

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

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# Saturday

## PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for strength and good health for our small team serving the Deaf community. Pray that God will make a way for us to add a translator, community checker, and two engagement specialists.

— The South African Sign team in South Africa

Pray for families in our community who have lost members to cholera, including a translator's nephew. Pray also for health professionals who are caring for patients.

— A Bible translation team in Africa

Daytime temperatures in the Sahel region can exceed 105°F this time of year, making it difficult for team members and interns to work and study. Pray for the Lord's grace for us to press on.

— A capacity building intern in Cameroon

Pray for intern Tito Lopez and his family as his wife, Dámaris Ortiz, is experiencing health issues. Initial tests reveal a serious liver problem. Pray that lab tests will result in an accurate diagnosis and that God will show them what they need to learn during this difficult time.

— A Bible translation intern in Mexico

Praise God that our work is progressing well! Pray that Exodus and Psalms will transform lives as they are successfully published on a Bible app.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

# Pacific

The Pacific region includes numerous countries spread across hundreds of islands, including the most language-diverse nation in the world with more than 800 languages: Papua New Guinea. Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture, and hundreds of translations are in progress.

While churches are present almost everywhere, many people mix Christianity with other beliefs. This region also presents unique logistical challenges. Many language groups are very remote, and some can only be reached by boat.

Despite the great number of remaining needs, help for new translation projects is limited because trained consultants are often maxed out with existing work.

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

People	Languages
331,655	280

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. May 2025.*

*Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

# Sunday

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### Translated Scripture Moves an Evangelist to Repentance

A prominent evangelist in the Kakabai [KAH'–KAH–BYE] community, Rodney Padi, had fiercely opposed Kakabai translators. At one point, he chased them away by throwing stones at them!

But then he became involved in [Faith Comes by Hearing](#)'s recording of the Gospels—and realized he was wrong. Words about love and forgiveness spoke straight to his heart.

He apologized to the public, sent words of apology through team members, and shook hands with the translation team's coordinator and a key team leader.

Some youths had previously attempted to destroy the translation facility house. As they participated in the readings, they were moved—and surrendered their lives to the Lord.

## PRAISE

For God's powerful Word and everything He accomplishes through it.

# 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)

## Coming Soon: North Vanuatu OBS Cluster

Planning is underway for a project to reach 10 language communities with Scripture through Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS). SIL Vanuatu is partnering to develop around 30 [Bible stories](#) in each language as part of the North Vanuatu Cluster.

The project will engage locally trained OBS trainers across the island nation of Vanuatu. Team members will begin with stories on the life and ministry of Jesus in the book of Mark, and will expand from there depending on the needs of the communities.

## PRAISE

That stories have touched the hearts and lives of Vanuatu communities through previous projects.

## PRAY

- For all the communities and logistics to come together for this exciting new opportunity.
- That people will be transformed by hearing God's stories in their language.

## Pray Now

In June–July, the Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC) will host Bible agencies and church denominational leaders at the second annual Vanuatu Bible Forum. They will discuss plans and the impact of Bible translation throughout Vanuatu. Pray for the leadership team and for all who are attending to have a safe journey and a meaningful experience.

# 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)

## Reaching the Bibleless in Micronesia, Polynesia

The Isles of the Sea Project was launched in 2010 by partners [Wycliffe](#) and [SIL Global](#) and funded by Seed Company to bring heart language Scripture to people in Micronesia and Polynesia. Teams approached Bibleless language communities with an offer to translate Scripture on one condition: that church and community leaders would be committed to Bible translation.

Today, 15 years later, thousands of people speaking more than 15 languages now have heart language New Testaments, thanks to those who envisioned the Isles of the Sea project.

## PRAISE

For the completion of the full Bible for the Nukuoro people, along with New Testaments for the Niuafo'ou, Nukeria, Nukumanu, Takuu, and Tikopia peoples, and the revision of the Rennell Bellona New Testament.

## PRAY

For the salvation and spiritual growth of those now able to read heart language Scripture in the Pacific region.

## Pray Now

Leaders of Bible translation in Papua New Guinea will meet at a Bible forum on June 23–26 in Port Moresby, the nation’s capital, to connect and align strategies around reaching the Bibleless in their nation. Pray for wisdom, unity, and encouragement for those in attendance.

