

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 God to supply additional people to participate in the community testing of our translated Scriptures. When people do express interest, pray that they will follow through.

— **The Mwoakilloa team in Federated States of Micronesia**

Praise God for providing strength, favorable weather, and joy that far outweighed our team's exhaustion from physical limitations and personal struggles, enabling us to remain faithful and travel to remote mountain villages. When we shared the Word of God, people there received it with tears. They said, "This is what we have longed for, for so long, God's Word in our own language." All the weariness and obstacles seemed light when we saw the joy on their faces.

— **A Bible translation team in Asia**

Pray that translated Scripture will be supported by the church in Gabon and impact people in our country. Pray also that this month's annual literacy workshop will result in successful outcomes.

— **The Teke team in Gabon**

Translators have been telling Bible stories at night in our villages. Praise God for the way He is using these translators to pass on Scripture, especially as people witness changes in their lives from His Word.

— **The Kuvale team in Angola**

Sahel

“Sahel” means “coast” in Arabic. But in this case, it refers to an African region that borders the southern “coast” of the Sahara Desert, rather than a body of water. Local partners—many of whom use French as a common language for resources and training—are committed, passionate, and gifted. In addition to the security risks posed by many of this region’s 12 countries, obstacles to Bible translation progress include political instability, violence, travel hazards, famine, drought, and poverty.

[Go deeper in specific, strategic prayer for the Sahel with this 3-part article from the Lausanne Movement.](#)

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,839,740	63

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

Extending the Reach of Borgu Fulfulde Scriptures

In October 2024, Borgu Fulfulde speakers dedicated their Bible and published it in a Latin script (the script used in English, French, etc.). Muslims, however, comprise 99% of their 750,000 population.

The Arabic script is revered by Muslims, whose Quranic schools teach it from a young age. Many believe it carries a blessing from God, bringing reverence and joy to those who read it. This script would offer a doorway of trust and bridge into their hearts. Also, many can't even read the Latin script.

Adamu Tchabi Boun and a team from [SIL](#), an international linguistics and translation organization, are working to make the Borgu Fulfulde Scripture available in the Arabic script.

PRAISE

For God's saving grace on 10,000 Borgu Fulfulde speakers in Benin.

PRAY

- That the Borgu Fulfulde Bible will become available in the script that Muslims revere.
- That harvest fields will overflow with new faith, born simply from being able to read—and believe—God's Word.

Monday

PRAY FOR A PROJECT IN ITS EARLY STAGES

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Abiku Translation Underway

In [July 2023](#), we prayed for the mobilization work going on among the Abiku people. A translation project was launched in 2024. The team recently completed the book of Ruth. They expect to finish Jonah this month and have begun work on Mark's Gospel and Joseph's story from Genesis. Believers are beginning to share Abiku Scripture with non-Christians in the community, as well as Abiku speakers living in Europe. By early 2026, they plan to have Ruth and Jonah recorded and available in a phone app.

PRAY

- For translators' health. Many had been ill, but have now recovered.
- That the Holy Spirit will use the team effectively in this project so that non-believers will understand their need for the Lord.

Pray Now

Karon team members showed the Genesis film as part of a local outreach event. Karon speaker Cheriff said that he identified with the story of Joseph, especially when Joseph said, “You intended this for evil, but God intended it for good.” This helped him see God’s hand at work in his own difficult circumstances. Pray that Cheriff will continue growing in his understanding of God’s character and plan.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR PARTNERS

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

— Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

Mamara Association in Mali, West Africa

Seed Company has been partnering with the Mamara Association in Mali for several years, working together to complete the Mamara Bible. Nearly 90% of Mamara speakers are Muslim; many do not look kindly on Christians. Yet Mamara believers are courageous and bold in their faith!

Mamara Scripture is already making an impact. One father recounts a division in his family caused by unkind words between family members. “We felt belittled and humiliated,” he says. But when they listened to the audio recording of Ephesians 4:17–32 they were convicted, especially by verse 32 (*see above*).

“As we meditated on this passage ... our daughter-in-law felt guilty and humbled herself to ask for forgiveness ...,” the father says. “Although we were hurt by these words about us, we agreed to forgive her in order to conform to God's Word and also to have peace in our hearts.”

