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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Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo. Praise God that committed, trained local believers & partners are eager for all communities to have access to all of God's Word in a language they can understand best. Obstacles to their progress include ongoing conflict, economic instability, rebel activity, and corruption.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

Languages	Population
13	330,510

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
20.4 million

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. January 2026.
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

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

Colossians 4:2

Prayer Updates From Around the World

Praise God that Mr. TS and his wife, who had followed another world religion, decided to give their lives to Jesus after listening to our audio recording of Luke 6:17–49. Pray for many others who have not yet found this freedom in Christ.

— The Vasu team in Africa

Praise God for His healing work in the life of Global Translation Leader Adelle N'Dri. His heart was broken from "many unfortunate events" he suffered prior to attending training. He arrived "with tears in my eyes and a heavy heart," and suffered from insomnia and dark days while there. But gradually, Jesus began to heal him. One lesson especially affected him: *Bringing Our Suffering to the Cross*. "When we did this exercise, I felt relieved and happy, and that's when my healing began," says Adelle.

— A Global Translation Leader in Africa

Pray for deeper spiritual growth in our community through our New Testament trial version as it is distributed. Pray also for committed, capable people to assist in community testing sessions, for unity among believers, and for backsliders to return to Christ.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

Praise God for the voice actors who diligently read and recorded our whole New Testament, which spoke to their hearts. Pray that they will continue to meditate on His Word and be transformed by it.

— A Bible translation team in Islands Asia

Regional Update

Celebrating New Translation Consultants

After many years of faithful service and an exceptionally long and demanding training journey, Alfred Siango and Benoît Nezoufeï were certified as Bible translation consultants in December.

Both men come from the Central African Republic and have dedicated decades to Bible translation, exegesis, consultant-in-training programs, and the mentoring of translation teams across Central Africa and beyond. Their coursework included theological studies, linguistics, Hebrew, discourse analysis, leadership training, oral Bible translation, and extensive supervised verification work in numerous languages and Scripture books.

Their path to certification was not short or easy. It required perseverance through years of academic study, field experience, repeated evaluations, and faithful service alongside senior consultants. Their certification marks the culmination of a long season of preparation and confirms their readiness to serve churches and translation teams with wisdom, skill, and spiritual maturity.

Their achievement is a significant milestone for Bible translation work in Central Africa.

PRAISE

- For God's faithfulness in sustaining Alfred and Benoît through many years of rigorous training.
- For these men's perseverance, humility, and obedience in pursuing their studies.
- For God's provision in raising up mature consultants to serve His Church.

PRAY

- That God will grant Alfred and Benoît continued wisdom, humility, and strength as they serve as Bible translation consultants.
- That the Holy Spirit will guide their decisions, protect their families, and use their ministry to bring clear and accurate Scripture to many languages and communities for God's glory.

Impact Story

Chief Endorses Bible Storytelling

The Eleku team of the Ngiri Cluster, an oral Bible storytelling project, recently performed the story of Joseph in Mampoko village. The traditional chief was particularly moved and asked for the story again. As a leader, he identified with Joseph's story and was touched that Joseph's God valued leaders. After a few performances of the Joseph story, the chief got up and began telling Joseph's story to the village!

The team reported that the chief's response "marked a positive spiritual and cultural advance in the community." The chief declared his desire to lead his villages with wisdom like Joseph. He said that, although he is chief, he recognizes that all authority comes from God, and he plans to honor Him for the rest of his term. The chief gave his blessing for the Eleku team to tell Bible stories and establish Bible storytelling clubs in Mampoko village. He also asked them to build a church in the village and even deeded the Fellowship of Labor Churches (CET) a parcel of land in a prime location for the church.

With such a powerful endorsement by the chief, many villagers joined Bible storytelling clubs that day.

PRAISE

- That God has opened wide the doors for Bible storytelling and church planting in Mampoko village.
- For the chief's permission to build a church and for the gift of property on which to build.

PRAY

- For the newly established storytelling clubs in Mampoko village.
- For the building of the new church.
- That the chief would also be moved by the story of Jesus and become a Christ-follower.
- That Mampoko village would know the fullness of God's Word in the language they understand best.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ESV)

Pray Now

Waziri, director of SATRAB

Waziri leads Bible translation partner SATRAB (Solidarity for Literacy and Bible Translation). He and his wife have been sick, but Waziri is now out of the hospital. We praise God for his improved health and sustained strength to lead SATRAB faithfully amid serious health and security challenges.

