

# 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

We will be teaching the story of Isaac using our translation of Genesis at our second-ever Bible Conference in July. Please pray that God will calm our apprehension about the sheer amount of work involved and help us prepare. Also, pray for our work dynamics as we have experienced some tension with a team member.

— The Katxuyana team in Brazil

Pray for God's healing and protection from an outbreak of the potentially deadly disease kala-azar in our region.

— The Rendille team in Kenya

A series of attacks have affected the street where some of our translators moved to escape our country's unrest. In early May, people broke into one translator's home, attacking and injuring him and his family. Praise God their lives were spared, but pray the translators will find a safer place to live. Also, pray for protection and healing from the trauma experienced by people in the community during ongoing conflict and displacements.

— The Konu team in Democratic Republic of Congo

Praise God that He is answering our prayers to see Scripture save people when they read it in their language! God's Word has been stirring the desire of people, including those from another world religion, to read and ask questions with the aim of knowing God.

— A Bible translation team in Africa

# Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just a few countries, but there is a great concentration of need within these islands. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers. Praise God that leaders in translation organizations, churches, and businesses alike are seeing Bible translation's importance in ministry. In addition to the logistical challenges of reaching certain remote islands, persecution is common in one country. Pastors have been kidnapped, imprisoned, or even killed.

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

People	Languages
843,185	92

*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

### LPKP- Training Together

The LPKP is the Islands Asia region's annual translation consultant training. This year, 12 consultant candidates spanning 10 different organizations will meet together from June–August. The training consists of three parts: biblical exegesis, linguistics, and a mentored practicum related to checking Scripture. In order to make this training happen, 9 certified consultants will contribute their time and expertise to mentor and teach the candidates. Many will finish the workshop with final approval to begin work as a certified consultant.

### PRAISE

That God has brought many organizations together in unity to resource and organize the LPKP.

### PRAY

- For the many consultant candidates who will be stepping away from jobs to attend this training.
- That God would provide for every need, both financial and personnel-related, so that this training can run smoothly.

# Monday

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

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

## Nebbeh Speakers Prepare to Receive Their First Scripture

In partnership with [Kartidaya](#), Seed Company is launching the Bengkayang Cluster project in June. Three teams will translate Luke's Gospel, the "JESUS" film, and Scripture-based worship songs.

The Nebbeh [NEH'-BEH] are one of the three language groups involved in this project. Most Nebbeh speakers adhere to animistic traditions, though Christianity's influence is growing. Around 30–40% of Nebbeh speakers now identify as Christians. They are beginning to replace traditional rituals with Christian celebrations. However, respect for ancestral spirits and traditional values remains strong.

### PRAISE

For the translation team's readiness to do translation work, and for support from local churches in the Nebbeh area.

### PRAY

For the orthography workshop planned for June 2–20.

## Pray Now

Praise God that the Eswe Scriptures are widely available on YouVersion, allowing for more access and engagement with Eswe speakers. The team also recently received support from [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) to produce audio recordings of Luke and John's Gospels. Pray that Eswe speakers will encounter the life-transforming truth of God's mercy and grace through these powerful resources.

# 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)

## Partner Manages First Translation Project

The Suluh Foundation has played a key role in language development throughout Indonesia through multilingual education, vernacular media, and Scripture-use activities. They conduct numerous Taste of Translation workshops that help communities reflect on the future of their language and decide if they want to pursue Bible translation.

In February, the Suluh Foundation started managing their first Bible translation endeavor—the Lembata Cluster project, with 5 languages. This project is piloting Scripture Forge, an AI tool that produces first drafts of Scripture based on models built from everyday language use.

## PRAISE

That a partner organization is mentoring the Suluh Foundation and helping them develop strong project management skills.

## PRAY

That Lembata teams will acquire the skills needed to be successful.

## Pray Now

Rejoice with the 3 [Irau Cluster](#) language communities—Lolengi, Nabas, and Parem—as they celebrate the dedication of Luke’s Gospel and the “JESUS” film this week. Pray that many hearts will be changed by the stories of Christ’s life, love, and sacrifice.



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: AYTA AMBALA [EYE'-TAH AHM-BAH'-LAH] LANGUAGE OF THE PHILIPPINES

*So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.*

— Romans 10:17 (NLT)

*Kaya manampalatayan dili ya gihay tawu nu makalêngê yan Mahampata' Balita  
tungkul kan Apu Jesu Cristo. Buy malêngê nay ati nu mayin mangaral kana.*

— Romans 10:17 (Ayta Ambala)

*Therefore a person will only believe if he will hear the Good News about Jesus Christ. And  
he will listen to this if there is someone who will preach to him.*

— Romans 10:17 (translated back into English from Ayta Ambala)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Ayta Ambala: Songs in the Heart Language

At a recent scholars gathering hosted by the local mayor, John Paul—an attendee of Ayta Ambala’s ethnomusicology songwriting workshop—was invited to sing. He boldly performed an original song from the workshop that was based on translated Scripture. His performance in Ambala, recorded and shared on Facebook, received an overwhelmingly positive response. As a result of this response, lyric videos for all 8 workshop songs have been uploaded to YouTube. They are now being widely shared by Ambala speakers online. Through these Scripture songs, such as [Binayu](#) (Made New) and [Hi Apu Diyus ha Biyay Ku](#) (God in My Life), people are reconnecting with their language, culture, and most importantly, the gospel.

#### PRAISE

For the [progress](#) made on this project and the positive response to the Scripture songs.

#### PRAY

- Pray for opportunities to use the completed Scripture books.
- Pray that the newly written songs and hymns will be used in churches and homes, pointing hearts to Christ.

# 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)

## Consultant-in-Training (CiT) Thiadora Kantjai

Thiadora Kantjai began her consultant-in-training (CiT) internship in October 2024. She has already made an impression on her supervisor, who says, "It's been wonderful to see Thiadora's hard work, energy, and passion as a cluster leader and CiT. She's grown so much through the training .... I pray that God will keep strengthening and guiding her journey." On top of her many responsibilities, Thiadora meets quarterly with a few other CiTs for a week of face-to-face training with their mentor on New Testament Greek.

## PRAISE

For the Lord's provision in helping Thiadora carry out her responsibilities as a CiT and project leader.

## PRAY

For Thiadora, as she studies New Testament Greek. Says Thiadora, "When studying onsite, the enthusiasm is high, but when I go home and meet other tasks ... the enthusiasm for studying starts to fade."

## Pray Now

The Timber community is preparing to publish a printed book with all 4 Gospels and Acts. Praise the Lord that they now have 9 completed books in their 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)

## Bible Stories Impact Six Language Communities

Six language communities in Papua, Indonesia, recently completed work in the DeSuTu [Cluster](#). The communities were full of joy in receiving the recorded audio Bible stories and grateful for the effective storytellers.

During the community testing and engagement phases, 30 people responded to receive salvation and pursue baptism! In addition, some women in the community were empowered to lead and share the stories with their Bible study groups.

## PRAISE

- That God graciously provided for every need in completing the [OneStory](#) workshops.

## PRAY

- For ongoing impact of the Bible stories and the multiplication of storytellers.
- For people to joyfully praise Jesus in their heart language through the songs they have written.

## Pray Now

The LoTaWa project held a translation workshop in February, but 2 of the 3 translation consultants had to cancel at the last minute. Pray that they will be able to make it to the next workshop coming up in June.