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	Oral Bible Translation	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

Pray With Others	Get More Resources

Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for God-honoring resolutions to the ongoing conflicts in Eurasia, and safe progress for projects in the affected areas. U.S. bases in the region are under heightened alert, including the one where I am stationed as a reservist. Pray for God's protection, peace amid uncertainty, and courage to carry out duties under pressure. Pray for battles raging against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12) and for conviction that all things work together for good (Romans 2:28).

— A Seed Company staff member serving as a reservist in Eurasia

Like other people who are training to become translation consultants, I have much to learn. Please pray for my mental, spiritual, and physical strength, as well as good health to complete my many tasks.

— A translation intern in Eurasia

Conflict between family groups is causing unrest in our whole community. Please pray that peace will be restored and God's work exalted.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

One of our team members is concerned about his safety and is seriously considering leaving the project. We're not sure if his concerns are valid, and we pray he will continue under the Lord's protection and provision. But if he leaves, we pray God will provide someone to take his place.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Sahel

"Sahel" means "coast" in Arabic. But in this case, it refers to an African region that borders the southern "coast" of the Sahara Desert, rather than a body of water. Local partners—many of whom use French as a common language for resources and training—are committed, passionate, and gifted. In addition to the security risks posed by many of this region's 12 countries, obstacles to Bible translation progress include political instability, violence, travel hazards, famine, drought, and poverty.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
2,707,690	80

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

REGIONAL UPDATE

Nulibie New Testament Dedication

The first full New Testament printed by a partner's publication center in Cameroon was dedicated on March 25. More than 300 people gathered in Balamba to celebrate the Nulibie [NOO–LEE'–BEE–AY] New Testament! Click here to watch.

The translation advisor, Pastor Eugene Mei Mou, encouraged ministers to "please use this living Word of God to enlighten God's people … and lead them to transformation into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Previous Bibles required 2–3 years to print and ship from South Korea. Now, the publication center opened by Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL) can print Bibles within months. Click here to watch the Nulibie New Testament being printed.

PRAY

- That people will be transformed as they hear God speaking in the Nulibie language.
- That God will provide funds soon for two neighboring language New Testaments that are ready to print.

Monday

PRAY FOR AN ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECT

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."
— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Bible Stories Open Closed Doors

The Vasu community has responded to oral Bible stories with remarkable enthusiasm. Muslim neighbors who previously spurned the local church's evangelistic efforts began inviting the storytellers to their homes and asking to join Bible storytelling clubs.

The Vasu church has been eager to see a New Testament translation begin and initially planned to start a written project. But since so few Vasu speakers can read, they pivoted to an Oral Bible Translation (OBT) project. A team is now translating Luke's Gospel. The January Prayer Journal included a prayer request for their initial OBT training workshop facilitated by Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH). Soon, the team will attend a refresher course with FCBH.

PRAY

- For the translators, exegetes, consultant, and project facilitator as they continue climbing a steep learning curve.
- That the translators will feel confident as they acquire new technology skills and learn how to use new software and audio recording equipment.

Pray Now

Financial sustainability is difficult for Bible translation organizations operating in predominantly Muslim countries. One partner organization in an eastern Sahel country that's 90% Muslim is on the verge of closing. They are the primary organization in the entire country doing Bible translation. Ask God to provide the necessary resources for them to continue operating and for their translation projects to keep going. May they even grow in capacity to reach languages that still have no Scripture.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR PARTNERS

"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

— Habakkuk 1:5 (NLT)

Faithful Partnership for a Decade

Most of the 138,000 Lahido speakers of West Africa follow Islam. A small group of about 10 people has chosen to follow Jesus, with some serving on the translation team. The team anticipates completing the New Testament by the end of 2026. They have recorded and distributed 75% of the New Testament.

Andres and Diana Gálvez, serving with Frontiers, have partnered with Seed Company on this project since 2015. Along with supporting Bible translation efforts, they are involved in church planting and community development projects that open doors for sharing God's Word. They are also leading a team that oversees around 180 workers from Latin America who are lovingly and respectfully inviting Muslims to follow Jesus.

PRAY

- That the team will complete the New Testament as planned.
- For continued opportunities and boldness to share Scripture.
- That God will strengthen Lahido believers' faith as they face persecution and rejection.