(See next page for prayer points for the Mamara project)

Pray Now

Thank God for the courage of Mamara Christians, and for the power of God's transforming Word in their daily lives. Many are persecuted for their faith. Pray for them and for our partner, the Mamara Association, as they near completion of the Mamara Old Testament. (The New Testament was completed in 2006.) Lord willing, the publication phase will take place in less than 2 years, and then more than 730,000 Mamara speakers will have access to the full Bible in their language!

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MAKORI LANGUAGE OF THE SAHEL

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

— Genesis 1:1, 31a (NLT)

Badiduramnin Ala same-a dunia-a alakkeno Ala awowa cadandana ngaa kirunniya, akko jauro ngala.

— Genesis 1:1 (Latin script)

دِدْرَمَمْ □ □ اللّٰه سَمِي دُ يَا اَلَكْ □ □ وِشِ..لّٰه اَوُوو نَدَ □ □ □ □ غَا كِرُ □ □ يَ، اَكُو جَوُرُو □ □ غَلْ.

— Genesis 1:1 (Ajami Arabic script)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Sharing Scripture in a Creative Way

It may seem unusual in a world of cell phones and notifications, but wall calendars can be a prized possession in rural areas of the Sahel. They're often decorated with photos of loved ones, special places, or items people dream of owning someday.

Makori team members believe calendars can also be a place to see, remember, and meditate on God's Word. So, as they move past a [completed New Testament](#) to begin Genesis and Exodus, they are also creating a wall calendar with selected Makori verses in 2 scripts and French.

PRAISE

For a completed New Testament, which is driving interest among a people group with few believers.

PRAY

That calendars with Scripture will encourage believers and prompt the lost to turn to God for salvation.

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)

Global Translation Leader Richard Keufkeuf

Richard Keufkeuf, a Global Translation Leader (formerly called intern), is training to become a Scripture engagement consultant. He serves as a regional coordinator for Bible translation projects in northern Cameroon. He also facilitates Oral Bible Storytelling and Trauma Healing workshops in this area, where many communities have been terrorized by extremist groups and bandits.

Richard recently experienced his own trauma. His father died after an extended hospitalization, during which he stayed by his side to care for him. It has been a challenging time for him to keep up with online courses through South African Theological Seminary.

PRAISE

For Richard's leadership in sharing hope and healing as God provides for a traumatized population.

PRAY

- For Richard and his family, as they continue to grieve the loss of his father.
- For Richard to catch up with his coursework.

Pray Now

A new field partner—UEESO–DTA (Union of Evangelical Churches’ Services and Works–Department of Translation and Literacy)—was developed in Côte d’Ivoire by Seed Company’s Growth Partners team. They are managing the Kla-Dan project, which will be doing Oral Bible Storying (OBS). Field partner

SIL-Mali is providing story training to UEESO-DTA facilitators and Kla-Dan storytellers. Pray that storytellers will absorb and apply all that they learn and that God will prepare Kla-Dan people to hear and embrace his Word in their language.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

The Power of Stories

Storytellers from the Littoral Cluster project's 8 language groups in Cameroon have been experiencing God's power as they share Bible stories in their communities. A Malimba storyteller says that after telling the story of Jesus calming the storm, 2 families who were stuck in conflict decided to resolve their problems. They listened to the storyteller's advice, then held hands and prayed together.

A Gyele [JEH'–LEH] storyteller says that after they told the story of Jesus healing a paralytic, a woman approached them, explaining that her child had not walked for 3 years. She invited the storyteller to share the story in her home. Afterward, the storyteller prayed for the child. A few months later, the woman joyfully told the storyteller that her child had started walking again.

PRAISE

For positive responses as people hear God's Word in their language for the first time.

PRAY

For the teams as they start a written New Testament translation project.

Pray Now

The Swo translators have experienced difficult setbacks. Their team leader, Alain Mvotto, had a stroke and lost use of his speech and right foot. He is out of danger, but pray that he will recover fully and be able to continue translating the Bible. Also, the team's literacy teacher, Minkareuh Joseph, passed away in April from an illness. Ask God to comfort his family. Pray that a new person will take over his classes.