

# 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 for our local community's commitment to testing our translation, despite having many other obligations. Pray that He will give them a desire to use the drafts on a daily basis to transform their lives, even before the final version of our Bible is available.

— The Ntomba-Bikoro team in Democratic Republic of Congo

A new Inter Church Committee (ICC) was recently elected for our community. Praise God for the former ICC's leadership. Pray the Lord will fill the new ICC president with wisdom to mobilize the elites within our community.

— The Bagando team in Cameroon

School has resumed this month for children in the areas where we are translating Scripture. Pray that families, including those of our translators and other project staff, will settle well into new routines, free from disruptions. Pray also that students will experience a successful school year.

— Translation teams in the Sahel region

Praise God for blessing our plans and making a way for us. Pray for His wisdom and guidance to ensure accuracy and faithfulness to His Word, and for protection against spiritual attacks, discouragement, and fatigue during the intense work of Bible translation.

— The Ndwewe team in Tanzania

# Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language. Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have even completed the difficult training required to become translation consultants. Much of their work is done in secret, under governments that are unstable or hostile. Interrogation is a constant threat.

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

People	Languages
24,544,015	152

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. August 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

### Understanding the Words in God's Word

God has equipped each people group with a language that best expresses their culture. Nels, who is working on translating Isaiah for the Adia people, says this is especially true in how people understand the words in God's Word. Accurate Adia equivalents for each word are essential for understanding in their context.

As team members continue to work on the Old Testament, pastors still depend on the Bible in another language for preaching. They usually translate directly and orally from the pulpit, which often fails to convey the accurate meaning.

A pastor from Nels' birthplace recently asked him what a particular word would mean in the Adia culture. Informed by Nels' explanation, the pastor preached—and “the feedback from the audience was incredible,” Nels says.

## PRAY

That Adia pastors and people will continue to clearly discern God speaking personally through His Word in ways that change their lives.

# 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)

## Translation Underway for Wemu People

For more than 7 years, tight security has prevented the start of any new Bible translation projects in one Asian country. But thanks to a few in-country contacts, a new Wemu translation project began last month.

After a young man from the Mulano translation project shared the Christmas story at a large gathering of several language groups, a friend approached him and said he wished he could also share the Christmas story in his own language. This got the ball rolling, and now, following many conversations, a Wemu project is underway. In fact, 2 translators have completed their initial training and are ready to begin.

## PRAY

That Wemu Scripture will encourage the 200 known believers to grow in their faith and prompt many of the 160,000 Wemu speakers to follow Jesus.

## Pray Now

Pray specifically for believers experiencing persecution throughout Mainland Asia. Many believers participating in translation workshops have been living in their fields for several years. They are desperately hungry, having hardly been able to forage for any food at all.

# Tuesday

## PRAY FOR AKIN TRANSLATION PROJECT

*This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.*

— 1 Timothy 2:3–4 (NLT)

## Farmers Offer Help to Translators

The Akin people are farmers who live in a tropical monsoon climate with shifting soil and farming conditions. Each year in May, they move their homes in search of new ground so they can provide for their families.

This past May, an Akin translator visited one of the new areas where farmers had gathered to rebuild their huts together. As he helped them, he spoke about the importance of Bible translation. The farmers were extremely interested and offered to help the team with community testing and other checking activities. The translator read some Akin Scripture and prayed with them before returning home.

### PRAY

- For the health of the Akin team and their families.
- That mother tongue Scriptures would minister deeply to the 7,000 Akin speakers, including those who have been displaced by recent armed conflicts.
- For the safety of Akin speakers operating near the conflict.

## Pray Now

Pray for the translation, literacy, and Scripture engagement teams as they seek to minister to 65,000 Tang [TAHNG) language speakers. Ask God to grant them unity, endurance, and faithfulness, and that in all they do, they will seek God's glory. *See next page to view a Scripture sample in the Tang language.*



# Wednesday

## TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: TANG [TAHNG] LANGUAGE

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

— Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

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— Isaiah 53:5 (Tang)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Bimoli Team Facing Stiff Opposition

The Bimoli team is in the final stages of reviewing and checking the whole Bible! The enemy, however, has been working full time to block the team's efforts.

We recently learned that the head translator has been harassed by authorities who are threatening him with arrest. As a result, he and his wife are fleeing the area. He will discontinue his translation work at least for a few months. This has been difficult for the team to process. Printing will need to be postponed for now.

#### PRAY

- That God will intervene in His perfect timing and allow the printing process to begin.
- For wisdom for the team in knowing how to flex in this increasingly hostile environment.
- For encouragement, discernment, and courage for the head translator and his wife.

# Thursday

## TAKING REQUESTS TO GOD

*“Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow” [said Hannah]. “In that case,” Eli said, “go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him.”*

— 1 Samuel 1:16–17 (NLT)

## Not Under a Curse

Reading Scripture in her own language helped an Adia woman finally understand that her infertility was not a curse from the spirits. Though she followed Jesus, she struggled to understand God’s Word because she’d only had a Bible in the national language, which sounded foreign to her. When she struggled to get pregnant, she believed the messages she’d grown up hearing. But when she read 1 Samuel 1–2 (see verses *above*) in Adia, she realized she wasn’t under a curse. Like Hannah, she prayed to God, and in time, He granted her a son. She named him “Blessing” as a testimony to the Lord’s faithfulness.

## PRAY

That Scripture in Adia will guide and encourage more and more people in this woman’s community.

## Pray Now

Praise God! After several years of obstacles and setbacks, Ulangi language team members finished dubbing the “JESUS” film this spring without incident. The team hopes to release the movie in October. Local authorities remain highly sensitive to the Christian faith. Please pray that believers can watch the Ulangi version freely, just like they do other films.

# Friday

## IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

## A Woman Gains Deeper Understanding

Translator Lily is leading several Bible study groups, including 2 where she uses the Rusomo language.

One night, she was teaching in Rusomo when a woman brought along her older sister, who attends a church that uses the national language.

The next day, the woman called Lily. With joy and amazement, she shared that her sister said she'd gained an understanding of God's Word that night that was deeper than she'd experienced in an entire year at her church.

Lily was deeply moved and encouraged. Team members were again reminded of the power of hearing and understanding God's Word in one's heart language.

## PRAY

That many more people will find a deeper understanding of Scripture as they hear it in their heart language.

## Pray Now

With upcoming national meetings, security is tightening in a large Asian nation. Several mother tongue translators have been brought in for interrogation; some have been held for up to a week. Pray for safety, boldness, peace, and clear minds for those who are arrested, that they may answer any questions with wisdom, humility, and graciousness and not be intimidated.