

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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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

One of our translators, Agabus, considers himself to be an atheist, but his work has been important to our completion of the Bible. He has not been able to speak since surgeons operated on his ear and found another growth affecting his throat. Pray for Agabus' physical recovery and that the Lord will give him a new heart through the Scriptures he translates.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Praise God that He has been answering our prayers for churches in Jamaica to use translated Scripture in wider ways. Pray that He will continue to open doors for its use in preaching, Sunday School lessons, and evangelism.

— The San Andres Creole team in Jamaica

Pray for unity among key players in our community. Their discord has affected social works, religious activities, and other social functions. Pray also for the safety of young volunteer workers in areas affected by armed conflict.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Our translators have seen positive changes coming from an ongoing Bible study they are leading throughout our area. Pray that the study will continue to be used and received with joy, and the study's impact will broaden people's understanding of God's Word.

— A Bible translation team in the Pacific

Anglophone West Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is used as a trade language. This week, we’re praying for the Anglophone West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia, where God has provided incredible unity and local leadership among ministries with diverse strengths. Bible translation has accelerated rapidly in Nigeria over the last few years, decreasing the number of languages waiting to be engaged from 200+ to fewer than 40 today.

Challenges in the region include social and economic instability, persecution, corruption, lack of training, and false teaching. Many projects are brand new and need fervent prayer to bring their good work to completion.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

| People | Languages |
|--------|-----------|
| 47,361 | 20 |

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. July 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

Unprecedented Boldness in Nigeria and Progress in Ghana

In Northern Nigeria, new Muslim converts are going on social media and declaring, “Whether I live or I die, I am choosing to follow Jesus,” and, “Even if all of the Muslims of the world are against me, I am choosing to become a Christian!” Praise God for such boldness!

At the same time, Bible translators are making unprecedented progress in Ghana. By 2027, 9 Ghanaian language groups are projected to receive their first full Bibles! This will enable many to read God’s Word in the language closest to their hearts.

PRAISE

- For the revival breaking out among Muslim communities in Northern Nigeria.
- For translators’ faithfulness and perseverance in Ghana.

PRAY

- That new believers will boldly persevere as their faith is challenged.
- That translated Bibles will transform lives as people encounter Jesus.

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)

Oral Bible Stories Evoke Strong Responses

The Rang language translation team began work on oral Bible stories less than a year ago, but narratives surrounding the arrest and resurrection of Jesus are already bearing fruit.

After hearing stories in his own language, a man named Michael shed tears and confessed that he now comprehends the extent of Jesus' suffering on our behalf. Salome, who previously harbored doubts about Christ, publicly acknowledged that Jesus is not merely human, but truly divine.

Martin said that he initially perceived the accounts of Jesus' resurrection as mere theatrics, but came to believe in its veracity after hearing the stories in Rang. The stories also helped Rebecca overcome her astonishment and comprehend the concept of a dead human's resurrection.

For prayer points related to the Rang translation, see *the next page*.

Pray Now

Pray that oral Bible stories will continue to illuminate the hearts of members of the Rang tribe in Nigeria (*see article, opposite page*). Pray that as they process what it means to follow Jesus, the reality of His death and resurrection will continue to transform their lives even as they endure difficult circumstances.

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)

West Africa Christian Mission in Nigeria

The Mbembe Cluster project includes three Nigerian language groups—Adun, Okom, and Osopong—that are interconnected geographically, linguistically, and ethnically. Bible translation pioneer [Dr. Katy Barnwell](#) served as one of the primary translation consultants on this project since its inception years ago.

West Africa Christian Mission has been a strong partner in managing the Mbembe Cluster project since 2018. Their mission is to win the lost and to train and equip national Christian leaders, and they offer a 3-year program that awards a diploma in Christian Ministry. They also run a healthcare facility and partner with a foundation to produce Sunday School manuals for churches and Christian groups.

PRAY

That the West Africa Christian Mission organization will continue to grow and deepen their impact on Bible translation in the region.

