

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	First Scripture	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for Ndi Dominique. He is a Global Translation Leader (formerly called intern) who has just returned to work after his father's funeral. As the oldest son, he is now head of the family and is taking on new responsibilities as they continue to grieve.

— A Global Translation Leader in Africa

Pray that God's faithfulness in providing for translation work in our area of Mainland Asia will always be evident and bring glory to His name. Pray that He will keep stirring the hearts of people and organizations to fund every new and ongoing project without delay, so that people everywhere receive His Word in the language they know best.

— Translation teams in Mainland Asia

Pray for our team as we work in an alternating rhythm of translation and back translation on three Gospels. Pray for our consultant-facilitator, Iboma, as she participates while still attending classes in Greek, Hebrew, New Testament Background, and Revelation, plus reading the Greek Grammar book.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

Pray for our language community in Democratic Republic of Congo, who are among those who have been attacked and displaced multiple times. The ADF launched more brutal attacks on civilians in September, including at a funeral service. Plans for community testing sessions were put on hold. Pray for God's protection and shalom in an area where believers continue to be targeted in homes and churches.

— The Mvuba team in Democratic Republic of Congo

Anglophone East Africa

"Anglophone" refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, English is frequently used to train and coordinate Bible translation teams. Common obstacles to translation include drought, political conflict, and virus outbreaks.

We praise God that, as local leaders take greater ownership and leadership in Bible translation, this region is getting closer and closer to Zero!

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
39,100	4

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

Samburu Hymnbook and Psalms Dedicated

The Samburu community in Kenya gathered to dedicate the book of Psalms and a hymn book in their language. Hundreds of people from the Samburu community, translators, church leaders (including bishops), and students (in their school uniforms) attended the dedication ceremony.

There was a lot of dancing and singing as they received the book of Psalms in their language. A group of 22 children recited memorized Psalms in Samburu.

PRAISE

That Samburu speakers are now able to sing hymns and read Psalms in their heart language.

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)

The Konyamo Cluster - Koma Language

The Koma people have a rich cultural heritage, yet historically, few have been reached with the gospel. Led by partner Bible Translation and Literacy (BTL), the Koma translation project is advancing on several fronts. A writing system has been established, training in language development and Bible translation occurred, and literacy awareness is underway.

The translation of Luke's Gospel has excited the community, with some declaring, "God has finally remembered the Koma people!"

PRAISE

That God is moving among the Koma people, bringing transformation, hope, and revival as they encounter His Word in their language.

PRAY

- For the country's leaders and for peace in the region.
- That God's light would continue to shine on the Koma people, and that they might experience joy, grow in the knowledge of His Word, and witness the fulfillment of His promises in their heart language.

Pray Now

Please pray that preparations will go smoothly for the planned launch of the Matumbi New Testament in Tanzania on November 1. Pray that the books arrive on time, and for all the arrangements, including travel safety for guests. Pray, too, that many Matumbi speakers will use the New Testaments to grow in their faith and learn more about Jesus.

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)

Good job, Partner!

SIL South Sudan (SIL SS) is a highly experienced and trusted partner known for professionalism and high-quality work. They support and equip churches in Bible translation, Scripture engagement, and literacy initiatives. One of SIL SS's most notable success stories is the active involvement of language committees in the Bible translation process. This approach fosters meaningful engagement across diverse church denominations and community groups—including women and youth—which adds significant value to the project.

PRAISE

- That God continues to bring skilled staff to serve with SIL SS.
- For 15,000 New Testament copies recently arriving for an upcoming dedication (for a project that SIL SS manages).

PRAY

- For wisdom and growth as SIL SS focuses on staff wellbeing, financial sustainability, and innovative language engagements. Security issues, staff traveling or being away, and uncertainty about next steps have slowed progress in these areas.
- That SIL's leaders will manage their growing remote workforce well.

Pray Now

Please pray for the Basamba Oral Bible Translation team as they struggle with continued instability in their area. Also, pray that funds will be found for them to attend a “Discover Your Grammar” workshop in a few months.

Wednesday

PRAY FOR THE KUKU TEAM IN UGANDA

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

Youth Want Kuku Scripture, Literacy Training

When 1 Corinthians 13 (see v. 13 above) was read in a Kuku church service, a young person observed that it was easier to understand than Bari Scripture. Though closely related to Kuku, Bari differs slightly in spelling, tone, accent, and vocabulary. With no Scripture in their heart language, the Kuku community has historically used the Bari Bible.

Elders are typically more fluent in Bari, while younger people mainly use English to read Scripture. Using Kuku Scriptures in church can help people understand the Bible more clearly than relying solely on Scripture in other languages.

Some young people have requested literacy training in Kuku. The Kuku Bible Project plans to launch and operate a literacy program alongside translation efforts.

PRAISE

That young people are excited to listen to and read Kuku Scriptures.

PRAY

For the Kuku team as they translate several New Testament books.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Small Steps Forward

Most people in the Karama community of 80,000 follow another major world religion, but the small Christian minority treasures God's Word and the joy they find there. Remarkably, even followers of the other religion have started encouraging translators and supporting the work.

In the last year or so, about 30 people have accepted Christ as their Savior. Four did so after the dedication of Exodus and Mark. The numbers may seem small, but the impact on the Christian community is big as the gospel is shared through stories, text, and audio.

PRAISE

- For interest in the gospel among unbelievers and people coming to faith.
- That many Karama people are requesting songs in their language. An Ethnomusicology workshop is planned in the near future.

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)

IT Capacity Builder Bonane Salumoni

Bonane Salumoni is a Global Translation Leader (formerly called intern) in Capacity Building. He's completed his Diploma in ICT and is pursuing his Bachelor of Science, Computer Science at Jordan University College.

Bonane is working on ways to more effectively support the IT challenges faced by his colleagues at The Word for the World Tanzania. Projects include establishing a ticketing system for IT issues; creating a manual and training videos for implementing and supporting their in-house translation project management software; and teaching computer and digital literacy courses in their Diploma in Bible Translation program.

PRAISE

That God has been providing for Bonane's studies. "My love for the Bible translation activities grows day by day," he says.

PRAY

For his health, strength, and the ability to finish his studies well.

Pray Now

Pray for translation partner The Word for the World as their teams will be completing the New Testament in many languages over the next several years. Pray that God would provide sufficient funds to cover printing of Scripture as well as literacy initiatives that will help all speakers of these languages to be able to read the newly translated Scriptures with fluency.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Yosephina's Story

“With eyes full of yearning, she confessed, ‘I have always wanted a Bible but cannot afford one.’” That’s how Phionah, a Rufumbira team member, recalls their interaction. Phionah gently responded, “Would you be able to read it?” “No,” Yosefina whispered, having never attended school.

“Her desperation was sacred—the cry of a soul searching for peace,” says Phionah. She told Yosefina about the Rufumbira audio Bible and promised, “Tomorrow, I will bring you one.”

When she received her audio player, Yosefina touched it like a fragile treasure and said, “I will gather my friends. Every day, we shall listen at 3 pm.” Later, her brother called, saying, “The gadget never leaves her ear. She told me, ‘I feel God closer than ever before.’”

PRAISE

That God is using these small, solar-powered devices to change Rufumbira lives.

PRAY

That more Rufumbira speakers will earnestly engage with God’s Word.

Pray Now

Please pray for the Suba team in Kenya as they work to complete the Old Testament. They are in the final stages of the project and are trusting the Lord to provide their financial needs, along with endurance to see their work through to the end. Please pray that the community will use the translated Word to inspire and encourage faithfulness for future generations.