

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	Bibleless	Ministry Partners	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for a translator who was interrogated for more than a week. Police are living across from his apartment, so he plans to relocate to a neighboring country to continue work. Pray for the small, growing group of believers he has been leading. The person taking over the group values the national Bible more than the Scripture translated into their language.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Pray that our team in northwestern Botswana—including Seed Company Global Translation Leader Robert Motinka—will find meaningful, Scripture-related work now that the current project phase has ended.

— The Jul'hoansi Oral Bible Translation team in Botswana

Pray that the Lord will resolve a situation in our fellowship that is causing many people to leave. A woman recently joined who is critical, bullies others, and even says that our translator should be expelled from the church. Because the woman contributes money to the church, they don't want to ask her to leave.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Praise God! After many years of our translated Scriptures needing to be distributed, Pastor H is copying recordings from his computer to digital cards. The duplication and distribution system is now working and people are really enjoying hearing the Bible in our language. One lady is especially committed to finding interested people and giving them MP3 players with the recordings.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Southern Africa

The Southern Africa region spans about 16 countries, including Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, several island nations, and all Portuguese-speaking countries on the African continent. Thanks to strong partnerships across the body of Christ, Southern Africa is approaching Zero! Hindrances to finishing the task include poor roads, political instability, and lack of workers to train local translators.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
177,310	10

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

A Joyful Milestone for the South African Deaf Community!

On September 1, the South African Sign Language (SASL) community came together to celebrate a remarkable achievement—completion of the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) featuring 110 selected Bible stories in SASL!

The celebration was filled with joy and emotion. Guests enjoyed a moving video, powerful testimonies, and a beautiful performance by Deaf children signing “Jesus Loves Me.” An inspiring mini-expo showcased platforms where God’s Word is available to the Deaf in SASL.

Representatives from the Deaf community, together with Bible translation and engagement teams from across southern Africa, joined hands in celebrating this historic moment.

PRAISE

That this true milestone of faith and accessibility in South Africa has been completed.

PRAY

For the Deaf community to embrace God’s Word and for efforts to raise up Deaf churches.

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)

A Vision for Scripture in the Goba Language

The Goba people of Zambia are primarily farmers, relying on livestock, fishing, and small-scale agriculture for their livelihoods. Hunger, crop destruction, wildlife conflict, and land insecurity are just a few of the challenges they face.

Although many identify as Christians, their faith is often intertwined with traditional beliefs that include ancestor and nature worship and reliance on spiritual “healers.”

Amid these circumstances, community and church leaders have expressed a strong and growing desire for Goba audio Scriptures, where recordings could be shared via radio and mobile apps to minister to many who cannot read or understand English.

Both community leaders and members have expressed enthusiasm and readiness to support such a translation project. Their vision is clear: to make God’s Word come alive in the Goba language.

PRAY

That God will soon raise up resources—both human and financial—needed to launch a Goba translation project.

Pray Now

A cohort of 11 Global Translation Leaders (formerly called interns) received their Masters' degree in Linguistics and Bible Translation on November 7 as part of their training to become Specialist Exegetes and Consultants in Training. Please pray for them as they prepare to begin a year-long course in Hebrew.

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)

Bible Society Malawi Engages Sign Language Project

Bible Society Malawi (BSM) is currently involved in a sign language project that was launched last year. The first set of 4 stories has been completed, and the team has since produced 8 more video stories. The 8 stories have been shown to various Deaf communities for testing and feedback before a consultant reviews and checks them for accuracy.

Everywhere the BSM team has taken the stories, the Deaf have been moved. One woman cried when watching the video, saying, “I did not know that people out there regard the Deaf as people worthy of receiving the Good News. I am thankful to God that He loves me. After seeing these videos, my life will not be the same. I will leave my wayward life because I know God has a purpose for me.”

BSM, through the sign language resources, has reached out to the Deaf in many districts across the country.

See prayer points on the next page.

Pray Now

Thank God for the sign language stories that have been produced and for the lives impacted by them (*see article, opposite page*). Pray for the health of the Bible Society Malawi team and their families. Pray that the Deaf community and churches will gladly receive the sign language Scripture, and that God will open the door for these videos to be featured on national television.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: MORISIEN CREOLE LANGUAGE

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.

Before you were born I set you apart

and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

— Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

“Avan ki mo ti form twa dan vant to mama, mo ti konn twa.

Avan to nesans, mo finnn konsakre twa.

Mo finnn fer twa vinn profet pou bann pep.”

— Zeremi 1:5 (Morisien Creole)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Help Us Feed Hearts

Enn ti manze pou leker, a phrase that means “A little food for the heart,” was the special theme the Bible Society of Mauritius chose for the charity dinner they hosted on October 28 (the International Day of Creole Language and Culture). This dinner kicked off a 28-day campaign to raise awareness and support for Bible translation into Morisien Creole. The Bible Society selected this theme because God’s Word nourishes hearts, and they wanted to rally the community around making this nourishment available to all Morisien Creole speakers in the language they understand best.

PRAISE

That Morisien speakers have embraced translated Scripture portions, saying it gives them great joy to read God’s Word in their own language.

PRAY

That God will grant strength, energy, and focus to the translators as they continue laboring to bring more Scriptures to their people.

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)

Quality Support Speeds Up Process

Global Translation Leader Angelo Carelse is eager to serve Bible translation teams by providing information technology, language technology, and media support. He's thankful for the new knowledge and skills he's gaining through ongoing training.

During his practicum, he worked alongside translation team members to strengthen their proficiency in using software and equipment. One translator had struggled for years with using Paratext Bible translation software. After learning a few techniques and online tools, his team went from translating one Bible book in several months to completing two books in a shorter timeframe.

Angelo also focused on empowering team members to learn how to train each other. He recalls a time when someone forgot how to access advanced resources in Paratext. Angelo had left the office, so he called a new user he'd trained, asking him to show the team member what to do. Angelo was excited to see how his training was multiplied.

See prayer points on the next page.

Pray Now

Angelo (*see article, opposite page*) praises God for the training Seed Company is providing and thanks the investors who play a key role in transforming lives through Bible translation by supporting people like him. Pray that Angelo's wisdom and leadership skills will grow as he works with translation teams to equip them with vital technical skills and empowers them to train others. Pray for a team he is working with in Southern Africa, who are translating their first portions of Scripture.

Friday

IMPACT STORY

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

“Mutusi”—A Helper in the Work of Bible Translation

In September, SIL consultant Tom Jacobs traveled to Mongu, Zambia, to take part in a Bible translation workshop with the Shanjo translation team. Together, they carefully checked the Abraham story found in Genesis 12–25, ensuring accuracy and clarity in the Shanjo language.

The team was delighted by how effectively the [Scripture Forge](#) AI program supported their work—so much so that they gave it a Shanjo name: *Mutusi*, meaning “advocate” or “helper.” The name reflects their appreciation for how this new technology is coming alongside them in the translation process.

PRAISE

For the development of tools that enable Scripture to be translated and shared more quickly across the world.

PRAY

That translation teams will embrace new technology that can further support and strengthen them in the translation process.

Pray Now

Pray for the general elections in Guinea-Bissau on November 23. The nation has a long history of coups and political instability, with several military interventions and civil wars occurring since its independence in the mid-1970s. Elections planned in 2024 were postponed, adding to the political uncertainty. Pray for fair election results and peaceful responses to the elections.