

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

Translator Neens and her husband, Tafa, recently escaped the country where they worked on translation to live as refugees nearby. Meanwhile, Tafa was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his healing, for them to obtain legal status in their host country, and for them to be encouraged and stand strong in their faith as they labor to bring the hope of God's Word to their language community.

— A Bible translation team in Eurasia

Pray for the safety of our language translators as they travel through areas where people are sometimes taken and forced into military service. Pray also that our audio listening groups will continue to have good impact.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

Praise God for people's response to 5 showings of a Lumo film that combines live-action footage with word-for-word Scripture from Mark. Attendance averaged 175 people, many of whom expressed thanks for the way they could clearly understand the Bible in their language. Children also enjoyed hearing Bible stories and playing literacy games.

— The Diodio team in Papua New Guinea

Praise God that He answered our community's prayers for a successful harvest time. Hillside farms were spared from ruin from landslides, severe floods, and rats.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

Anglophone West Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is used as a trade language. This week, we’re praying for the Anglophone West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia, where God has provided incredible unity and local leadership among ministries with diverse strengths. Bible translation has accelerated rapidly in Nigeria over the last few years, decreasing the number of languages waiting to be engaged from 200+ to fewer than 20 today.

Challenges in the region include social and economic instability, persecution, corruption, lack of training, and false teaching. Many projects are brand new and need fervent prayer to bring their good work to completion.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
70,241	18

*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

GILLBT Makes a Significant Leadership Transition

Effective October 1, Sylvester Kwame Nkrumah handed off executive director duties at the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy & Bible Translation (GILLBT) to Rev. Dr. Charles Adu-Twumasi.

Charles brings 24 years of experience in church relations, project management, strategy, and donor engagement. He previously served as GILLBT's Church Engagement & Donor Relations Manager and Advancement Director, and before that spent over two decades in senior leadership positions at the Bible Society of Ghana. He and Rev. Mrs. Faustina Adu-Twumasi have 3 daughters.

GILLBT's vision is to complete the work of Bible translation in Ghana and move on to other places in need of God's Word. They are already serving with several projects in Nigeria.

PRAISE

For Kwame's unwavering dedication and service over many years.

PRAY

For Charles as he prepares to lead GILLBT into its next chapter.

[Photo in the folder. Per the FPM, Left-right, Kwame, Seed Company Field Project Manager Phillip Whitfield, Charles]

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)

The Work of a Lifetime

In most cases, Bible translation begins as a team effort initiated by a few people hungry for God's Word in their language. But sometimes, just 1 person does it all!

A 60-year-old blind man named Joshua has spent his whole life translating the Bible in his mother tongue, Bwal, with practically no funding. He works as a teacher in Jos, where he has dictated the entire Bible into a computer. At one point, his laptop crashed, but the lost data was retrieved by a technician from one of Seed Company's partners, MMI (My Mother tongue Initiative).

All that remains to bring Joshua's life work to the Bwal community is a funded project for editing and checking.

PRAISE

For men like Joshua who love the Lord and serve their communities with such perseverance.

PRAY

For timely development of a project, and for the Bwal people as they wait.

Pray Now

Pray for the people of Niger State in north central Nigeria, specifically for those living near the Salka and Ibeto communities. There has been an increase in violence in the last few months with instances of up to 1,000 armed bandits invading villages, stealing cattle, kidnapping people, and causing havoc. Some of the kidnapped were translators and other partner personnel and family members.

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)

Tabernacle Training for Translators, Consultants

The Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy & Bible Translation (GILLBT) brings the Bible to life for translators and consultants in training (CITs) through an experiential tabernacle training. Participants encounter a recreated model of the Old Testament tabernacle, complete with a robed priest and even the sacrifice of a ram.

The training is led by Paul Schaefer, who grew up in Ghana and now serves with GILLBT alongside his wife, Jennifer. Paul is assisted by his missionary parents who served in Ghana and translated the Frafra language New Testament.

Through this unique program, GILLBT equips translators and CITs with a deeper understanding of the tabernacle, strengthening their ability to translate Scripture accurately and meaningfully.

PRAISE

For GILLBT's creativity in teaching God's Word.

PRAY

That GILLBT will carry this creative training forward and continue to invest in Bible translation leaders.

