

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	Bibleless	Regional Update	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We prayed a few weeks ago about thieves robbing our office and emptying our cloud storage. Praise God! He provided funds to replace computers, and team members have found a way to recover some of the lost data.

— **The Jade Star Sign Language team in Asia**

Our project is running behind schedule. Pray for our team's unity and endurance as we press on past the 12 stories that have received initial approval from the consultant. Also, pray for travel to and from the village where our team is located. Illegal loggers have left roads in bad shape, making it difficult for villagers to come and go, especially to reach the hospital.

— **A Bible translation team in Asia**

Praise God for equipping our team with another translator, Adam. Pray for him as he learns our Bible translation software and begins work on back translating Scripture. Pray also for Mashurashi, a Shapra community leader, who has been in poor health for over two months.

— **The Shapra-Condoshi Cluster team in Peru**

Pray for the translators' health as malaria remains a major threat in our region, where infection rates are among the highest in the world. Ask God for protection, effective treatments, and long-term solutions.

— **The language translation teams in Congo Basin**

Southern Africa

The Southern Africa region spans about 15 countries, including Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, several island nations, and all Portuguese-speaking countries on the African continent. Thanks to strong partnerships across the body of Christ, Southern Africa is approaching Zero! Hindrances to finishing the task include poor roads, political instability, and lack of workers to train local translators.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
177,310	10

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. June 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

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)

The Unreached Babirwa People Group

The Babirwa people speak Birwa, a cross-border language that bridges Botswana, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. They are listed as one of the Unreached People Groups in Southern Africa.

They have no Scripture in their heart language, and there are no known translation partners targeting Birwa at this time.

Agriculture and raising cattle are central to their way of life. They also practice rainmaking rituals, reflecting their deep connection to the land and environment. Intermarriage and cultural exchanges with other nearby tribes have influenced the Babirwa culture and social practices. Clans are distinguished by totems (such as the crocodile), which symbolize ancestral lineage.

PRAY

That God will send people to work among the Babirwa people, a field that is ready for the harvest.

Monday

REGIONAL UPDATE

‘Heaven Touched Earth’ at Lambya Bible Dedication

[Last year we prayed](#) for a translation team as they finalized the script for the Lambya Bible. On April 26, the quiet town of Chitipa overflowed with song, dance, and thanksgiving as a community celebrated the dedication of that full Bible.

“It felt like heaven touched earth today,” said one woman. Others wept, danced, or stood in awe. As one young man put it, “Just knowing the Bible now exists in Lambya gives me hope.”

This historic translation reflects decades of faithful work by the Lambya translation team, supported by [The Word for the World](#) and others.

PRAY

For the Lambya Scripture to quicken hearts, deepen understanding, and nurture lasting discipleship in the church and families.

[Watch this video of the joyful celebrations at the Lambya Bible Dedication](#)

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)

Key Partnership Forms with BSZ

The Bible Society of Zambia (BSZ) was established in 1996 and is a member of the global fellowship of United Bible Societies. Seed Company and BSZ began discussing a partnership 2 years ago, as BSZ had several projects that needed funding. In October 2024, Seed Company started funding the Ila project (*featured tomorrow*). Now, 4 additional projects are in the pipeline, with 3 likely to begin near the end of 2025. These projects are considering using Scripture Forge, an AI tool, to enhance their Old Testament drafting process.

PRAY:

That team members will find time in their busy schedules to complete the necessary documents needed for starting the remaining projects.

Pray Now

A group of 12 students is meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, this week for a workshop to train for their Master's in Linguistics and Bible Translation. They are preparing to be exegetes (people who explain the meaning of biblical texts to help teams translate accurately) and translation consultants. Pray that God will equip these students with wisdom, insight, and understanding to apply what they learn.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: ILA LANGUAGE OF ZAMBIA

He handed them over to the Gibeonites, who killed them and exposed their bodies on a hill before the LORD. All seven of them fell together; they were put to death during the first days of the harvest, just as the barley harvest was beginning.

— 2 Samuel 21:9 (NLT)

Wakabapa mu matashi a Bagibeyoni, bakabatunga shisamu ku matako mpaka shapola a mitwi yabo, a lupili kumbele lya Yaahwe. Ubobo boonse bali chiloba bakafhwa antoomwi. Bakayayiwa ku mazuba a kukanka kutebula, kumakankilo a kutebula bale.

— 2 Samuel 21:9 (Ila)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Ila Old Testament: Accuracy in Translation

The Ila team, translating 33 books of the Old Testament, are keenly focused on accuracy in translation—especially when passages are difficult to understand.

Translator Audrey notes that translations may use different words to describe the type of punishment inflicted on Saul’s family in 2 Samuel 21:9 (*see verse, opposite page*). The consultant advised the Ila team to use a description that best reflected the method of execution during those times.

As Audrey observes, “Every word carries meaning and context, impacting how readers understand God’s Word in their own language.” She says the consultant checks have been “invaluable in enhancing my understanding of the historical contexts of the Bible.

PRAY

For wisdom for Ila translators in drafting Old Testament books as they seek to ensure that God’s truth resonates clearly to their community.

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 Marc Kasongo Grateful for His Experience

Seed Company intern Marc Kasongo is a fast learner who has been improving his skills in language technology, IT, and media so that he can assist teams translating the Bible in 5 different languages in his hometown of Mongu, Zambia.

Marc says his internship has specifically helped him with time management, adding, “I have had to learn to create a workflow plan and stick to it.”

Marc is especially grateful for the other interns in the program. Says Marc, “We met as strangers but have now become like a family, ready to assist each other in growing and understanding things asked of us while fulfilling our duties in our Bible translation projects.”

PRAY

For the people of Mongu where Marc lives and works, that they may receive and study God's Word with open hearts.

Pray Now

The IT cohort is doing a 2-week training workshop in Johannesburg this week. Pray that they will be able to take what they have learned and apply it in ways that advance translation projects, bringing glory to God and transforming lives.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Children Engage With Creation Story

Translators from the Oluhumbi and Olukwando translation teams in Angola recently visited a local primary school to share Bible stories with the children. The students enjoyed hearing about how God created the world in Genesis 1 and marveled at how he spoke light, land, and all creatures into existence by the words of His mouth. They were saddened to learn about Adam and Eve's disobedience and how it changed everything, especially their friendship with God.

The students were especially delighted to hear the Bible stories in their own language rather than Portuguese, the language used for all their school instructions. Teachers and students alike expressed appreciation for the translators' hard work.

PRAY

- For improved health in Oluhumbi and Olukwando communities, which are experiencing high death rates.
- That the translators will have wisdom and stamina in translating Scripture and training others to share Bible stories.

[Watch this video of the OBT teams sharing at school](#)

Pray Now

The theme of this week's All Africa CEOs Consultation meeting in Madagascar has been "Stronger Together for Sustainable Bible Ministry in Africa." A separate meeting is focusing on the United Bible Society's

Translation Roadmap. Seed Company is participating with Bible societies in seeking to meet remaining translation needs. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and unity as partners work together to reach the Bibleless.