Please pray for:

- Healing for Waziri's wife. Pray for restored kidney function, stabilized diabetes and blood pressure, and preservation of her remaining vision.
- God's provision of finances and access to specialized hospitals for effective treatment and long-term care for Waziri's wife.
- Full physical and emotional recovery for Waziri, peace of mind, protection amid conflict, and wisdom as he cares for his family and ministry.

Field Partners

SIL Congo Equipping the Ombamba People

In January, Seed Company team members Stephanie and Tikva traveled to Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, to visit translation partner SIL Congo, a team with strong technical expertise and a culture of service. The 2 organizations celebrated the launch of a three-week training on Bible translation that, from Day 1, had participants speaking and writing in the Ombamba language, along with analyzing the meaning of Scripture and the impact of translation choices. Roughly 23,000 people speak Ombamba, many of whom have never read or heard Scripture in their language.

A group of Ombamba speakers had the vision to begin translation, but through SIL Congo they now are equipped with the expertise in Bible translation, mobilization, linguistics, and literacy for quality translation and to help the community engage with the Scriptures.

PRAISE

- For successful translation training sessions with strong participation.
- For the mobilization work in the city of Zanaga in December and the partnerships that were formed with local churches and community leaders.

PRAY

- For the family and colleagues of David Kissita, a passionate mobilizer for the Ombamba, Yaka, Teke Sud Ouest, and Dolisie Cluster languages and Dondo translator. David passed away in January from malaria. He is deeply missed. Pray for his colleagues to be strengthened and for God to raise up others to continue the work of sharing the power of God's Word with communities in the Republic of Congo.
- Pray for wisdom and health for the Ombamba translation team.

Translated Scripture

Iyansi Language

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scripture says, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
— Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

Wɛɛ Yɛsu kàfuur naa: « Bàsön naa: "Kà nà mampà mpɛl anki màfàpà mbuur mɔɔ, wɛɛ ndaa yanswà ifàtoo u mun a Nzam." »
— Matthew 4:4 (Iyansi)

The Yansi People

The Yansi people live in an underdeveloped region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, raising crops and animals. Although they also produce many traditional materials, limited access to markets makes the labor unprofitable. As a result, people live in extreme poverty.

Everything in their culture is expressed through music, including work and mourning. The Yansi use the elephant horn as a musical instrument.

About 80% declare themselves to be Christian, but traditional beliefs permeate much of life. Many of those who try to be faithful have not truly understood the message of the gospel because they have not heard it in a way they can understand.

The Yansi Diaspora and the Iyansi Bible Translation

The Yansi diaspora has played a key role in relaunching an effort to translate Scripture into their language, Iyansi. Initial work in the 1960s was halted by political unrest, but the vision never died.

The Lord used a move by Pastor Kividi Kikama to rekindle the project. A visit to translation partner JAARS connected Pastor Kikama to the Bible translation movement and revealed the pressing need for an Iyansi Bible.

Through training, partnerships, and collaboration with Seed Company and the Congolese Bible Translation Association (ACTB), the project began anew.

Today, the Yansi diaspora continues to mobilize resources for the translation of the Old Testament. First Baptist Church of Indian Trail, NC, has played a key role. And many Yansi believers linked to the church have strengthened ties between diaspora and local communities.

PRAISE

- For God's faithfulness in using the diaspora community to relaunch the Iyansi translation.

PRAY

- For the prompt printing and distribution of the New Testament.
- That lives will be transformed, churches strengthened, and communities renewed through the power of the gospel as people hear and read God's Word in Iyansi.

"Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice."

Psalms 55:17

Pray Now

Urgent Health Needs for 2 Team Members

Please pray for 2 people who are battling high blood pressure while faithfully supporting Bible translation work in the Congo Basin. Pastor Nzita Stanislas is trained as a translation consultant with Seed Company and serves in Kinshasa with the Congolese Bible Translation Association. Isaac Bofio is treasurer of ACOTBA-SUBO in Gemena. Medical care in Gemena is limited, so Isaac is seeking a way to travel to Kinshasa for proper treatment. Ask God to grant healing, safe travel, and access to the care they need as they continue serving their communities.

