 2 project to form a two-language cluster. This merger will officially take effect in October 2025, following the Yombe 2 timeline that finishes in March 2027.

PRAISE

- For both teams' flexibility and the partner's creativity in aligning their efforts.
- For the Bobangi team's [perseverance](#) in trying circumstances.

PRAY

For a smooth transition, strong collaboration, and ongoing encouragement for both language teams.

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)

Training to Meet Linguistics Needs

Many projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) still need linguistics support. Dr. Joseph Mushunganya is participating in a Seed Company linguistics internship that will equip him with expertise in orthography (writing system) development and language vitality assessment.

Dr. Myles Leitch has been Joseph's mentor since 2022. Myles, Joseph, and other linguists were planning a workshop for a cluster project when unrest in the DRC, specifically the city of Goma's capture by rebel forces, required them to postpone. Though Joseph's hometown was also seized by rebels, causing his family terrible hardships, he has been able to stay in contact and continue working with Myles over Zoom.

PRAISE

For the Lord's protection over Joseph and his family and their resilience amid great turmoil.

PRAY

That God will continue protecting Joseph and enable the linguistics workshop to take place.

Pray Now

Rebel occupation and ongoing fighting in DRC have caused endless suffering, displacement, and hunger in the home areas of several translation teams and partner organizations. Pray that financial resources will reach teams in areas where banks are closed and that translators can continue making steady progress. Pray that peace talks, led by the African Union, Qatar, and the United States, will bear tangible fruit.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Excitement Growing over Zimba Culture and Translation

The Zimba translation office in Kindu, Democratic Republic of Congo, has become a vibrant cultural hub, offering students authentic resources for academic assignments and reinforcing community identity. The Zimba project is gaining momentum across all social groups, with Zimba-language social media networks emerging worldwide, fueling pride in being called “Muzimba” (speaker of Zimba).

Diaspora Zimba speakers are eager to learn to read their language, supported by an online language program operated by FOCOTBA (Community Forum of Bible Translators and Literacy). Pastors, choirs, and hymn composers are regularly using Zimba Scripture. Evangelistic campaigns are being held, using available Scripture portions and bringing God’s Word closer to the hearts of the Zimba people.

PRAY

That interest in the Zimba culture would quickly expand to interest in the Scripture, with many turning their hearts to God.

Pray Now

Flooding has severely affected the area of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Heavy rains caused the Matete River to overflow, damaging homes, roads, and the Matete Bridge—cutting off access to the airport and leaving many stranded. In addition, a major portion of the national road linking Kinshasa to Matadi collapsed due to erosion, further isolating communities and disrupting vital travel and transport.

Pray for families who are traumatized and vulnerable as the rainy season continues.