Pray Now

Pray for the “JESUS” film launch in the Adunu Cluster communities. Each of the 4 language communities in this cluster will be launching and dedicating the “JESUS” film in their communities. Pray that hearing God’s Word, coupled with watching this film dubbed in their mother tongue, would lead to life transformation in each of these communities.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: ELEME LANGUAGE

In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him. 2 The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi. Their two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. And when they reached Moab, they settled there. 3 Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with two sons.

— Ruth 1:1-3 (NLT)

Oso ogūrū adε re okú ofufuebie tɔ ri be εε, ochĩ njā atɔn oso eta, wēε nne onwi okundo Betīlīhem oso Jūda āsī tɔ oso etama Emɔāb, āye bārā ŋwa ye bārā ɔbere ewiwi okundo nye. 2 Abee nye kora Elīmelekĩ wēε abee ŋwa nye akora Enāɔmĩ, wēε abee ɔbere ewiwi okundo nye kora Mālɔnĩ bārā Chīlɔnĩ. Abā be òkú Ifrēm re a'ri Betīlīhem oso Jūda. Esīrĩ oso eta Emɔāb wāā tāmāri ɔmɔ. 3 Wēε Elīmelekĩ, odɔ Enāɔmĩ, a'ũ, atīyā ɔbere ewiwi nye

— Ruth 1:1-3 (Eleme)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Working on the Eleme Old Testament

The Eleme [EH–LEH’–MEH] language is deeply rooted in culture and heritage. Roughly 70% of Eleme speakers in Nigeria identify with Christianity, 20% with Islam, and 10% with traditional religions.

Spurred on by the community’s deep desire for a full Bible, translators launched the Eleme Old Testament translation project in January—some 10 years after their New Testament was completed. The January ceremony was one of great joy, marked by the dedication of a translation office provided by the community, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with translation partners, and meaningful discussions about the language’s orthography.

PRAISE

For the commencement of the Old Testament project and getting qualified translators who have started the translation work.

PRAY

- That the translators will apply their training effectively in drafting the Scriptures.
- That God would move in the Eleme community to embrace the translation project and actively support literacy and Scripture use.

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)

Nigeria Board Development Training

In partnership with Seed Company, the Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association (NEMA) has been conducting board development training for the nation's Bible translation organizations. In April, 6 partner organizations gathered in Abuja for a workshop that focused on strengthening leadership, governance, financial management, and sustainability.

Since then, NEMA has been conducting follow-up sessions with each organization to provide tailored support based on their specific needs. The board members have affirmed the value of their experience. "The benefits of the training are enormous to me and will set me off on the right footing to face my responsibilities and not be dead wood but contribute to the growth of the organization," one participant stated.

PRAISE

That many organizations have begun developing strategic plans and policies, resulting in stronger, more effective boards.

PRAY

That this initiative will lead to stronger, healthier organizations that will accelerate the spread of God's Word in every language across Nigeria.

Pray Now

Please pray for wisdom for partner organizations across Anglophone West Africa as they seek the Lord about project planning and their translation work in 2026. We praise God for many partners that have sacrificially and joyfully reduced their own project budgets so that other projects in the region can continue their work next year. Ask the Lord to provide partners with clarity, unity, and faith, and to multiply the impact of every sacrificial decision they have made for the good of the communities we serve.

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 New Daily Companion

Chori [CHOH'-REE] speaker Katuku Jak never learned to read but says that hearing God's Word in audio format has brought new meaning to his family's devotional time. Each morning, they all listen to Scripture together and, as a result, are growing in their faith.

Chori team members are encouraged to see how the oral translation of Scripture is transforming lives across their community. A 65-year-old woman, Laraba, says Scripture recordings have become her daily companion. They are helping her understand and love God's Word more deeply. Mr. Yunana, a 33-year-old man, said listening to Scripture became a turning point in his life, drawing him out of addiction and back to church, where he dedicated his life to Christ.

PRAISE

That God's Word is changing Chori lives!

PRAY

That Scripture will bring true and long-lasting change as Chori speakers encounter the good news of Jesus.

Pray Now

Please pray for protection and endurance for believers and Christian churches in Nigeria amid ongoing persecution. Ask the Lord to strengthen their faith, comfort those who suffer loss, and move authorities and communities toward justice and peace. Pray that the gospel would advance through courageous witness, that unity would deepen among believers, and that persecutors would encounter God's transforming grace.