Global Translation Leader

Chadrack Inyongu

Pastor Chadrack Inyongu knew from childhood that he was called to serve the Lord. He grew up in Mbandaka, Democratic Republic of the Congo, as the son of a pastor and completed 2 theology degrees at the Protestant University of Congo. Once Chadrack began pastoring, he noticed that it was difficult to evangelize among some people groups because no Scripture existed in their language. When the Fellowship of Labor Churches (CET) asked him to serve as an exegetical advisor for the Tshuapa Cluster oral Bible storytelling project, he gladly agreed. Chadrack has a heart for the indigenous peoples of the DRC and a passion for helping them translate God's Word into their languages so that they can fully understand their relationship with their Creator and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Chadrack currently serves as a local church pastor and as an exegetical advisor for oral Bible translation with CET. In January, as part of his internship, he began working toward a Master's degree in translation consulting through the Kitoko Institute at Christian Alliance University. His mentor is Emmanuel Nkabani, a respected Congolese translation leader who was also trained through an internship funded by Seed Company. Chadrack is on track to be one of the first full-time translation consultants at CET's Bible translation center. As such, he will have an important role in mentoring consultants in training for this rapidly growing organization.

PRAISE

- After 3 years of waiting, Chadrack's internship has finally begun!
- That Chadrack's wife, Pierrette, recovered from a life-threatening illness.
- For the delivery of a healthy daughter to Chadrack and Pierrette last year.

PRAY

- For Chadrack and his family as he adds graduate studies to his work as a pastor and exegete.
- For funds to complete the remaining needs in Chadrack's internship.
- That God will bless Chadrack with excellent consulting and mentoring skills.
- That all the indigenous people of the DRC would know the fullness of God's Word in the language that they understand the best.

Scripture

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3 NLT

Pray Now

A New Zula Team

Work on translating Zula Scripture as part of the Kindu 2 Cluster project was unexpectedly delayed due to a disagreement between former translators and a partner organization. This month, a new phase is scheduled to start that will relaunch the project alongside Nonda, the other cluster language, with 2 new Zula translators and a back translator. Please pray for wisdom, peace, and unity during this transition, for God's guidance in selecting the right team, and for a smooth and timely start so that His Word may continue to transform lives among the Zula and Nonda communities.

Impact or Scripture Use

Unlikely Visitors Come Seeking God's Word

Bible translation continues to bear fruit in the Buyu community of Maniema. The main religion is Christianity, but there is still a heavy influence from another world religion along with animistic beliefs. Very few have access to the Bible. In some areas, only small Christian communities exist.

Life is hard. Most people rely on fishing, hunting, or farming to get by. Without electricity and running water, preparing food and washing can take the entire day.

Travel in the region is challenging for the team. In addition to the danger and difficulties of taking motorcycles through muddy roads in the rainforest, they must deal with constant harassment from the military and militias. People are often stopped and forced to pay fines or bribes before continuing. Some oral Bible storytellers have even been held hostage.

Yet … the team reports that 2 young men from a local armed group walked more than 7 miles from their village of Penemende to a youth camp where team members were testing a translation of Luke in the community. The men were eager to receive, read, and use draft copies of God's Word in their heart language.

This powerful moment tells us that the gospel reaches every heart, in every context, bringing hope and transformation even in the most difficult situations.

PRAISE

- For God's merciful ways of drawing people to Himself and His Word.
- For diligent team members who endure difficult travel and other obstacles to share Scripture and stories with Buyu communities.

PRAY

- For the 2 men from a local armed group who have received Buyu Scripture. Pray that Christ may come to dwell richly in their hearts, and they will freely share the good news that Luke proclaims.
- For ongoing translation work and testing, resulting in Scripture that speaks clearly to every Buyu speaker.

Pray Now

For an End to Armed Conflict in Eastern DRC

Please persist in prayer with our sisters and brothers in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo for peace. Several partner organizations and multiple language communities have been living under the occupation of the M23 armed group for a full year. Armed conflicts take a heavy toll on the economy, food security, access to healthcare, and the ability to carry out Bible translation activities. Pray for improved access to villages where the language communities are based. Insecurity, poor roads, and closed airports make transportation difficult. But our God can open a way where there seems to be none!

"Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Praise him, all you people of the earth.
For his unfailing love for us is powerful."

Psalm 117:1-2