Pray Now

The Kpongo translators all adhere to the major religion in their region. They were taught that the Bible is forbidden. Pray that as they translate Scripture, God will deeply convict them that the message they are rendering is true, right, and good.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: CALAO CLUSTER LANGUAGES

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

— Acts 1:8 (NLT)

A liwii li tin urala Kilo ku Jɛ̱mɛ ŋjo li kiri i hulli. Fareperia i pa iki ŋɔ ilî o ŋɔ wili maalin Jorijalem, lɔɔre Judeti, lɔɔre Samariti fɛ̱fɛ̱t o lɔɔr kɔteel.

— Acts 1:8 (Gula)

Yin, yin o to duna ri Duni Duari dərə gay yin kal kumi ən guja keni ən tə Jorujalem yo, dəg səyñi Jude yo, dəg səyñi ən tə Samari yo, yin gərgə səyñi dərarə pɛd yo.

— Acts 1:8 (Mulgi)

Wo yen ni yą̱ o yą̱ tə dona, Bəlan Dunəw du in a o sɨgə dɨjəyen ni. Wo yą̱ ay wrey kab je ən kərən Jorɨjaləm dɨjed yo, sin Jude dɨjed yo, sin Samari dɨjed yo, bra sin bəgəd əjɛm ded pay ped yo.

— Acts 1:8 (NDam)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

A Glimmer of Hope in Chad

The Calao Cluster project in Chad includes three languages: Ndam [N–DAHM'], Mulgi [MOOL'–GEE], and Gula Iro [GOO'–LAH EE'–ROH]. Ndam speakers have been historically unresponsive to Scripture. But praise God, history is changing!

After several years of sharing Scripture and Bible stories in Ndam, one local missionary, Emmanuel, says many Ndam are interested in listening to the translation of Mark and Acts. Although some are afraid to express their faith publicly, many are asking for the audio translation for their phones. The more they listen, the more they open up to the gospel, says Emmanuel.

PRAISE

That the translation team is seeing a glimmer of hope among the Ndam, as God's Word is slowly penetrating the Ndam community.

PRAY

For perseverance and encouragement for missionaries like Emmanuel who, until recently, have given much to advance the gospel without seeing much in return.

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 George Lyonga

Translation consultant-in-training George Lyonga enjoys working with translation teams. He says this time "has been a test to my ability to manage people with diverse character and strengths. I had to go slow with those who are slow, and fast with those who are fast, in terms of understanding and adapting to new skills." George is now preparing for his thesis defense in November.

His supervisor at the Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL) commends his work and says George's ministry has been "yielding good fruits for the Kingdom of God."

PRAISE

- For healing George's wife, providing travel safety to George, and helping him complete the exegesis for 2 of 3 language teams.

PRAY

- That his thesis defense in November will be successful.
- For wisdom as George addresses conflicts with extended family members.

Pray Now

The Gabri Maja translators are eager to give their all to Bible translation ministry but have had to wait for the necessary resources to do their work. Travel between Chad and the USA has been disrupted, which may cause further delays in receiving computers and other tools. The team is making progress despite these difficulties. Pray that the translators won't have to wait much longer for what they need to produce high-quality Scripture translations.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Toussian Sud Team Engages With the Community

As the Toussian Sud [TOO'–SEE–EHN SOOD] team works on their first Old Testament books, they have intentionally focused on community engagement through public Scripture reading, listening groups, and social outreach. Two often-overlooked groups are the youth and the elderly.

The team reports that listening groups for elders with less-formal education have brought a sense of pride and inclusion as they hear and understand the Bible in their own language. At youth camps, the sport, education, and spiritual activities in the Toussian language have made young people aware of the translation work and engaged their help.

PRAISE

That the translation of Genesis is almost complete.

PRAY

That people's hearts will be touched by three new listening groups and an upcoming seminar with songs proclaiming Scripture and God's character in traditional Toussian style.

Pray Now

The median age for people in the Sahel region is 18 years old, meaning half the population is youth and children. In most countries, the young people are considered too irresponsible and rarely included in social and political decision-making processes, which has led to significant unrest among the younger population. Pray that Bible translation and Scripture engagement activities will bring hope and guidance to the youth and enable them to find their value and purpose in Jesus.