[Watch a video highlight of the 2024 Bible Bilum forum in Port Moresby.](#)



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: POLYNESIAN ISLES 3 CLUSTER NUKURIA [NOO-KOO'-REE-AH] & TIKOPIA [TEE-KOH'-PEE-AH] LANGUAGES

*“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?”*

— John 14:1–2 (NLT)

*Tera muna atu rei ko Jesus kia ratou, “Kau see faka tuasaa, ma kau see fe poi kaki; fakattonu fuarei ki Tupua ma e fakattonu fokia kia kuou. E rava rei koa rumu i te paito o toku Mmana, ta kuou ka poi o pena pena mai ni noforanga motou. Pe se ne faka tonu sia mai, kuou ka see faka ari atu.*

— John 14:1–2 (Tikopia)

*Jisas ku hua ake ki naa disaipol aana, “Koutou teeai kii mee purima mannatu. Hakarrono i te Tama Hamataku; hakarrono hoki i te nau. I loto te hare taku Tamana e mee purima naa kuana e taakoto. Anau ku hano no aarere mai he kuana ma autou. Anau tee nani te hua atu peenei kime ni tee hai kuana peenaa e taakoto i loto te hare taku Tamana.*

— John 14:1–2 (Nukuria)

## **PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT**

### **Nukeria, Tikopia Speakers Anticipate Heart Language New Testaments**

Speakers of Nukeria [NOO–KOO’–REE–AH] in Papua New Guinea and Tikopia [TEE–KOH’–PEE–AH] in Solomon Islands are eager to receive their heart language New Testaments. Hopefully, their wait won’t be much longer.

The Nukeria team is conducting their final readthrough alongside a translation consultant. Team member Nico reports that those who are reviewing Scripture are finding little need for corrections. The team hopes to prepare the Scripture for typesetting and printing soon.

The Tikopia New Testament is being printed in Japan. Once completed, it will be sent to Honiara, the capital city of the Solomon Islands, where a dedication ceremony could take place as early as this summer.

#### **PRAY**

For ease of logistics and against delays, so that printed Scripture will soon be available for the Nukeria and Tikopia communities.

# 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 Dominic Nears Finish Line

Dominic Pusai, a Papua New Guinean translator, began an internship in 2018 to become an exegetical advisor, with the goal of providing oversight to 4 of the 11 Aitape West Cluster project languages. These roles were previously held by missionaries, but Dominic has shown the capability, character, and commitment to excel in this position.

Now, Dominic is just a few months away from finishing his internship and is adeptly serving as an advisor. He continues to work on his own translation while checking the other team's translations for accuracy and clarity. About his experience as an intern, he writes, "This training has greatly helped in my Christian life. I have been applying the practical part of the training in my family and in my church."

## PRAY

That Dominic will have wisdom, energy, and focus as he assumes his full responsibilities as a graduated intern.

## Pray Now

Intern Philip Joses will wrap up his internship in Vanuatu in September. He's been working diligently alongside several partner organizations, such as SIL Vanuatu and Vanuatu Christian Council, to develop keen leadership skills in Bible translation. He continues pressing into vital roles working with translation teams, including the Shefa OBS Cluster teams. Pray for Philip and his family as they serve from Port Vila, a town that's still recovering from recent earthquakes.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

## A Call to Take Up Jesus' Cross

People who speak Diodio [DEE-OH'-DEE-OH] live in Papua New Guinea. Most identify as Christian, but only 10–15% have set aside their traditional animistic beliefs. In 2023, [work began on translating Scripture](#) into Diodio for the first time.

One recent advisor checking session included Luke 9:23, where Jesus tells his followers to leave all, take up their cross daily, and follow Him.

“For many years, I believed that attending church and being a good person was enough to be a disciple of Jesus,” one translator said. “But now I can see clearly that those things are not enough.”

## PRAY

That Scripture will keep leading team members to understand God's truth and follow Him more closely.

## Pray Now

A Notsi [NOH'–CHEE] New Testament dedication service is set for June 25 in Papua New Guinea. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the roughly 2,000 people who speak Notsi and give them a desire to make reading the Notsi New Testament a part of their daily lives. Pray also for the travel of Seed Company's film crew and other guests traveling from overseas for the dedication service.