Pray Now

The Language Program Manager (LPM) Cohort—made up of 13 interns and 2 mentors from 11 different Bible translation organizations—will conclude this September in Abuja. This will mark the end of a meaningful 2.5-year journey of learning and growing through both virtual and in-person gatherings. Pray for the LPMs as they continue in their development post-cohort. Pray that they will seek and apply God's wisdom as they pursue Bible translation efforts throughout Nigeria.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MBEMBE-OKOM LANGUAGE

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 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 1:6–8 (NLT)

Mẹ wọ ofon, bẹ atzobha akhọr-ẹ, bẹ abọbh-ẹ bi, “Itta, na kọ atzimaọvaarbhon kw'Israel m'ogbe nwa, akpa nnam akwu~o?” Oben bẹ bi, “Odik kwabọng arang bi, bọng aronga ogbe obiro ode iwu, s'Otte kwaam ọkk'ẹfa chẹ otzima ọphaari ohok. 8 Yina, bọngátzokha ẹfa k'ogbe kw'Egwugwuma ch'Awurada ẹhakha ẹnwa bọng. Bọng áde awobhare paam ka Jerusalem, ọmaana ka Judiya ọmaana kaSamariya biphyyir maa, apyiri k'okpong kw'oyagbin.”

— Acts 1:6–8 (Mbembe-Okom)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Chala Project in Ghana

In December 2022, [we prayed](#) for translation work to begin soon in the Chala language. A project began less than a year later, and team members now report that it has progressed so swiftly that they are ahead of schedule!

The team proposes adding new goals that include John, Philippians, and Colossians, as well as developing literacy materials. At the current pace, the Chala New Testament will be completed in the next few years.

“Our success is by God’s grace,” project coordinator Lambert says. His ability to learn the language quickly allowed for faster checks during drafting, which also accelerated team checking. Dedicated translators and support from partners have also been vital to the team’s success.

PRAY

That God will continue equipping team members with strength and wisdom as they fix their eyes on completing the Chala New Testament.

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)

Field Partner Invests in Financial Health

Field partner LIST (Luke Initiative for Scripture Translation) in Nigeria has been working diligently to expand its financial capacity. The process began with laying a solid foundation in project management and reporting through a 3-year internship for the cash officer.

Now, Seed Company's Growth Partners team is facilitating the transition from a manual bookkeeping system to QuickBooks Online. This will improve efficiency and access to financial data, providing LIST with the tools and training needed to support the many projects they manage.

PRAISE

For LIST's willingness to embrace change, even when it requires considerable stretching and developing a growth mindset.

PRAY

That the Holy Spirit will grant the finance team wisdom as they learn to trust a new system and processes, and adopt new financial practices.

Pray Now

Pray for the 35+ local ministry partners with whom Seed Company's Growth Partners team is working—empowering them to initiate, resource, and manage their own Bible translation projects. Pray for the more than 400 Bible translation projects these partners have launched and managed in the past 5 years. Pray these ministry partners can increasingly provide for themselves through local resources and funding.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

What Am I Hearing?

A Kode Kholok team member, serving with the Sakko Cluster project in Nigeria, recalls a time when his team visited a small community situated on top of a mountain in a remote area. They were playing audio Scriptures in a small church when Baba, a man known for worshiping idols, passed by. He was shocked to hear something so interesting in his language and came over to listen more closely. He asked a lot of questions and, in the end, chose to give his life to Christ. He is now attending the church.

PRAY

- That Baba's new faith will take deep root and blossom into a vibrant walk with Jesus.
- That Baba will receive strong discipleship and grow spiritually mature.

Pray Now

Pray for the four language groups (Kiyu, Kholok, Loo, and Maghdi) that are part of the Sakko Cluster 2 Project in Nigeria. They are working to produce an Oral Bible Translation with Transcription of Genesis, Ruth, Jonah, Mark, John, Acts, and 1–2 Timothy. Pray that those participating in listening groups in each language would meet regularly, listen to the Scriptures, and promote the translation recordings in their communities.