

# 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 that God will give us the knowledge we need to draft the Old Testament. Also, pray that He will give our language speakers the courage to work cooperatively in our ministry and help with finding the right words in our language.

— The Bondei team in Tanzania

It seems like the community's interest in attending our storytelling workshop has not been as strong as it was in the past. Pray for renewed interest and continued growth for the storytellers and trainers in future workshops.

— The Shefa Oral Bible Storytelling language teams in Vanuatu

Praise God that He enabled our team and translators to double our pace and finish the work. Pray that He will protect our community; fear and insecurity are escalating since a regime change. Robberies and kidnappings have become a daily routine, and people no longer feel safe.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Pray that translated Scripture will unite the Balonzo people. Pray that our common purpose will break all forms of divisiveness within the faith-based community.

— The Lhukonzo team in Uganda

Praise God! We will soon complete the goals for this translation phase. Pray for our long-range planning as we seek His wisdom to choose which books to prioritize next.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

# Southern Africa

The Southern Africa region spans about 15 countries, including Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, several island nations, and all Portuguese-speaking countries on the African continent. Thanks to strong partnerships across the body of Christ, Southern Africa is approaching Zero! Hindrances to finishing the task include poor roads, political instability, and lack of workers to train local translators.

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

People	Languages
177,310	10

*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

### The All Africa CEO Consultation in Madagascar

Seed Company's Southern Africa field team was honored to participate in the recent Bible Societies All Africa CEO Consultation Meeting held in Madagascar.

This marked the first time the team was invited to participate in this important gathering of Bible society leaders from across the continent.

During the consultation, Barnie van der Walt, Seed Company's regional director for Southern and Lusophone Africa, highlighted the organization's focus on Scripture engagement and community transformation. The presentation opened doors for meaningful dialogue around future collaboration.

Team members say that they took this opportunity to emphasize Seed Company's role as a resource partner, not a Bible translation organization.

## PRAY

That this event marks the beginning of deeper partnerships with Bible Societies in the region, as we work together to make God's Word accessible, understood, and lived out in every community.

# 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)

## Crioulo Bible in Cape Verde

Cape Verde is a small island nation off the coast of West Africa. Portuguese is its official language, but most locals speak Crioulo. There is no Crioulo Bible—just Portuguese adaptations.

Last year, the church bishops approved a project to begin a Crioulo New Testament! The nationwide initiative plans to complete work by 2033, the 500th anniversary of the Catholic Church's presence in the country.

Seed Company is excited to be in conversations with local leaders about coming alongside them in the work.

## PRAISE

For the church's initiative, and for local leaders who welcome support and collaboration to bring Scripture to their people.

## PRAY

- For unity and wisdom as the team selects a Crioulo dialect and begins translation.
- For the necessary resources to support this project.

## Pray Now

Severe rains and flooding have hit the Cape Verde islands of São Vicente and Santo Antão, resulting in loss of life and serious damage to homes, roads, and public infrastructure. Many families are mourning, and entire communities are now faced with the challenge of rebuilding. Please keep Cape Verde in your prayers—asking for comfort for those affected and strength for the recovery ahead.

# 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)

## The Zambia Project: Bringing Hope to Western Zambia

[The Zambia Project](#) has a bold vision: to establish a life-giving church within walking distance of everyone in Western Zambia. At the heart of the project is the desire to see every village touched by the gospel and uplifted through the strength and unity of a vibrant Christian community.

The project is making a lasting impact through Bible translation, church planting, water well development, Christian radio, and outreach to vulnerable children. Currently, 5 active Bible translation projects are managed through 3-week workshops held 4 times a year, ensuring steady progress and deep community engagement.

## PRAISE

- For the more than 350 churches planted in Western Zambia so far.
- That 2 translation teams have seen a vast improvement in the velocity of their work.

## PRAY

- That the translated Word continues to grow in the hearts of the people and that lives will be transformed.

## Pray Now

Pray for 12 Consultants in Training who need to submit their research assignments for their Masters' Degree in Linguistics and Bible Translation.



# Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: NYANEKA [NYAH-NEH'-KAH]/  
MWILA [MWEE'-LAH] LANGUAGE OF ANGOLA

*So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

— Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

*Twahapwilei okulinga ociwa, nanyo pomuvo waco tukateya anko katwasoyele omitima.*

— Ovangalata 6:9 (Nyaneka-Mwila)

## Makoma Speakers in Zambia Turn to Christ After Viewing “JESUS” Film

The “JESUS” film was recently shown in Makoma-speaking communities in Zambia. For many, it was the first time hearing the gospel in their own language, something they never thought possible.

The turnout and response to the film was nothing short of amazing!

- In the first village, out of 360 people who watched, 350 made the decision to follow Jesus.
- In the second village, about 290 attended—and nearly all surrendered their lives to Christ.

People of all ages could relate to the message and expressed great joy in choosing to follow Christ.

### PRAY

- For the Makoma translation team, who are working to complete the Makoma New Testament by 2027.
- For those who gave their lives to Christ, that they will seek Christian fellowship and study Makoma Scripture as it becomes available.

# 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)

## Emmanuel Finds His Purpose

“Growing up, I often wondered what my purpose was in life,” says intern Emmanuel Phiri. He was raised in a Christian home and gave his life to Jesus at an early age. While attending university, he started volunteering for the Bible Society of Zambia. After graduation, he applied for a Seed Company internship program, but experienced uncertainties as his application was late and there were discouraging delays in processing his travel documents. But Emmanuel remained hopeful as he'd had a dream that he would be accepted into the program, and he was!

Looking back, Emmanuel feels encouraged by God's faithful guidance into Bible translation ministry. He says the internship has been life-changing, and he appreciates the patient and dedicated trainers who have nurtured both his professional and spiritual growth.

## PRAY

That Emmanuel will continue growing in his skills as an IT, Language Technology and Media intern.

## Pray Now

Angola is currently experiencing a difficult period. Peaceful protests over rising living costs have been met with violence. Many people have been arrested, injured, and some have lost their lives. The situation is tense, and fear is growing, especially in the capital city of Luanda. Please pray for protection over the people, for comfort to those who are grieving, and for wisdom and humility in the hearts of leaders.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

## God's Power Displayed in Mozambique

Intern Emanuel Matimba recently spent 3 weeks applying his internship skills in remote parts of Mozambique. He marveled at the evidence of God's work in these communities. In 1 village, after he showed the "JESUS" film, around 60 people chose to follow Jesus. He said that many promptly experienced healing from illness and spiritual oppression.

"It was both awe-inspiring and frightening how God performed these miracles," Emanuel reflects. "Jesus truly demonstrated his power against the principles of darkness that were disturbing people in this region full of war refugees." He thanks God for equipping him with skills that are now benefiting his people, "who are suffering from war trauma and in need of salvation."

## PRAY

- That Emanuel and his family will remain healthy as he continues his studies.
- That many, many more people in these communities will learn about God's sacrificial love and forgiveness.

## Pray Now

Pray for Christians in war-ravaged areas of Mozambique where thousands have been displaced, fleeing from atrocities committed by members of a different religion. They are homeless and jobless and live in fear of further attacks. Pray for God's protection physically, spiritually, and emotionally.