

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	Active Projects	Active Projects	Equipping the Saints	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

We [previously prayed](#) for logistics and protection required to get printed copies of the Pauline epistles across the border into our country—and our prayers were answered! Share the joy with [people receiving Scripture](#).

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

As we broadcast gospel messages in our community, pray that people will tune in and respond positively to God's Word and His redemptive story. Pray also for our recording process for Genesis and Psalms.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Praise God that His Spirit is working and touching our translators' hearts. Pray for the safety of our whalers while they are out on the ocean, and peace for their families as they await their return and the harvest.

— The Inupiaq team in the United States

Pray that Christians and others in our area will live in harmony with each other. Pray for Muslims who want to give their lives to Christ but are afraid, and that God will also draw many others to trust Him for salvation. Pray that God will intervene in the lives of youth who are involved with drug use.

— A Bible translation team in Africa

Pacific

The Pacific region includes numerous countries spread across hundreds of islands. Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture, and hundreds of translations are in progress.

While churches are present almost everywhere, many people mix Christianity with other beliefs. This region also presents unique logistical challenges. Many language groups are very remote, and some can only be reached by boat.

Despite the great number of remaining needs, help for new translation projects is limited because trained consultants are often maxed out with existing work.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
223,190	167

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. September 2025.

Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

Collaboration in the South Pacific

During the week of October 13–17, the South Pacific Bible Forum hosted Bible translation organizations, Scripture-use organizations, and church leaders from 1 territory (New Caledonia) and 6 countries: Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. This regional forum is committed to helping organizations and ministry leaders collaborate and coordinate resources, services, and information.

Representatives from each country/territory presented what they have learned during meetings they'd hosted in the past year. They shared data through Rev79 software to discuss where translation work is planned or started, so as not to compete in starting new translation projects. Each group also spent time making plans for next year's country-level meetings.

PRAISE

For unity and like-mindedness among those who participated in the South Pacific Bible Forum.

PRAY

That God will use the collaborative efforts of these organizations to overcome significant obstacles to Bible translation in this region.

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)

Targeting a PNG Island's Last Language

Only 1 people group on Goodenough Island, Papua New Guinea (PNG), is still waiting for the translation of Scripture to begin in their language. An international linguistics and translation organization is looking into including that language in a [cluster](#) with an existing Seed Company project, Diodio [DEE-OH'-DEE-OH]. SIL PNG would initially provide technical and translation training for the team, then help with logistics and some advisory work.

The Diodio community was eager to begin work after a 2013 translation awareness workshop. After Diodio speakers laid the groundwork, SIL allocated a language team to support them in 2017, and a Seed Company-funded project started in 2023.

PRAY

That agreements and arrangements will soon be made to begin translating God's Word for the last people on this island without Scripture.

Pray Now

The 5th Shefa Oral Bible Storytelling Cluster workshop, scheduled for September 29–October 10 in Vanuatu, took place as planned. Participants from the project's 3 language groups (Namakura, Lelepa, and North Efate) continued crafting Bible stories to share in their communities. Ask the Lord to comfort the North Efate team as one of their storytellers passed away shortly after the previous workshop. Pray for the 6th and final workshop planned for May 2026.

Tuesday

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

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)

Increasing Engagement with Enga Scripture

“How do we get more audio Bibles? So many [people] are asking for them.”

The Enga translation team received this email message from a missionary working in the community. Translators were encouraged to hear that the desire for Enga Scripture remains strong. More and more of the nearly 400,000 Enga speakers in Papua New Guinea are accessing the audio New Testament. Pastors are sharing translated Scriptures from the pulpit.

PRAISE

That Enga team members can direct interested people to a local church where more audio Bibles are available.

PRAY

- That those who receive Bibles would learn more about Christ and commit their lives to Him.
- For Enga translators as they begin translating the Old Testament.

Pray Now

After 3 years of diligent work, Global Translation Leader Philip Joses finished his course of training in September. He was previously trained as a pastor, but decided instead to become a co-worker with his SIL translation supervisor in Vanuatu. Praise God for inclining Philip's heart to serve Him in ways that make His Word available, including through oral Bible storytelling. Pray that he will be effective in future positions where the Lord places him.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: SEQA [SAYNG'–GAH] LANGUAGE

“May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.”

— Numbers 6:24–26 (NLT)

“Aro ko pine Iaova me manani amo re no me miatoyke amo re.

Aro ko pine Iaova me miavale amo re no me noyi te kue re.

Aro ko pine Iaova me vatakabola ona noyni te kue re no me koyna amo re bole.”

— Numbers 6:24–26 (Seqa)

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Solomon Islands Translation Update

Over the past few months, 5 language communities in the Solomon Islands [Are'are, Kubokota, Luqa, Seqa, and Zabana] spent 1-on-1 time with translation consultants. The consultants provided key follow-up training and checked the teams' drafts of Old Testament books.

Among the positive reports from the consultants were these expressed about the Zabana team. Consultants "were impressed with the character of the team members and the quality of their work," adding that they "consider them a model mother tongue translator team working in a relatively remote situation. It was a joy to work with them."

PRAISE

For the progress made by these 5 language projects.

PRAY

That God would continue to give wisdom to translators in their work and give people in these language groups a growing hunger for God's Word in their language.

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)

Pacific Region Benefits from IT Support

The Pacific region is benefiting from individuals who've answered God's call to support Bible translation teams through information technology support. We [prayed in 2024](#) for Global Translation Leaders (GTLs) Jeremy Serave and Toros Araboka. These men recently helped with 2 regional training workshops in Alotau, Papua New Guinea. They led a basic computing course and a Paratext Bible translation software course. This was incredibly helpful as our partner had been struggling with its training capacity.

The Pacific IT internship cohort of GTLs recently met in Thailand for training and then attended a Bible translation conference.

PRAISE

For the difference GTLs (formerly called interns) are making as they support Bible translation projects in the Pacific region.

PRAY

GTLs will continue growing in their ability to support and train Bible translation teams to help ease the heavy load many field partners carry.

Pray Now

Partner Lutheran Bible Translators is working closely with the Evangelical Church of Papua New Guinea, which is setting up a Bible translation ministry within their church structure. In 2026, the church will be increasing awareness and learning about Bible translation with their district leaders. Please pray for this important partnership in a country that has many people groups with no Scripture in their 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)

God Opens Eyes of Taxi Driver

Abui [AH-BOO'-EE] is 1 of 9 languages in the Alor Cluster project in Timor-Leste. The Abui team is translating Mark's Gospel and the story of Joseph from Genesis in this First Scripture project.

"I never dreamed I might be involved in something like this," says Abui speaker Alka. "I'm just a normal person with no special knowledge or talents. I am an *ojek* [motorcycle taxi] driver. What I seek is already here. Jesus called 2 fishermen. It is like He was calling me. [Translation consultant] Chuck opened our understanding, and the stories came alive. It's like the oil in the lamp was lit. Pray that my enthusiasm will not dissipate."

PRAY

That many of the 17,000 Abui speakers will soon have access to the Abui Scriptures and respond to Jesus' call as taxi driver Alka has.

Pray Now

Many Buang speakers are eager to receive heart language Scriptures. Some find it challenging to read their language. Audio recordings of the Buang Scriptures have made it possible for them to hear and understand Scripture in a deeper way. Pray that translation work will lead many of the 10,000+ Buang speakers to a deeper understanding of God's Word—and ultimately to stronger faith in Jesus.