

# 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

Praise God that the rainy season has arrived in our region, which means the supply of electricity has improved enough to keep our power banks charged and manage power outages. Pray for people who have relocated to the city to get away from regional conflict; resources in the city are stretched thin.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Pray that pastors and believers of the church in Com Santa Maria will embrace the project of translating, teaching literacy, and using the Word of God in Kichwa. Pray that a Spanish-speaking pastor will choose to read the Word of God in their Kichwa language with courage and conviction.

— The Napo team in Peru

The government in our country is taking measures that contradict its electoral promises. For example, they have reset the age to receive a state-funded old age pension from 60 to 65. The country has an elderly population, and trade unions have announced plans for a hunger strike if the government does not back down. Pray that God gives leaders His guidance in all their decision-making, that He calms hearts and minds, and that our translation work is not disrupted.

— The Morisien team in Mauritius

Praise God that the Khily New Testament is finished! Pray that the steps necessary to print it will proceed smoothly, and for upcoming work on the Old Testament.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

# Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just three countries, but there is a great concentration of need within these islands. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers. Praise God that leaders in translation organizations, churches, and businesses alike are seeing Bible translation's importance in ministry. In addition to the logistical challenges of reaching certain remote islands, persecution is common in one country. Pastors have been kidnapped, imprisoned, or even killed.

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

People	Languages
740,525	87

*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

### **Pasil Guina-ang Kalinga New Testament Spurs Longing for More Scripture**

Many who speak Guina-ang in the Philippines have a greater hunger for God's Word ever since the Pasil Guina-ang Kalinga New Testament was dedicated in 2024. They eagerly await more heart language Scripture and long for the full Guina-ang Bible.

To that end, 8 Old Testament portions are now in draft form. The team plans to share those drafts with community members soon.

The Guina-ang New Testament, which has been distributed to nearly every household, is used in Sunday services, community gatherings, Bible studies, and personal devotions. With the recently released audio New Testament, people can use their cell phones to listen to Guina-ang Scripture and watch the "JESUS" film.

## **PRAY**

- That God would provide the right people to lead the distribution of the audio Guina-ang New Testament.
- That translators Claire, Josephine, Nancy, and Susana would grow in their faith and thirst for God's Word.

# 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)

## 3 People Groups Receive Luke's Gospel

In [May](#), speakers of Param, Lolengi, and Nabas joyfully welcomed the first Scripture translated into their own languages—the Gospel of Luke.

People of all ages, positions, and religious backgrounds joined in singing newly translated worship songs as they ushered in the freshly printed book on a raised platform into the villages. Many people from neighboring unreached villages attended the celebration, expressing curiosity and interest in the gospel.

### PRAISE

That 3 people groups received a translated account of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection for the first time. Despite many obstacles, translation is complete, and the occasion was marked with a beautiful dedication ceremony.

### PRAY

For the formation of Scripture reading groups, a hunger for God's Word to spread across the remote villages, and the transformation of people's hearts.

## Pray Now

The Kahak (KAH'-HAHK) language team of the Robeno Cluster has struggled with health and is in need of a 4th translator to join their team. Pray that God would provide good health to the team as well as an additional team member.

# 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)

## Initial Disinterest Gives Way to Dedicated Involvement

When Bible translation started taking place in this Islands Asia nation nearly 40 years ago, local church leaders weren't interested—they preferred Scriptures in the national language. But when they saw how God's Word in the people's heart language injected vitality into worship services, they changed their minds.

Now, an evangelical church denomination has set up a foundation and appointed officers to integrate translation work into their overall ministry. They are wonderful people and experienced administrators. They're currently climbing a steep learning curve as they begin managing a team of translators who are entering a new phase in their project.

## PRAISE

For the church's increasing interest in Bible translation and the dedicated new leaders of the foundation.

## PRAY

That the foundation's new leaders will quickly orient themselves to their new roles.

## Pray Now

Please pray for the Hai team's upcoming orthography workshop in August. Having encountered difficulty in finding an orthography trainer, the team appreciated an invitation to join another project's workshop. Pray that the Hai team will gain helpful insights at this workshop and that they'll experience safe travels.

# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: PAMAY LANGUAGE

*For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment.*

— 1 Peter 2:19 (NLT)

*Karna Allah pu hati snang kalo satu orang de tetap sabar waktu dapa susa deng sengsara, biar itu bukan karna de pu sala. Itu karna de ingat apa yang Allah mau.*

— 1 Peter 2:19 (Pamay)

*Because God's heart is happy if a person remains patient when encountering difficulty and struggle, as long as it's not because of his/her own wrong. But because he/she remembers what God wants.*

— 1 Peter 2:19 (translated back into English from Pamay)

## **PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT**

### **Pamay 3 Project of Islands Asia**

The Pamay New Testament is nearing completion! More than 2 million Pamay speakers are spread out over a large area that includes a dozen cities and roughly 1,000 villages. So, a huge challenge is making sure everyone knows the Pamay New Testament will be available soon!

Pamay Scriptures are already making an impact. One man's mom had been kicked out of her house after his dad died, and the dad's family claimed the house for themselves. The man was angry, "ready to explode." But then he remembered reviewing 1 Peter 2:19, 23 in Pamay, and said, "I just went and cried in my room and gave it over to God, trusting He would be the judge in our family."

#### **PRAY**

- For wisdom for the church engagement team in telling everyone about the Pamay New Testament.
- For the translators, as they complete the final books and enter the final editing stage before publication.

# 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)

## Assisting Churches, Denominations, and Translation Agencies in Islands Asia

A team of executives experienced in serving and mentoring Bible translation agencies for many years has founded an organization dedicated to mobilizing and supporting local churches, denominations, and Bible translation agencies. The staff wants to help churches and translation agencies to take greater ownership in accelerating Scripture translation and its transformative impact on every people group. They want to instill healthy organizational principles and foster collaboration and unity among these organizations, enabling them to engage local resources to participate in God's mission.

### PRAISE

For the official launch of this organization in June.

### PRAY

- That the new organization's staff will continue growing in their skills and effectiveness.
- That promoting local ownership will accelerate Scripture translation and impact.

## Pray Now

Please pray for the family and co-translators of Ptr Cuma, a beloved local pastor and long-time translator, who passed away in May after months of illness. The Koronadal language team of the South Seas Cluster in the Philippines is grieving the loss of not just a colleague but a dear friend and mentor. Pray that God would raise up a new translator—someone skilled and called—to help carry on the work that Ptr Cuma faithfully began.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

— Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

## Once Critical, Now Called

Ari, a seminary student originally reluctant to participate, provides this testimony about his time working with the Mudanot translation:

Having seen some translation drafts, “I was critical because it did not line up word-for-word with the Bible of the national language.

During the check of Matthew Chapters 1-14, I learned so much from interacting with God's Word in my own language. I began understanding some of Jesus' parables for the first time! Now ... I am fully supportive of the good work being done.”

Ari now believes God is “calling me back to the Mudanot people. ...My people often live in fear of various spirits and I know that God will speak to them in a powerful way when I share the message of Christ using the Bible in their heart language.”

## PRAY

Pray for the completion of the New Testament for the Mundanot people. It is expected to be finished in May 2026.

## Pray Now

The Lembata Cluster project in Islands Asia started in March. The 5 language teams have drafted portions of Luke's Gospel and are preparing for a translation consultant to check their work in mid-September. Pray that the check will improve their work and help them grow as translators.