

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	First Scripture	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We are preparing the Pentateuch for printing, which is a complicated process. Please pray for wisdom and perseverance to work through hindrances in preparing the glossary, prefaces, and book introduction.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Pray for divine guidance in producing accurate, clear, and culturally relevant translations of Old Testament books for Bufumbira speakers. Pray also for stronger church partnerships and additional sales of New Testaments to support the project and transform lives. Praise God for the impact that audio Scripture continues to have among the people!

— The Rufumbira team in Uganda

Pray for our work on translating Mele Scripture. It continues to be challenging: security concerns, travel restrictions, temporary blindness of our consultant, communication difficulties, and lack of training. God has assembled the people and organizations to bring the New Testament to the Mele. Please pray that significant progress can be made so that the Bible reaches and encourages the people who are facing such strong headwinds.

— The Mele team in Mainland Asia

Praise God that technology intern V Paola Cardenas has completed her master's degree prerequisites and fundamentals courses. Pray for her as she works on her master's in animation, audiovisual, web design, and multimedia.

— A capacity building intern in Peru

Anglophone East Africa

"Anglophone" refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, English is frequently used to train and coordinate Bible translation teams. Common obstacles to translation include drought, political conflict, and virus outbreaks.

We praise God that, as local leaders take greater ownership and leadership in Bible translation, this region is getting closer and closer to Zero!

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
549,200	8

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

Every Bible Counts Explores Partnership with Local Bible Translation Organizations in Uganda

[Every Bible Counts \(EBC\)](#), a new initiative founded by a Seed Company investor and a Ugandan pastor, focuses on Scripture engagement and impact in 3 areas: 1) *Sending* (printing and distributing mother tongue Scripture); 2) *Stewarding* (training local church leaders and pastors), and 3) *Sounding* (mobilizing audio scripture through listening groups).

In a meeting with EBC in May, translation partners in Uganda were especially eager to hear about their 11-month training program (which is more affordable and convenient than many Bible schools) that equips church leaders for ministry.

PRAISE

That EBC's work appears to be an answer to the long-time prayers of Uganda's Bible translation organizations, which have been looking for ways to increase Scripture use and impact in the region.

PRAY

EBC and partners in Uganda will find a project match (namely, a team releasing the New Testament in 2026) for EBC's next pilot project.

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)

Gweno People of Tanzania

Many of the 2,200 Gweno speakers in Tanzania's Kigweno community are excited about receiving Scripture in their language. This First Scripture project, launched in 2024, is focused on translating the books of Mark, Luke, and Acts.

Not long ago, an elderly man named Clement visited the translation office to express his happiness about the project, saying, "God will remember us Gwenos, who were so despised as a small community that speaks a language that a large group of the Tanzanian people do not understand." Clement hopes the translation will be completed soon, while he still has the strength to see and read it.

PRAISE

That the Gweno team was able to receive Paratext training in Kenya.

PRAY

For Gweno churches to embrace and support the work of the translation team.

Pray Now

The Kenya Sign Language team recently completed phase 4 and started phase 5. They are excited to bring on new translators. Ask God to provide just the right individuals to join the team. Pray that the experienced translators will effectively pass on their knowledge and invest well in the next generation. Join the team in thanking God for His faithful guidance and care.

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)

Africa Inland Church in Tanzania

In 1887, missionaries from the Church Missionary Society arrived in Nassa Village, Mwana, Tanzania, to open a church. Africa Inland Church-Tanzania (AIC-T) was established there in 1909. Today, bishops serve local churches in 7 dioceses throughout the nation.

Together with an [Africa Inland Mission](#) team, AIC-T Pastor Shilikale initiated Oral Bible Translation (OBT) in the Gawali language in about 2015. Since 2021, Pastor Shilikale has been leading a second project—the Hadza OBT project among the Hadzabe people, a nomadic hunter-gatherer group. He is also church planting among the Datooga people, where he wants to begin OBT in two languages.

