

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 our team members as we meet this week to review and revise our translation work. Pray also that the administrative committee will be able to visit churches in our area. There has been lots of rain, and traveling in their small boats is dangerous.

— The Wampis team in Peru

Praise God that typesetting is almost finished for the entire Jakalteko Bible! Pray that He will supply the resources necessary to print and ship it.

— The Jakalteko team in Guatemala

Praise God that our translation consultant's eyesight is recovering. We will begin checking Mark this month. Our team has been waiting a long time for believers to hear the gospel in their language for the first time. Pray for safety; due to high sensitivity and surveillance, work can only be done remotely through voice calls.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Pray for our showings of the LUMO film of Mark in several villages this month. This film is a visual translation that combines live-action footage with word-for-word Scripture to paint an authentic portrait of the life of Christ.

— The Diodio team in Papua New Guinea

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless. Obstacles to their progress include hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
366,380	24

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

Regaining Momentum in the East

For the past 5 months, field partners managing the Havu, Kanu, Kwame, and Mvuba translation teams have been operating in rebel-held areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Closed banks and security threats have stalled many larger planned activities and gatherings. Recently, the teams were finally able to resume workshops.

PRAISE

- That 2 field partners were able to hold a joint workshop on translating the epistles (see photo below).
- That Jimmy Ndeshibire from the Association for Bible Translation and Literacy was able to start his consultant-in-training internship.

PRAY

- For continued protection and provision for those living, working, and traveling in rebel-controlled areas.
- For wisdom for field partners as they continue planning and adapting activities in a complex context.

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)

Ombamba Speakers Welcome New Project

Ombamba believers in the Republic of Congo expressed a strong desire for a Bible translation project in their language. They were convinced that God's Word in Ombamba would help bring those who don't yet know Jesus to faith. They are overjoyed that an Ombamba translation project began on July 1, 2025, with SIL Congo managing the team.

This project will start with Luke and James to facilitate the production of the "JESUS" film in Ombamba.

PRAY

- That the team will have creative strategies for Scripture engagement, as most Ombamba speakers cannot read or write their language, creating a barrier to accessing written Scriptures.
- That new believers won't be drawn back to traditional religious beliefs.

Pray Now

We praise God that at the end of June a U.S. facilitated peace agreement was signed between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. Qatar-based negotiations between the DRC and the M23 rebel group are ongoing. However, neither M23 nor Rwandan troops have withdrawn from the Eastern DRC. Our Congolese brothers and sisters have endured incredible suffering due to conflict the past 3 decades. Please continue to pray alongside them that God would have mercy and establish sustainable peace in DRC.

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)

Encouraging DRC Partners in Ethiopia

Our partners SATRAB (Solidarity for Literacy and Bible Translation) and CITBA (Interconfessional Center of Bible Translation and Literacy) are operating in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in areas overtaken by rebels earlier this year. The situation has prevented Seed Company staff from visiting and observing their projects in person.

Leaders from SATRAB and CITBA recently traveled to Ethiopia to meet with Seed Company Field Project Manager Philip Nsah. They discussed project goals and strategies and identified ways that Seed Company could offer better support during these difficult times.

PRAY

- That SATRAB and CITBA teams would be faithful in carrying out their work, translating Scripture and blessing the communities they serve.
- That a peace agreement signed in June would end decades of conflict between DRC and Rwanda, particularly in areas where our partners and their families reside.

Pray Now

Please pray for our partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, especially the Congolese Association for Bible Translation and Literacy ([ACTB](#)), which has delayed the start of a well-prepared project due to unexpected funding limitations. Ask the Lord to sustain their faith and strengthen their hope as they seek God's provision and guidance. May He open new doors in His perfect timing.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: LOKONDA LANGUAGE

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 1:8 NLT

Yaa longobata nguya anε engα Bolimo bo Bɔyengwa bolohulwele. Longoyala nyεnεki ikimi nde Yelusaleme, nde Yudeya la bonkundu mpe nde Samalia, mpe nde nhuki inkuma iki bokili.

— Acts 1:8 Lokonda

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Banda-Linda Community Perseveres

The Banda-Linda team in the Central African Republic continues pressing on despite challenges. A lack of available consultants halted their goals to complete and print Genesis, Exodus, and Esther by the end of 2025. The translators remained determined, however, and instead drafted Leviticus, Nehemiah, Joshua, Daniel, Jonah, and Hosea.

In May, we [prayed](#) for the release of the printed Banda-Linda New Testament, which has been stuck in a shipping container in Douala, Cameroon, since late December. Prolonged delays have allowed shipping documents to expire, causing further delays. The translators and community members are frustrated and sad. The managing partner (ACATBA) is hoping to hire a different shipping company that is reportedly more proactive and competent in dealing with port authorities.

PRAY

That the Banda-Linda New Testament will be released from the shipping container soon, so the community can hold a dedication celebration and start engaging with God's Word in the language of their hearts.

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)

A Joyful Arrival

We're rejoicing over the healthy arrival of intern Gloria Iyanga Ilanga's baby, Princess! We prayed for Gloria and her husband, Prince.

Gloria is now in the last few months of her Language Program Management internship with partner CET (Fellowship of Labor Churches). CET's director writes, "We're very pleased with Gloria's internship, as we continue to receive many testimonials from translators about her involvement in raising community awareness of the values of our languages and how to plan well without being influenced."

PRAISE

- For the health and safe arrival of Princess.
- For Gloria's contributions to Bible translation with CET.

PRAY

- That Princess would be healthy and free from the common childhood epidemics in this region.
- For Gloria's successful completion of a final training course when she returns from maternity leave.

Pray Now

We [prayed](#) for Pascal Kugana and his new wife, Gisele, last summer. They faced a heartbreaking loss on May 31 when their first child was stillborn. Pascal is the IT staff member at partner organization Community Forum of Bible Translators and Literacy ([FOCOTBA](#)). This unexpected tragedy has left the couple in deep emotional pain. Pray for comfort and peace in their grief; emotional and spiritual restoration; financial provision to help meet their outstanding needs; and hope and renewed strength for the days ahead.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Celebrating the Completion and Impact of Zimba 3

Team members completed the 3rd phase of the Zimba Bible translation project in Democratic Republic of Congo at the end of June, and it has sparked a powerful cultural and spiritual revival. Pride in the Zimba identity surged across all levels of society.

Diaspora communities are now eager to learn Zimba, and demand for translated Scripture continues to grow.

Evangelism campaigns are being conducted in Zimba, and people are preaching, singing, and praying in their heart language. God's Word is touching lives deeply. The translation office has also become a center for academic and cultural research.

PRAISE

For the powerful impact that Scripture is making in the Zimba people's culture and hearts.

PRAY

That team members will look ahead with hope and carry their momentum into the next translation phase.

Pray Now

Please pray for Seed Company Field Project Manager Marie Makaya and her family as they prepare to leave the Democratic Republic of Congo after 13 years of service and life there. Ask the Lord to cover their transition to the U.S., especially for her children as they adjust to a new school and environment. May God grant them good friends, peace, strength, and a deep sense of His presence every step of the way.