

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

Praise God for progress on two language projects in Nigeria. The Lala team has finished checking Philippians and Colossians with a consultant. The Waja team continues to check Romans with a consultant; pray that they will be able to overcome power issues that have caused some disruptions.

— The Lala and Waja teams in Nigeria

Praise God for His faithfulness in caring for two believers in Mali who had come to faith in Christ after taking a literacy class and reading the New Testament in their mother tongue. They were recently accused and arrested for being terrorists. When young men of their ethnicity are arrested, they are rarely seen again. However, after their pastor advocated for their release as a case of mistaken identity, the men were released to return home to their families.

— Two believers in Mali

Pray for us as we mourn the loss of one of our team members, a lively Bible storyteller from Tongoa Island. A doctor and dentist checked her for a mouth infection while she was in the capital city during our Oral Bible Storytelling workshop in May, but she died after returning to her small island home where there's little medical care.

— The Efate OBS team in Vanuatu

Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language. Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have even completed the difficult training required to become translation consultants. Much of their work is done in secret, under governments that are unstable or hostile. Interrogation is a constant threat.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
24,741,355	145

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

Country in Chaos

One Mainland Asia nation remains in disarray after 4 years of heightened civil war. All areas of the country are breaking down. There is no longer any rule of law. Men and women ages 18–35 face conscription into a military they would never choose to serve. They and their families are desperately seeking ways to get them out of the country, legally or illegally, to go to school, to work, or just to hide.

Chaos often causes people to lose hope—hope for order and stability. May the people of this nation, 90% of whom follow the majority religion, come to see God as the One who subdues chaos, comforts during chaos, and re-creates after chaos.

PRAY

For everyone in this nation who needs heart language Scripture to clearly understand that Jesus has already conquered the chaos of death and judgment.

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)

Bringing Scripture to the Lupha People

About 10,000 Lupha speakers live in the northern region of a country that is hostile to Christianity. Most religion centers on ancestral worship. Harsh weather and limited access to education lead to persistent poverty among these people, who must rely on crops and animals for a living.

Despite the hardships, some people have come to faith in Christ. It's difficult, however, for new believers to grow in their faith without God's Word. Praise God that church leaders have united around a new project to bring Scripture to the Lupha, beginning with Mark and Luke!

PRAY

That God will prepare the hearts of Lupha believers to receive the spiritual nourishment of Scripture, and that His Word will bear fruit among those who don't yet know Christ.

Pray Now

Please pray for the Shatikha project's translation advisor and his family. Their adult son recently died, and they will face the grief of this overwhelming loss now and for months to come.

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)

Partner Training Slated for August

In late August, Dr. David will travel to Mainland Asia to conduct 2 weeks of training for mother tongue translators (MTTs) from a national partner organization. Some 15 people are expected to attend, including representatives from each of the 8 Bible translation projects the partner manages in that country.

Due to COVID-19 issues and various political problems, many MTTs have missed out on training opportunities in the past three years.

PRAY

- For the health of Dr. David and his team. It will be the rainy season, which is a time when many people get sick.
- For no security issues that could sidetrack the training.
- For effective communication.
- For the MTTs to work well with the participatory method that Dr. David employs (versus lecturing).

Pray Now

Continue praying for the Jade Star Deaf translation team. As mentioned in previous journals, they've been recovering from a break-in, where thieves stole nearly all their equipment and emptied their cloud storage. Thankfully, the team had funds to replace their equipment as a civil war in their country has prevented them from traveling to workshops. Pray that they'll be able to catch up on their work and implement security measures to thwart future break-in attempts.

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: CHAWMA LANGUAGE OF MAINLAND ASIA

— Numbers 9:18 (NIV)

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— Numbers 9:18 (Chawma)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Way Language Translators Press On

This month, Way language team members are beginning a new phase that will complete the New Testament. Next, they'll work on Psalms, Proverbs, and incorporating the language into a liturgical church's lectionary and services.

The Way people live in areas where a civil war has hit the hardest. Imagine what it is like for people there to finally have access to the Bible in their heart language—God's assurance that He has not forgotten them!

[Watch the Way team read Luke 9:11-17](#)

PRAY

For team members who persevere, including a local translator who has had to flee his home, use solar power to adapt to electricity outages, and work with frequent internet problems. Pray for God's forgiveness, peace, justice, and love for a country that is immersed in war and conflict.

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)

God's Faithfulness to the Imola Spreads to Neighboring Groups

An Imola church celebrated its 25th anniversary in April. The pastor served on the team that started translating the New Testament in 1975. He joined as an unbeliever, but before the New Testament was completed in 1995, he'd given his life to Christ and went on to become a pastor. He is grateful for God's faithfulness to his small congregation and encouraged to see its influence spreading beyond their people.

An Imola Bible translation partner is managing 4 oral Bible storytelling projects and 8 translation projects. When church members visited one of these language groups, they witnessed a Buddhist monk hearing God's Word for the first time in his language as he accepted an audio player containing translated Scripture. They praised God that the fruit of His Word is now growing in neighboring communities.

PRAY

That Scriptural truths will draw many among these 12 language communities to follow Christ, including the Buddhist monk.

Pray Now

For the 4 Sud Cluster Oral Bible Translation (OBT) teams, as they hope to hold their first OBT workshop this September. They are praying for a miracle regarding travel safety and security and asking God to grant them knowledge and understanding as they work together on audio Scriptures.

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 Read in Chawma to Receive Bibles

Daniel goes out every day to share the gospel with the Chawma people. One day, some children asked, “Can we have a copy of the Chawma Bible?”

He smiled and replied, “If any of you can read a verse from the Chawma Bible—like John 3:16—I will give you a copy.”

On Sunday, several of the children came to the church and proudly read verses in Chawma. As a reward, each received a copy of the Chawma New Testament.

When they returned home, they were full of joy and encouraged other children to read the Chawma Bible.

PRAY

- That all who attend the Sunday service and children’s program receive the true gift, Jesus Christ, as their Lord.
- That God would provide more capable people to work with the translation team.

Pray Now

The Rakali people are eager to have the whole Bible in their own language. The team is working with a consultant to check 2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. When these books are complete, they'll be added to the Rakali Scripture App so people can immediately have access to God's Word. Pray that the Lord will use translated Scripture to touch the hearts of Rakali speakers.