

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	Bibleless	Regional Update	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Our team is on the homestretch to complete the whole Bible, but a law has changed that makes it difficult to create a new contract with the translator. The available option is very costly. Pray for the Lord's favor on our partner and their representative on the ground to find a way to renew the contract for 2 years so we can finish up.

— The Bella team in Eurasia

Pray for teams serving in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, where natural disasters and armed violence have displaced millions of people and led to thousands of deaths since 2017. Teams have not been harmed, but the situation remains dangerous. Just a few weeks ago, an attack killed 5 people.

— Translation teams in Mozambique

We are urgently seeking the Lord's faithfulness for the logistics and protection required to get printed copies of the Pauline prison epistles across the country's border and to the language group. Join us in praying for His protection and grace for the continued distribution of the copies of His Word.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

We sing of the goodness and compassion of Jehovah Nissi, who leads us every day. Praise God that He has supplied a person to work as translator and transcriber. Pray that she will be diligent and dedicate herself to our work for the long term.

— The Houdou team in Togo

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless. Obstacles to their progress include hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
243,630	12

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. September 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

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)

Waiting for Scripture's Healing Truths

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 3 people groups—the Bingi, Kumu of Nyiragongo, and Lubwisi [LOO–BWEE'–SEE]—have long been yearning for Scripture in their language. Decades of conflict over mineral-rich areas have subjected them to ongoing trauma and displacement. A project was designed to enable them to develop a writing system and craft Bible stories, including those about biblical healing, into their own languages. However, 2 years later, these communities are still waiting.

PRAISE

That these 3 language groups have a strong desire for God's Word and that their community leaders are motivated to pursue Bible translation.

PRAY

- That God will provide all that's needed for a new cluster project to begin for these groups.
- That these communities will remain safe and encouraged as they continue waiting.

Monday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.

— Matthew 13:34 (NLT)

Ngiri Bible Storytelling Festival

Storytelling is a way of life among many communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). And oral Bible storytelling (OBS) projects are opening the doors wide for evangelism and discipleship and fostering a hunger for God's Word.

Along the Ngiri River, in the Bomongo territory of the DRC, the 11 language communities of the Ngiri Cluster OBS project recently held a Bible storytelling festival (*see photos, next page*) called “*Beta Lisolo Ya Nzambe*” (Tell the Story of God). Over 1,400 people attended the 5-day festival. According to translation facilitator Lambert Basepi, “This spiritual momentum testifies to the growing thirst for the Word of God in this region.”

PRAISE

For the success of the festival, for the hearts that were touched, and for each life that was restored.

PRAY

For the new pastors leading churches that have been developed from oral Bible storytelling clubs.

Pray Now

The Ngiri Cluster OBS project (*see previous page*) includes 11 languages found in a remote region of the DRC along the Ngiri River. This month, Dr. Myles Leitch and others will pilot a new type of workshop to onboard these oral languages to the place where they are ready to start a written translation project or decide that they do not need one. This workshop has been delayed multiple times already, but it is finally happening. Consultants from outside of DRC all have their visas and are getting ready to leave. Please pray for safe travel, good health, and those who are conducting the workshop.

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)

Field Partner Experiences Unexpected Loss

Field partner Acotba-Subo serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has demonstrated a steady commitment to Bible translation. In July, they experienced a sorrowful loss as Rev. Faustin Bazangu, a devoted Bible translator and consultant in training, succumbed to his struggle with long-term health issues and went home to be with the Lord.

PRAISE

For the faithful examples of Rev. Bazangu and Acotba-Subo's dedication to serving the Lord in Bible translation.

PRAY

That the Lord will comfort Rev. Bazangu's family and strengthen the Acotba-Subo leadership and team members as they continue working during this difficult season.

