

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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Pray With Others

Get More Resources



Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise God for the powerful way that stories from Esther have affected some people who participated in reviewing the book in our language. They related to her struggle for her people and how she saved them. They specifically asked for more stories like these. Pray that God's Word will continue to impact and change lives here.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Pray for Mvotto Alain, who leads our team's translators. He lost use of his speech and right foot when he suffered a stroke a few months ago. Pray that he will recover completely and that God will use him to continue translating Scripture into the Swo language.

— The Swo team in Cameroon

After attending the Kiche Bible dedication in May, a local pastor and his wife shared 40 Bibles with community members, who opened their Bibles to Ezra 7:10 and devoted themselves to studying God's Word and obeying His commands. Please pray that more Kiche speakers will receive these Bibles and apply God's Word to their lives.

— The Kiche team in Guatemala

Pray for Kate and her husband, SS, who need to find a better work-life balance so they can keep serving the Lord together over the long term. Their son, Peter, may have special needs, and the resources in their city are limited.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia



Americas

The Americas region spans North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Many translation teams benefit from community support, strong partnerships, trained theologians, and reliable internet and technology.

Ask God to send workers to conduct more language surveys, especially for oral and sign languages, to accurately determine the remaining needs.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
103,610	42

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

PRAY FOR THE CHACHI OLD TESTAMENT PROJECT

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." — Mark 16:15 (NLT)

A Historic Beginning for the Chachi in Ecuador

What began as a distant dream has now become reality. In a small virtual gathering last month, people celebrated the historic launch of the Chachi Old Testament translation project.

Years ago, the Chachi New Testament was dedicated, but efforts to produce an Old Testament stalled. In 2022, Chachi leaders courageously asked for help. Over time, God has brought together a dedicated and unified team that includes translation consultants, experienced revisers, pastors, and Seed Company representatives.

At the virtual dedication meeting, Raúl and Bayron, 2 new translators, were introduced, as was Rebeca, a reviewer who is also a respected local educator, and Pastor César Añapa, a deeply trusted Chachi spiritual leader.

Pray

- That God will guide each step of the translation work.
- That Chachi Scripture will soon reach every Chachi home.



Monday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Indigenous Leaders Gather at CONPLEI 2025

The 9th National Council of Indigenous Leaders and Pastors (CONPLEI) gathering took place in late August in Port Velho, Brazil. Indigenous pastors, church leaders, their families, and participants from 20 other countries were excited to connect after not meeting for 9 years. (See photos, next page)

Speakers explored traditional and innovative approaches used by God's people to lead indigenous communities from darkness into light. Leaders identified Bible translation into each indigenous language as a high priority. The concept of the "Third Wave" of sharing the gospel was a recurring theme, building on the legacy of the first wave (foreign missionaries), second wave (Brazilian national missionaries), and the third wave, which is being driven by indigenous groups themselves.

Attendees were especially thankful for the work of ministry partner YWAM, which hosted the event and served participants in numerous ways. (See next page for prayer points related to CONPLEI 2025.)

PRAY NOW



Pray for indigenous groups in Latin America who are stepping forward to share the gospel with their communities. They enthusiastically anticipate what is yet to come to advance the Kingdom of God among their people groups. Pray for these indigenous leaders, who want to be equipped so they can be more directly engaged with Bible translation work.



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)

More Than a Project

Though the Chachi people have a New Testament in their language, few are engaging with God's Word. Field Partner Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas en Ecuador (SBUEC) is working with local churches in Ecuador's Esmeraldas Province to change this reality. They're launching a Bible study on Luke's Gospel to ignite fresh hunger for Scripture.

SBUEC is also managing the Old Testament translation project (see Sunday article, page 4) and training the new team with an ambitious goal: to complete 9 Old Testament books in 3 years. Their ultimate objective is to provide Chachi communities with a complete Bible that will transform hearts for generations to come.

Church leaders are enthusiastic. "We are committed to establishing Bible study programs that will empower our people to read and engage with Scripture meaningfully," says Pastor Cesar. About Bible translation, he adds, "This is not just a project; it's a transformative journey that we are thrilled to embark on! (See next page for prayer points)



Pray Now

Praise God that Chachi churches are united in supporting SBUEC's efforts and are providing meeting spaces, boats, and time. Thank God for raising up passionate Chachi believers to serve as translators and Bible study teachers. Pray for strong community engagement so that God's Word will take root and bear lasting fruit. Pray that SBUEC's translator training will be effective and that the translators will develop deep spiritual roots through participating in this vital work.



Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: NORTHERN PASTAZA QUICHUA [PAHZ-TAH'-ZAH KEH'-CHWAH] LANGUAGE

Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

— Mark 13:8 (NLT)

Huañunacungacunami nación contra shuc nacionhua, reino contra shuc reinohua. Chaimanda allpa cuyuringa shucpi shucpi tucui parti. Chaimandapas sinchi yarcana tiyanga. Tucui chaigunaca parisina callarinanlla canga.

— Mark 13:8* (Northern Pastaza Quichua)

And nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be earthquakes in both places, and there will be famine. And these will only be the beginning of sufferings.

— Mark 13:8 (translated back into English from Northern Pastaza Quichua)



PRAY FOR CUICATECO 3 PROJECT

Translating in Mexico Despite Setbacks

In <u>July</u>, we prayed for Angela and Carmen, sisters who serve as translators for the Cuicateco 3 project in Mexico. They have battled physical ailments for many months. Angela's vision impairment has required multiple surgeries. Carmen has suffered arm and back pain in the aftermath of a nasty fall. Their younger sister Juana passed away after several months of illness, and their older sister Isabel is recuperating after being attacked by a pack of dogs.

PRAISE

• Thank God for the faithfulness of Angela, Carmen, and the Cuicateco team, who are sharing heart language Scriptures with churches and communities despite their difficult circumstances.

PRAY

- For healing for Angela, Carmen, and their sister Isabel.
- For favor on these translators as they strive to complete their work.
- That God would provide resources for the medical treatments and medicines during their recovery.



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)

A Multitasking Missionary

Adilton Campos has been supporting Bible translation efforts among the Gavião [GAH-VEE'-OUN] people of Brazil for more than two decades. He gave his life to Christ at age 18, following interactions with missionaries from Missão Novas Tribos do Brasil (New Tribes Mission of Brazil). He then felt called to serve unreached people groups.

Adilton has earned a theology degree and completed specialized training at biblical and linguistics institutes. Now he's training to become a translation consultant. He plans to continue supporting the Gavião team with an aim to also come alongside other translation teams. Adilton is married and has three children. He balances his translation work with his role as a transcultural church planter with Missão Novas Tribos do Brasil. (See prayer points for Adilton on the next page)



Pray Now

Praise the Lord for Adilton's commitment to bringing Scripture to unreached people groups. Pray he will excel in his training to become a consultant while also balancing his church and family responsibilities. Ask God to empower the Gavião team to continue making steady progress. Pray that Gavião church leaders will lead with humility and unity. Praise God for well-attended vacation Bible school events and pray that planted gospel seeds will lead to lasting spiritual fruit.



Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

"Bible for All Peoples" 2nd Conference in Brazil

The "Bible for All Peoples" 2nd Conference in Brazil drew about 500 participants to champion Bible translation and its vital role in the Great Commission. The event exceeded the expectations of its organizers, the Brazilian Bible Translation Alliance (APTB), with support from the Maranhão Assembly of God Convention (CEADEMA).

At one session, a man unveiled a large scroll listing hundreds of remaining languages without Scripture. Participants stood, stretched the scroll along the church hallway, and united in fervent intercession for these languages to receive God's Word.

The event not only raised awareness but also galvanized churches to join the <u>Pray for Zero</u> movement, amplifying its impact in Brazil and beyond.

PRAISE

For a commitment by the church regional board to support a Surui language translation with Pioneer Bible Translators, and to sponsor training of 2 people at a linguistic school.



Pray Now

In early October, a team from Seed Company will be traveling to São Paulo, Brazil, for the CBM conference. There will be a time of sharing on the main stage about the <u>Pray for Zero</u> movement, as well as a smaller prayer session to engage with attendees. As they fellowship with leaders from Brazilian churches and mission organizations, pray that God will bring unity to the missional efforts in Brazil and accelerate Scripture translation across this region. Pray for the day that all in the Americas have access to all of God's Word.