

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.

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Use this daily guide to pray strategically and effectively for Bible translation each day of the week.

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ANGLOPHONE EAST AFRICA

Anglophone East Africa includes the countries of Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania, along with several neighboring nations where English is widely used in schools, business, and ministry. While most people can speak English, the deepest transformation happens when people hear God's Word in the language they speak at home. Many communities in these countries face drought, political conflict, and disease outbreaks; yet, local believers and translation teams continue to serve faithfully so their families, friends, and neighbors can encounter the gospel message in their own language. We praise God that more and more communities in this region are receiving Scripture and look forward to the day when every people group has all of God's Word in the language they understand best.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

Population	Languages
39,100	4

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
57.2 million

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. December 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.

SCRIPTURE

“The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.”

Psalm 34:17 (NLT)

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray earnestly for our Persian translation teams. The country where they live and work is very volatile now, leaving team members isolated when leaders cut off all lines of communication. There is uncertainty and fear about their well-being and the safety of their families and friends. They have asked for perseverance as they carry out their ministry—getting the Scriptures to their people without God’s Word. Despite challenges, God is protecting the teams, and the translation work is continuing.

— Translation teams in Eurasia

Praise God that our team no longer needs to leave our area to find a phone or internet signal to connect our work with a consultant. A solar power system was installed in early December, storing 20 hours of energy.

— The Kuvale team in Angola

Pray that we will be able to safely distribute our planned audio version of Mark to believers without arousing the attention or opposition of non-believing community leaders. Also, pray that God will guide us in learning to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) for our project.

— A Bible translation team in Asia

Pray for wisdom and unity among translators and other team members for the back translation and revisions of the drafts that AI generated for Romans and 2 Corinthians.

— A Bible translation team in the Americas

REGIONAL UPDATE

Tanzanians Struggle with Post-Election Violence

Tanzania held general elections, including the presidential election, on October 29, 2025. With members of the primary opposing party being held in prison since April on treason charges, many Tanzanians felt that democracy was not being served. Protestors took to the streets, lighting fires and targeting businesses linked to senior government figures. The administration has responded with force, killing at least 1,000 people.

Ongoing protests are planned, and foreign governments are revising their posture toward Tanzania as a trading partner. Vulnerable citizens usually bear the brunt of such suffering.

PRAISE

- Tanzania has enjoyed at least three decades of relatively peaceful conditions.
- Tanzanians are known for their friendliness and peace-loving nature.

PRAY

- That the administration will demonstrate greater transparency so that Tanzanian citizens can better trust the officials they elect.
- That the Lord will provide and care for vulnerable Tanzanians who get caught in the middle of the chaos.

IMPACT STORY

Ugandan Translator Shares Poem Celebrating Milestones

Phionah Bahungirehe has 2 roles that she cherishes. She is the lead translator of the Rufumbira translation project in Kisoro, Uganda, as well as the Computer-Assisted Publishing Officer for Bible Society of Uganda.

Phionah's skills go beyond these roles. She is also an accomplished author and known in her home village for a book she wrote, *My Village, The Heart of a Village Girl*. It beautifully illustrates through prose and poetry her life growing up in a rural Ugandan community on the borders of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. She recently sent Seed Company a new poem (see page 14) inspired by her team's journey through translation work in 2025. Her words so beautifully illustrate the commitment, growth, and faithfulness of teams across the world who, through great sacrifice, bring God's Word to their communities.

PRAISE

- For God's provision that allows the Rufumbira project to move forward.

PRAY

- For guidance and provision for the Rufumbira translation team and their families.
- For God's provision to cover key translation and literacy program expenses.
- For community outreach efforts and strong church support.

Carved in Time, Crowned in Grace

2025 has carved its mark in time,
It has been a year that tested souls,
A year that lifted many through fire,
A year that stands written in my bones,
With victories etched where faith once bled.
Through the trials faced and wisdom earned,
I stand refined by all that I learned.