Pray Now

Rebel militia has continued terrorizing communities in North Kivu, DRC, through brutal attacks—burning homes, killing civilians, and displacing communities. Despite these horrific circumstances, the Mvuba translators and their language committee remain active in Bible translation and literacy activities. Recently, the community tested Luke portions and spent time praying with and encouraging the participants. Ask God to bring an end to the violent attacks. Pray for protection for these communities and wisdom in planning translation activities in this context.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: BANDA-LINDA LANGUAGE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

Mandânə, Jezu pâ kə atrawaya nə ə pa: «E nä na ye pâ ashə nɔʔ mɛ ʔrɔʔ ʔpɛ kə azü nɔʔ

— Mark 16:15 (Banda-Linda)

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

— Romans 10:15 (NLT)

*Á azü sə kə mɛ ʔpɛ nə atá kədə əndje wla azü wla ndə kə mɛ ʔpɛ nə ne? Mata əñě *Fraka nəʔNdjapä nə pa: «ʔnü aawomɛ ʔrɔʔ ʔpɛ fɛ ə fɛ.»*

— Romans 10:15 (Banda-Linda)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Bokoto, Banda-Linda New Testaments Arrive

The Bokoto New Testament and Psalms, along with the Banda-Linda New Testaments, have finally arrived in the Central African Republic (CAR)! We prayed for this in [May](#) and [August](#), and we praise God for answering our prayers! Efforts to retrieve the shipping container with New Testaments began in January. It finally reached Bangui, CAR, in early September. The next step will be transporting the Scriptures to the language areas in preparation for their dedication.

PRAISE

- For God's faithfulness throughout this long process and for directing our partner ACATBA to secure a new transit agent who helped ensure the release of the container.
- For the efforts of partners ACATBA, SIL Cameroon, SIL CAR, SIL Global Scripture Publishing Services, and the Korean Bible Society.

PRAY

- For dedication ceremonies of these New Testaments, planned for the next dry season between November and January.
- That these Scriptures will be used to satisfy the people's deep thirst for God's Word and lead many more to Christ.
- For lasting peace in the language areas and throughout the CAR.

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 Ruphin Bell Abengatoko

We thank God for Ruphin, who began his training last month as a Global Translation Leader (formerly called intern). Ruphin is serving in the Ngombe-South New Testament project with Acotba-Subo in Gemena, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Ruphin has been active in Bible translation since 2013. His service as a teacher and pastor gives him a strong foundation in both leadership and ministry. His vision is to become an effective translation consultant who can guide projects not only in his own community but throughout the Congo Basin region.

PRAISE

That God has prepared Ruphin for this training through more than a decade of faithful service in Bible translation.

PRAY

That the Lord will equip Ruphin with the wisdom, skill, and perseverance necessary to become an effective translation consultant.

Pray Now

Please pray for the Hunde [HOON'–DAY] and Kobo communities in eastern DRC, who have been displaced by ongoing insecurity and conflict. Violence in the region has prevented the translation teams from connecting with them. Many are still living away from their homes after fleeing the war. Pray for peace and protection over the language communities and translators, and that one day soon they can safely return home and engage with God's Word in their own 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)

A Deep Hunger for God's Word in Tsaangi

Partner agency Assoc. Evangelique Burel-Broman de Madouma (AEBM) reports that enthusiasm remains strong in the Tsaangi [TSAH'-NGEE] community for having Scripture in their language.

Recently, people of all ages gathered in large numbers to hear about the value of God's Word in Tsaangi. They listened to audio recordings of translated portions, and meditations were held entirely in their language. The community expressed joy, but also a deep longing for the *whole* Bible in Tsaangi.

Leaders emphasized the need for the younger generation to access and read Scripture easily, especially following local literacy efforts.

PRAISE

That the desire for God's Word in Tsaangi is both urgent and heartfelt.

PRAY

That team members will continue to make good progress on the [New Testament](#) that we have been praying for.

Pray Now

Many children in the Congo Basin region are enthusiastically embracing Bible storytelling, forming their own clubs, and telling stories to friends. Pray for them to have a mature and lasting faith and for opportunities to share their stories at school.