

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	First Scripture	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

Pray With Others

Get More Resources



Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for the Nap church as they seek to expand and construct a new building. Praise God that they are engaging with Scripture well! Pray also that the new Scripture phone app will impact Nap speakers as they begin to use it.

— The Nap team in Mainland Asia

Pray for missionaries who are preaching God's Word in the Junta Mon community. Pray also for translators who are suffering persecution in the village for cooperating with Christians on the project.

— The Junta Mon team in Africa

Pray that more youth will join and help revitalize our Oral Bible Storytelling team as we carry out our various activities. Pray also that storytellers will find many opportunities to share Bible stories in the community.

— The Malimba team in Cameroon

Pray that our community and churches will grow in their support of Scripture engagement. Pray also for strength, wisdom, and good health for our translators, translation consultant, and their families as we complete testing and checking of the remaining chapters of Luke.

— The Banda-Yangere team in Africa



Americas

The Americas region spans North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Many translation teams benefit from community support, strong partnerships, trained theologians, and reliable internet and technology.

Ask God to send workers to conduct more language surveys, especially for oral and sign languages, to accurately determine the remaining needs.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages		
124,130	47		

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 2nd 'Bible for All Peoples' Conference

The 2nd "Bible for All Peoples" Conference is happening this week at AD Evangelical Church in São Luís, Brazil. The event aims to raise awareness among churches about the strategic importance of Bible translation in fulfilling the Great Commission. About 500 participants are expected.

The Brazilian Bible Translation Alliance (APTB) revived the conference after a long hiatus, with support from the Maranhão Assembly of God Convention (CEADEMA).

PRAISE

For this strong sign of God's ongoing work in advancing Bible translation and church engagement in Brazil.

PRAY

For a Seed Company representative who's invited to speak and highlight our partners' efforts in Brazil. They are seeking our support to promote Pray for Zero and involve more people. This is a promising opportunity because the Assembly of God church is highly respected in the region for its vibrant prayer initiatives.



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)

Deaf Community Finally Receives God's Word

In a South American country where resources are limited, a remarkable Deaf team is breaking through barriers. Though the local Deaf church has existed for decades, its people have not had access to Scripture in the language they understand best—till now.

The translation team is comprised of Deaf leaders who have served in their communities for over 30 years. Most haven't done Bible translation before, but they've faithfully taught God's Word through preaching, camps, social media, and various ministries.

In a context where written language has long overshadowed sign language, this project is not just a Bible translation—it's a cultural affirmation and a spiritual awakening. Through sign language Scripture videos, these faithful leaders are reclaiming the right to know God personally—in their language.

PRAISE

That this Deaf community is on track to receive their first Bible book—Luke's Gospel—in a few years.

PRAY

That translated Scripture will foster unity among local Deaf churches.



Pray Now - Monday

Pray for the 3 teams working in LIBRAS (Brazilian Sign Language) as they consider joining their efforts to complete the Scriptures together. They have completely different styles of working, so they need to navigate how to work moving forward for a cohesive outcome.



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)

Suriname Bible Society

The Suriname Bible Society (SBS) has joined forces with the Bible Society of Guyana to bring God's Word to the more than 700,000 Guyanese English Creole-speakers scattered across Canada, French Guiana, Suriname, the United States, and Guyana.

Guyanese Creole is spoken by a majority of people living in Guyana and is currently the only Caribbean language group for which a translation project has not yet started. Leaders and pastors from churches in Guyana have expressed the need for this translation, highlighting how this could greatly enhance their evangelism and discipleship efforts.

Seed Company is currently partnering with SBS on 7 translation projects and 2 internships and is grateful for their commitment to reaching language communities throughout the Caribbean region in northern South America.

See the next page for prayer points related to SBS.



Pray Now – Tuesday

Pray that God would continue to bless the translation work of the Suriname Bible Society in bringing God's Word to communities in the Caribbean. Thank Him for providing funds to make the Guyanese English Creole project possible.



Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: JAKALTEKO LANGUAGE

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

— James 3:5–6 (NLT)

Lahan jaq' ti' b'oj q'a' q'a', nohnajkoj stx'ojal yinh. Aykoj stz'ajoj konimanil, yuxin sunil konimanil chetakantoj. Haka'tik'a xol q'a' q'a' xhtit stzujb'anil, yuxin chetakantoj sunil koq'inal.

— James 3:5–6 (Jakalteko)

Our tongue is like fire; it's full of evil. It's part of our body, which is why it ruins our entire body. It's like a fire igniting within it, which is why it ruins our entire life.

— James 3:5–6 (Jakalteko team summary of passage)



PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

The Ngigua Coming Closer to a Full Bible

One day in 1945, a native of San Marcos Tlacoyalco, Mexico, named Hilario was helping build a dam when he met a Christian mason. Through the mason and his testimony of constant prayer, Hilario learned of the gospel.

When Hilario returned to his home as a believer in 1958, he preached to his family and neighbors—a difficult time when new believers' homes were the target of gunfire. Still, in 1960 the first church was built.

Today, 20,000 Ngigua [N–GIHG'–WAH] believers have a New Testament in their language. Translators expect to finish the Old Testament by December 2026 (see <u>Amos 8:11 here</u>).

PRAISE

For the opportunity to teach a reading and writing workshop in a neighboring community.

PRAY

- For God's care for the translators' families in supporting the team.
- For more Scripture engagement initiatives by three Ngigua churches.



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)

Language Program Manager Intern Rafaela Gomes

Rafaela Gomes leads a busy life at home as she and her husband raise two children. But she's also busy as a Language Program Manager intern, exercising her time management skills to maintain her commitment to that work as well.

Team members at <u>YWAM Brazil</u> are grateful for her attention to detail and the team's needs. She's applying tools gained through a Competency Based Certification Program offered by <u>SIL Global</u>, a linguistics and translation organization. She's also attended the International Language Assessment Conference and on-site management training by Seed Company.

PRAISE

For her family's good health, and progress on Scripture translations in the Babacu and Jaminawa languages.

PRAY

For translation processes begun with African languages, and progress on Pupunha and Açaí translations.



Pray Now – Thursday

We prayed for Sisters Carmen and Angela in <u>February</u>. They remain physically and emotionally exhausted. These translators for the Cuicateco project in Mexico lost one sister to an illness. Another was seriously injured by a dog on the street. Angela, *at left*, now faces a second surgery on her left eye after the first surgery had complications. Pray that God will bring them healing and comfort, and also ease their frustration with lack of progress on their translation work.



Friday

IMPACT STORY

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing, we celebrate your mighty acts.

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

Gavião Children's Ministry and Zoro Outreach

The Gavião church is a robust institution, supported by a local couple who are dedicated to children's ministry and by two local missionaries who originally served on the translation teams. One of them was selected to facilitate the upcoming Zoro project—the first time in Brazil that an indigenous translator will fill that role for a project involving another people group!

A "Bible Investigators" course in Ikolen village attracts about 75 youth 3 times a week. They are so interested that when leaders cancelled a meeting to provide rest, students said, "Please, let's meet! We don't want to rest."

PRAISE

That translation consultant intern Adilton has completed half of his training.

PRAY

For a special gathering of the Gavião and Zoro in the fall that will include several Seed Company leaders.



Pray Now – Friday

Pray for the Waiampi Amapari translation team in Brazil that is working hard to reactivate their project and their work on Old Testament books after the passing of their long-time friend and team facilitator.