So many milestones to celebrate,
So many storms that shaped our view.
Now crowned with grace, our eyes held high,
For another open door marked 2026,
Rising in triumph, ready to aim higher.

– Phionah Bahungirehe

PRAY NOW

Seeking God's Provision

One of the major Bible translation organizations that provides funding for translation projects in Uganda has had to significantly cut funding to field partners due to shortages in donations. As a result, translators for these projects are now unable to receive payment for their work.

Nevertheless, they continue to faithfully translate even without an income. Pray that God would provide funding in His perfect timing to meet the needs of our partners and translators in Uganda.

FIELD PARTNERS

TWFTW Uganda Translates in Record Time

In 2022, The Word for the World (TWFTW) Uganda began partnering with Seed Company to group similar languages together using a “[cluster project](#)” approach. In a cluster, each language team shares resources to work on the same books and conduct quality checking concurrently. This wise stewarding of time helps accelerate progress through shared learning and ultimately leads to better outcomes for all the translations.

TWFTW has been working with 10 languages in this way, grouped into 3 different clusters. This approach has been so incredibly successful that these projects have translated the New Testament in record time, far sooner than their anticipated finish in 2027. People are celebrating this amazing milestone.

TWFTW has offered their blessing for team members to start translating Old Testament books during the remaining project time, which was previously allotted for completing the New Testament. They will also introduce the use of Artificial Intelligence-assisted drafting, another way to accelerate their work.

PRAISE

- For the faithfulness of translators, staff, and leaders of TWTFW Uganda.
- For Scripture's power to transform lives.

PRAY

- That these 10 New Testaments will be successfully dedicated in the next year.
- For effective, widespread Scripture use and engagement in these language communities.

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE

NYAMUSA-MOLO [NAI-UH-MOO'-SAH - MOH'-LOH] LANGUAGE OF SOUTH SUDAN

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

— Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)

Ari, mandri, 'ba bēri kopo kote tē meeh yala ko'de ene bēri makaloch tere ma: ubobōtiji nega mbeke mōyi 'Bu, Kole, yala ne Ng'i Koto Djikō, Yala oyandi ene nega ma karo me'doki'di kopo boni mi'di 'ba gehe. Yala ka mēni ne ene ro komo ekere, kala ngbō 'ba ngburugburu ka do'be.

— Buuku ka Mataya 28:19–20 (Nyamusa–Molo)

ABOUT THE PEOPLE GROUP

The Nyamuso-Molo People

In South Sudan, the Nyamusa live in villages of round huts with grass-thatched roofs. They're organized into clans under a patriarchal chieftainship. Families support themselves primarily through agriculture. Lack of solid infrastructure, like roads, prevents them from efficient trade. Most face extreme poverty and must walk for days to reach the nearest school or hospital.

Known particularly for perfecting the art of making arrows, the Nyamusa have a strong sense of identity. Yet they often feel marginalized by neighboring groups and face the possible extinction of their language. Scripture translation gives Nyamusa–Molo speakers—85% of whom identify as Christians—an opportunity to preserve their cultural heritage as they simultaneously learn more about their identity in Christ. In this project, the team is translating 8 New Testament books, along with the “JESUS” film.

Translated Scripture Offers Renewal and Freedom

The translation of Matthew 28:19–20 into Nyamusa–Molo captures the heart of that language’s project. This passage reflects Jesus’ transformative Great Commission, calling His followers to go to all nations, share the good news, baptize those who believe, and teach them to live according to God’s commandments.

For this community, access to translated Scripture is not merely symbolic; it is life changing. As people receive and understand God’s Word, lives are renewed, harmful practices are abandoned, and individuals are freed from spiritual blindness.

PRAISE

Pastors report that the community is eagerly waiting to receive more Scripture portions in their language.

PRAY

- For lives to be transformed by Scripture.
- For peace in South Sudan.

GLOBAL TRANSLATION LEADER

Celebrate with Tom Anguyo

Tom Anguyo has shown an incredibly high level of commitment to the Bible translation movement. In partnership with SIL-Uganda, he recently completed his Quality Assurance internship to become an Exegetical Facilitator.