[Watch the Hadza community viewing of the Jesus Film.](#)

PRAISE

Luke and Acts in Hadza are published, along with 21 oral Bible stories.

PRAY

For the ongoing development of AIC-T as an effective partner.

Pray Now

Pray for the Gawlang Oral Bible Translation team and the family of Mahmoud, one of the translators. He recently passed away while traveling to one of their workshops. He had been with the project since the beginning and was a foundational member of the team.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: DINKA REK LANGUAGE

But Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!” May the LORD

— Ruth 1: 16-17 (NLT)

Go Ruth bëër, “Duk ya läŋ ba yi nyäŋ piny tëdë ba muöl ë yi. Të le yin thîn abi yen la thîn. Ku të bi yin ceŋ thîn yen abi yen ceŋ thîn. Kacku kek aabi ya kackië ku Nhialicdu yen abi ya Nhialicdië. Ku të bi yin thou thîn yen abi yen thou thîn, ku thiëk ya thîn ëtëënë. Të le yen kuat kädäŋ ke cie thuu yen tek yo yiic yok yi, ke Bënydit abi ya kuën kë ril yic apei.”

— Ruth 1:16-17 (Dinka Rek)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

The Dinka Rek Translation in South Sudan

Since Dinka Rek speakers dedicated their New Testament in 2008, they have distributed 77,000 copies!

They began work on Genesis in 2016 and Exodus in 2019, leading to an official project in 2021 that involved also drafting Joshua, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-17, Esther, Proverbs, and Jonah.

This month, the project transitions to a new phase that will make additional Old Testament books available to the community in written and audio formats.

PRAISE

For the 11 Old Testament books that have been checked by a consultant and are ready for recording. Some are already recorded!

PRAY

- For peace in the country, where instability is affecting team members' progress.
- That artificial intelligence drafting technology will further the team's progress.

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)

Celebrating God's Faithfulness in Building New Leaders

Partners in Uganda are praising God for 5 men who completed rigorous internships. Once certified as consultants, Andrew Angupale, Aristarchus Gesa, and Richard Edonyu will provide much-needed support to translation teams whose efforts are often delayed by consultant shortages.

Anthony Kamau completed a quality assurance internship and is leading another internship program that equips young people from all over the continent for both technical and leadership roles.

In addition to completing a quality assurance internship, Samuel Oluka is graduating with a master's degree in organizational leadership and management. His dissertation on managing remote teams offers practical wisdom that will benefit local Bible translation efforts and serve as a resource for translation teams around the world.

PRAY

That God will guide, encourage, and protect these dedicated men as they step into roles that empower communities, amplify the impact of Bible translation, and build up the next generation of servant-leaders in Africa.

Pray Now

Pray for Gezashign, who has become a senior leader in the field of trauma healing. She is mentoring around 20 male and female church ministers in Ethiopia, making it possible for individuals in the church facing trauma to identify their struggles and find healing through the teachings of the Word of God. As a result, the ministry is gaining attention and expanding within the church community.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Proclaiming God's Word Among the Suri

The Suri people are using translated Scriptures in many exciting ways!

The Suri advisor, [Yelegoy](#), says that youth are meeting and using translations in afternoon Bible studies and literacy training. Adults and women's groups use it for Bible studies. "A few people are even composing songs from Suri Scriptures," he says.

The Suri live in southwestern Ethiopia, spread across a mountain range and two river valleys. Some Suri young men live in cattle camps that are far from village churches, so [SIL AIM Ethiopia](#) trained a group of Suri men to minister there.

PRAISE

For the birth of a healthy baby girl to Yelegoy and Sofia. Her name is Yela, which means "Love."

Pray Now

As the Suri team continues to translate Scripture and engage people with it, pray that members will remain healthy and that a recent outbreak of anthrax will come to an end. Pray also that God will transform the lives of young men in the cattle camps through the work of Suri evangelists. May each spark of Scripture become a great fire as God's Word spreads throughout the Suri community!