

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.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Around the World	Regional Update	Bibleless or First Scripture	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Our teams struggled for years with limited access to a translation consultant until a man from another country over 1,300 miles away agreed to relocate with his family to support our languages. Praise God for His amazing provision!

— **Two Bible translation teams in Africa**

Praise God that our team resumed consultant checking on our project, which has been suspended since Covid. We are halfway through the book of Mark, the first Scripture portion for our community. Pray that we will continue to make speedy progress.

— **A Bible translation team in Asia**

We have been using an artificial intelligence tool, Scripture Forge, to help us work through the Abraham story in Genesis 12–25. It has been so helpful that we gave it a Shanjo name, Mutusi, which means advocate or helper. Praise God for the many ways that He equips His people to bring about His purposes in Bible translation.

— **The Shanjo team in Zambia**

Praise God that a translation consultant has signed off on our full Bible translation for preprocessing and typesetting. This has been a 100+ year endeavor by the Mwachavul people.

— **The Mwachavul team in Nigeria**

Islands Asia

Islands Asia includes just 3 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
215,760	64

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

REGIONAL UPDATE

“AI Taste and See” Event Informs Partners

Field partners in the Islands Asia region are curious and eager to learn more about using artificial intelligence (AI) for drafting Scripture. Representatives from Seed Company’s Field Technology and Islands Asia teams shared an overview of [Scripture Forge](#) during a recent online session with 80 participants from multiple Bible translation partners. They answered partners’ questions and helped clear up misconceptions. Two partners from Indonesia shared their positive experiences with using Scripture Forge.

Participants provided positive feedback on the event, and some expressed a strong interest in using AI drafting in the future.

PRAISE

For encouraging reports and feedback from new partners who have started using AI drafting tools.

PRAY

That translation teams in the Islands Asia region who are drafting Old Testament portions using Scripture Forge will become adept at using AI tools and experience greater efficiency and progress in their projects.

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)

Kuada Community Welcomes Bible Stories

Amid many challenges, Kuada [KOO-AH'-DAH] team members relied on God's guidance and provision to accomplish their goal of crafting 24 oral Bible stories—the first Scripture their people have ever had in their language. They recently celebrated a special milestone as they hosted a dedication event to launch these stories in their community.

Kuada speakers received the stories with joy and are now listening to them and learning about God's redemptive love and plan for their lives.

PRAY

- That God will continue to use Kuada believers as they share Bible stories with their community.
- That the gospel message will penetrate animistic and Islamic barriers to draw nonbelievers to Jesus.

Pray Now

Praise God for the successful completion of the Maroho Cluster Workshop in September. New Testament teams (Edopa and Mabete) completed consultant checking of Acts 5–10 and drafted Acts 11–20. Old Testament teams (Ada, Ampiri, Hua, and Soba) accelerated their work by using [Scripture Forge](#), while 3 missionary pastors from partner PPA/GMIM joined as team facilitators. Local churches generously provided meals and lodging. Please pray for all teams as they prepare texts for consultant review, including Leviticus, Ruth, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, and Acts 11–20.

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)

Proactive, Passionate Partner

Field partner Kartidaya has been faithfully working toward “Zero” for over 35 years. They collaborate with local churches and 10 regional Bible translation organizations. Their efforts center around local ownership, healthy partnerships, capacity development and sustainability, and life change.

Kartidaya provides a training hub for the region, hosting seminars and organizing training opportunities for translators and consultants. They are at the forefront of innovation, seeking to bring God’s Word to unreached people groups as quickly as possible. They creatively engage communities with Scripture as each project incorporates websites, apps, and social media groups to ensure easy access to God’s Word.

PRAISE

That Kartidaya hosted 6 consultants in training at a recent workshop so they could receive mentoring from lead consultants.

PRAY

That the Lord will provide the manpower needed to start all the new translation projects Kartidaya has planned for communities who are ready and waiting for God’s Word.

Pray Now

Praise God for His faithful provision to the Korb translation team, who are part of the South Seas Cluster 2 project in the Philippines! After the passing of Pastor Cuma, the team prayed for someone to continue his vital work—and God graciously answered by bringing back Pastor Jolly to serve once again with the team. His return has renewed their strength and hope. Pray for Pastor Jolly and the Korb team as they translate several Old Testament books.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: TIMBER LANGUAGE

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

— **Philippians 2:4–5 (NLT)**

*Agok bèdlod ilok rik méj ma rik nyob hék, tapik bèdlod ke'jèk ilok rik méj ma sèn'òy mòy.
Benèdlod nyob nak haros lah samak gerèk benèdlod Kristus Yèsus.*

— **Philippians 2:4–5 (Timber)**

Do not think (of) what is good for yourselves only, but think also (of) what is good for other people. Your mind/thinking must be the same as the mind/thinking of Christ Jesus.

— **Philippians 2:4-5 (Translated back into English from Timber)**

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PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

New Scripture for the Timber Community

The Timber translation team and their churches are rejoicing over the release of a new print publication containing all 4 Gospels and the book of Acts! When including other books that are available in digital and audio formats, the Timber people now have access to 9 books of Scripture in their language. Praise God!

One pastor recently shared how deeply their community was moved by a sermon from Philippians that encouraged believers to “live for Christ” as Paul did, even amid hardship. Hearing and reading God’s Word in their heart language has strengthened people’s faith and unity.

PRAY

For courage, protection, and steadfast hope for the team. They face growing pressure from local authorities who have begun monitoring churches to discourage outside support.

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)

Comparing Partners to Thriving Gardens

The success of organizations, including those like partners Suluh and Kartidaya, often depends on how leaders care for their teams. One team member compares partners to a garden where people are living plants, each unique yet interdependent on the others.

Ongoing planning by leaders for their garden's care is essential. Focusing on organizational transformation helps leaders become better gardeners, stewarding their garden (team members) with excellence so that everything thrives and fulfills its intended purpose.

PRAY

For leaders of partner organizations to see clearly their teams' needs and to care for them with strength, compassion, and love.

Pray Now

Flooding continues to be destructive and disruptive in this region, often affecting translators' ability to travel. Pray against the hindrances of natural disasters.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

Not a Period, but a Comma

Weka speaker Hiro lived marginalized from society. He married a woman from a clan that—according to cultural tradition—shouldn't intermarry with his clan. Community members reported his marriage, and he was nearly thrown into jail.

People gave him such a hard time that he tried to take his own life. When he was at his very lowest, Hiro learned about the work of Bible translation and began translating Scripture into Weka.

“People don't think I'm worthwhile,” he says. “Then why was I chosen by the Lord? The moment I thought my life was worthless and over [like a period ending a sentence]—it wasn't a period for the Lord. He said it was only a comma.” Today, Hiro lives with his wife and child and has her family's blessing.

PRAY

For God's protection over Hiro as he works to make Scripture available for his community.

Pray Now

Recent eruptions of the Mount Lewotobi volcano have caused some villages to be evacuated and most flights in and out of the region to be canceled. This has caused disruptions for translation teams serving the 5 languages of the Lembata project. Pray for safety and wisdom for the teams as they navigate these challenges and translate Luke, Acts, and portions of Matthew.