

# 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

Pray for a new connection we have made with someone who lives inside the closed country where our people group lives. We will introduce our materials to this person, a local whose ministry is focused on our community. Also, pray we can catch up on translating the final language in our cluster. We underestimated how difficult Daniel and Psalms would be.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

It has been quite difficult to get fuel for our boats, which we rely on to visit language communities that live on the river. Pray that the Lord will supply for this ongoing need.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

Pray for our team as we plan to complete consultant checking of Ecclesiastes by the end of this month and finish team checking 2 Chronicles in September.

— The Aringa translation team in Africa

Pray for the opposition we are experiencing from people in our community. Pray for the Holy Spirit's illumination to help them understand that the Bible in our language is not a different message from the Bible in the language of wider communication.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

# Pacific

The Pacific region includes numerous countries spread across hundreds of islands. Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture, and hundreds of translations are in progress.

While churches are present almost everywhere, many people mix Christianity with other beliefs. This region also presents unique logistical challenges. Many language groups are very remote, and some can only be reached by boat.

Despite the great number of remaining needs, help for new translation projects is limited because trained consultants are often maxed out with existing work.

## Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
213,950	165

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. July 2025.*

*Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

# Sunday

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### Vanuatu Bible Forum Brings Together Collaborators

Church, government, and ministry leaders recently returned from a week-long Vanuatu Bible Forum, and they are celebrating the great success of their time together.

They had gathered to compare notes and review progress on language development and Bible translation initiatives in the country. They also worked collaboratively to ensure that remaining needs are met and Scripture is making an impact in the language communities.

More than 300,000 people live in Vanuatu—a country consisting of about 80 islands where more than 100 languages are spoken.

## PRAY

- That the work conducted at the forum and the seeds planted there will blossom in ways that foster healthy collaboration in Vanuatu.
- That God will continue to nurture unity among leaders in bringing Scripture to every people group in the country.

# Monday

## CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet, and a light for my path.*

— Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

## Dedicating the Notsi New Testament

On June 25, many Notsi [NOH'–CHEE] speakers gathered in New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea, to dedicate and celebrate the publication of the Notsi New Testament.

Translators from other language groups in the New Ireland Cluster attended the ceremony along with a large number of special guests. Speakers at the event urged community and church leaders to use the translated New Testament in their services and at home. Several people expressed thanks to God that this translation, which started roughly 40 years ago, was finally completed.

After the dedication service, there was a large feast, called a mumu, with pork, yams, cassava pudding, and bananas, all cooked under hot stones, followed by traditional dancing.

Watch videos of [dancing](#) and [prayer](#) at the Notsi New Testament Dedication.

*For prayer points, see the next page.*

## Pray Now

Praise God for the perseverance of Notsi translators in completing the Notsi New Testament. Please pray that Notsi speakers will use the New Testament to grow in Christ and to share their faith.

# 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)

## Islands Bible Ministries in the Solomon Islands

Islands Bible Ministries (IBM) has been working with 7 translation teams in the Solomon Islands—Are'are [AH'-REE-AH'-REE], Duke, Kubokota, Luqa [LOON'-GAH], Seqa [SAYNG'-GAH], To'ambaita [TOH-AH-BAE'-TAH], and Zabana.

Recently, team members completed a translation principles course presented by the organization. The course was designed to bolster the teams' knowledge and skills as they translate Old Testament books.

IBM was established to address the need for biblically solid training and discipleship resources in Pacific Island churches, where remote geography and limited access to theological education can be challenges. They understand that access to Scripture in local languages deepens understanding and faith.

## PRAY

That team members will faithfully remember and integrate the skills they learned in their daily translation work.

## Pray Now

The next Shefa Oral Bible Storytelling Cluster workshop is set for September 29–October 10 in Vanuatu. The cluster's 3 language teams (Namakura, Lelepa, and North Efate) are providing good reports on how the stories are impacting their communities. Pray for wisdom and creativity for the teams as they draft stories about Jesus' life and ministry.



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MUSIM [MOO'–SEEM] LANGUAGE OF HUON GULF CLUSTER IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*

— John 3:16-17 (NLT)

*Wapômbêng lahavin avilanyo pik lôthô, ba ditu hêv Nakadun tom atu ba halêm pik ek avilanyo takatu ba êvhavin ida, ma ta iggya lokmala wak nombêng iték. Wapômbêng me hêv Nakadun halêm pik ek indum abô esak avilanyo pik ame, me. Ma hêv yani halêm ek iggya avilanyo vé inggyék kambom.*

— Yoni 3:16-17 (Musim)

## DEDICATING THE TIKOPIA NEW TESTAMENT

**“Your language is your heart—and that is where God will speak to you.”**

Speakers of Tikopia [TEE-KOH'-PEE-AH] gathered in Honiara, Solomon Islands, on July 20 to celebrate the dedication of the Tikopia New Testament. Some 4 traditional Tikopian chiefs led a procession of officials who presented the New Testaments for dedication.

Dr. Edward Kolohae, general secretary of the Solomon Islands Christian Association, encouraged Tikopians to use these New Testaments as a tool to grow deeper in their faith. “Your language is your heart—and that is where God will speak to you,” he said.

The chairman of the Tikopia Translation Committee praised translators for their perseverance in the face of numerous challenges, including a lack of funding, difficult travel, and the remoteness of the Tikopia community.

### **PRAY**

That churches and many of the 3,300 Tikopian speakers will use the New Testament to grow closer to Christ and share their faith with others.

# 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)

## Never Far From Home

Intern Solomon Wara says his journey, though challenging, has also been one of the richest learning experiences he could have hoped for. He's training to become a consultant who will support translation teams in the Solomon Islands (where he is from).

Solomon is far from his homeland while studying at Payap University in Thailand. "Being immersed in a new culture and raising children in an unfamiliar environment has stretched me beyond what I anticipated," he says. "Yet, through every hardship, we've seen the faithfulness of God. He has provided strength when we were weak and peace when we were overwhelmed. I've learned that God is your home, so you are never far from where you belong," he affirms.

## PRAISE

That Solomon is making good progress toward his master's degree.

## PRAY

That God will continue to sustain Solomon and his family as he fulfills rigorous internship requirements.

## Pray Now

The Nukeria [NOO–KOO–REE’–AH] New Testament is ready for typesetting! Pray that the process will go quickly and smoothly, and that a small run of 150 printed copies will be completed in the Netherlands and make it safely to the Nukeria speakers’ small island in Papua New Guinea.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

## Psalm Captures Reader's Heart

"My heart was touched, and it made me cry," describes Misima speaker Owen Jack. As a member of the reviewer committee, Owen was asked to read through several psalms and provide feedback to the translators.

When they read Psalm 137:7–9, which describes God's judgment on Israel's enemies, Owen reflected on his own life and considered how his behavior often does not align with God's righteousness. He felt strong conviction but also a keen awareness of God's love and all that the Lord has done for him. "Therefore, I want to walk on God's path during my time on this earth. Through this book of psalms, I truly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit—He caught hold of me," Owen declares.

## PRAY

That translated Scriptures will continue to capture many hearts from this language group of 26,000 in Papua New Guinea, drawing them away from worldly pursuits to find forgiveness and joy in the gospel.

## Pray Now

In March, the SIL advisor halted the Madi 3 project's activities in Papua New Guinea due to an issue within the team. The issues have still not been resolved. Pray that God will lead the team to a resolution so they can resume work, and so the Scriptures they are producing will be accepted by community members who are aware of the issue.