As part of this process, Tom completed Bible translation studies and earned a bachelor's degree in theology. He put what he was learning into practice by serving as a translator and Exegetical Facilitator for the Ma'di Urule translation project while mentoring other translators and interns throughout Uganda.

Tom has shown exemplary leadership in all areas, including as a trainer for Scripture Forge AI software—effectively equipping translators to use this emerging technology.

Tom says the highlight of his time as a Seed Company intern was studying in Israel. While there, he felt an affirmation of God's call on his life. He says these studies provided invaluable insight, enhanced contextual understanding, and broadened his view of Scripture. In general, the internship renewed and strengthened his vision for serving his community and others through Bible translation.

PRAISE

That Tom completed his internship and for his faithful commitment to Bible translation.

PRAY

- For Tom's ability to complete his goals, as he desires to become a certified Bible translation consultant.
- For translation teams in Uganda, whose progress is experiencing delays due to a lack of consultants.

SCRIPTURE

“You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.”

— Psalm 16:11 (NLT)

SCRIPTED PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray that as people receive access to Your Word, the truth of Scripture would draw them into Your presence, where there is fullness of joy that satisfies every longing. Let the light of Your Word awaken hearts to the joy of knowing You deeply, and lead many to walk the path of life You lovingly reveal. Amen.

PEOPLE GROUP: ETHIOPIA

Scripture Speaks Clearly to Young Suri Churches

There are only a few churches among the Suri people, and those churches are all young. Christianity first came to their area about 35 years ago. In many ways, they are like the churches Paul reached out to in Corinth, Galatia, and Ephesus. Problems exist, but God is working among them, drawing people into the family of God. Having the Scriptures in the Suri language helps them grow and understand the gospel message.

During a recent reviewer checking session of Galatians, one person said, “I think there must have been some Suri in the church at Galatia because it seems like Paul is speaking directly to us!”

PRAISE

- That translators successfully checked Romans with a consultant and have nearly completed the New Testament.
- For successful evangelism efforts in the Suri area, especially in outlying cattle camps and villages.

PRAY

- That the local church will achieve its vision of seeing at least 2% of the Suri people believe in Christ.
- For the project advisor, who faces mounting challenges to his health.
- For the stability of translation team members who are separated by great distances.

IMPACT STORY

Translator Takeaways from Abraham's Story

After working on the book of Genesis, Bondei translator Maria says she's learned a great deal from Abraham's example. She points to Genesis 15:6 (NLT), "And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith." Maria says, "The first thing I've learned is that I need to have true faith in God. Abraham believed God's promises even when they did not seem natural or easy to fulfill. His faith is what made him the father of all people who have faith in God."

Secondly, Maria highlights Genesis 18:23 (NLT): "Abraham approached [the Lord] and said, 'Will you sweep away both the righteous and the wicked?'" Abraham's example has taught her the importance of interceding for others. She notes, "Abraham prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah, showing compassion and a heart to pray for others."

In reflecting on the opportunity to serve as a translator, she states, "I would like to thank God for the grace He has given me, and how He continues to appear and fight for me in this ministry."

PRAISE

- That the 4 Bonde Cluster 2 project teams—Benamanga, Bondei, Mbunga, and Ndwewe—have finished translating their New Testaments, which are now in the typesetting phase.
- That published Scripture portions are already impacting those who read and hear them.

PRAY

- That the typesetting and printing of the New Testaments will be completed soon so dedication celebrations can be arranged.
- For Benamanga translator Freyson's child, who has been experiencing convulsions.

PRAY NOW

New Leadership at Kenyan Translation Partner

The Board of Directors of translation partner BTL in Kenya has announced the appointment of Mr. Samuel Muia Kakui as the organization's executive director. Samuel has served in a variety of roles at BTL, including finance, partnerships, and administration, since joining the organization in 2007. His tenure began on January 1. Please pray for Samuel as he transitions into his new role.

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.”

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)