

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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ISLANDS ASIA

The Islands Asia region includes just three countries, yet the spiritual and translation need across these islands is immense. Some areas have strong, vibrant churches, while others have very few, if any, known believers. Remote geography, natural disasters, and persecution often slow translation work and place added strain on local believers. Praise God that translation organizations, churches, and businesses are working together 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

Languages	Population
46	193,000

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
42.4 million

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. February 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

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A pair of translation teams in Angola are asking for prayer. Pray for Marcos Caveto, the group facilitator for Cokwe Psalms that Sing. He is involved in a dispute over a piece of land he owns for the construction of a residence. The local authorities, who are difficult to deal with, want to take it by force. Also, pray for Kuvale speakers who are suffering from malaria. Praise God for the recovery of 2 translators' family members.

— **The Cokwe and Kuvale language teams in Angola**

Praise God that the local coordinator's work toward his theological degree is nearing an end. Pray for a successful defense of his dissertation. Praise God also that the team continues to work harmoniously together. Pray that war there will come to an end.

— **A Bible translation team in Africa**

Pray that our community's use of New Testament trial versions will produce deep spiritual growth as they receive them. Pray for increased participation in Scripture engagement programs and Bible studies, for committed people to assist with community testing, and for unity among believers.

— **A Bible translation team in Asia**

Pray for a global translation leader who lacks completion of only 1 article to finish his training requirements. His computer broke down. A 2-week discovery trip to Israel was also planned, but world events currently prevent that option. Pray that

his article will be finished and his application for accreditation favorably received when it is submitted.

— A quality assurance global translation leader in Africa

REGIONAL UPDATE

The Philippines

Of the 171 indigenous languages spoken across the Philippines, 40 have no Scripture in their language. Each language represents a unique culture and community in need of God's Word.

Over the past decade, translation work has increasingly shifted into the hands of national organizations as local leaders exercise vision and ownership. Filipino partners are faithfully carrying the work forward.

Today, 6 Bible translation organizations—including Translators Association of The Philippines—labor together in unity through a fellowship called “Tambuli.” Their shared commitment is bold and clear: to see at least a portion of God's Word available in every language of the Philippines.

In 2026, 3 Seed Company–supported projects—Sulu Sea, Gaddang, and Pacific Shores—will achieve a joyful milestone by completing and publishing their own New Testaments. What a powerful testimony to faithful partnership and God's sustaining grace!

PRAISE

- That audio recordings of the New Testament translations have been completed.
- For the spirit of unity that exists among the 6 Filipino Bible translation organizations.

PRAY

- For the steps that prepare the Sulu Sea, Pacific Shores, and Gaddang New Testaments for printing, including typesetting.
- For the readiness of these language communities to receive and apply translated Scripture.

IMPACT STORY

Learning Obedience Through God's Word

For nearly 20 years, Mr. Jun N. Bao faithfully cared for his family's land in the Philippines. Though he considered himself a Christian, he admits he had not fully surrendered his life to the Lord. Through the quiet witness of his older brother, Jun began to understand more about the love of Jesus. But it was an invitation to read the newly translated Sarb Scriptures that deeply changed Jun's heart.

A passage in Isaiah 48 spoke directly to Jun. Verse 4 says, "For I know how stubborn you are; your necks are as unbending as iron, your heads are as hard as bronze" (NLT). Jun smiled at first, but he knew the Lord was gently rebuking him. He recognized his own stubbornness, especially in his ongoing struggle with smoking and partial obedience. He realized that his disobedience had affected not only his spiritual life but also his family's well-being.

Isaiah 48:17–18 filled Jun with hope: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you ... Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river. ..." (NLT). Jun understood that obedience brings blessing and lasting peace.

Today, Jun is grateful for Scripture in his Sarb language and asks for prayer—that God will help him walk in faithful obedience, trusting that apart from Him, he can do nothing.

PRAISE

- For God's unfailing love and sustaining grace in the ministry of Bible translation. Though challenges arise, His kindness and faithfulness continue to uphold the work each day and will endure forever.
- For the joyful participation of those engaged with the Sarb community testing process. Their eagerness to engage with Scripture blessed the translation team. Many community members were encouraged and strengthened.

PRAY

- That the translated Scriptures will be a channel of transformation, reaching those who have not heard and accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.
- For more opportunities to introduce translated books to other language groups, especially to the Walo Butang Blaan group, who believe in mountain deities.
- For the Sarb team to be brave in introducing the Word of God in His perfect timing to those who need to hear it.

FIELD PARTNERS

Operation Snap Dragon Indonesia

Having started a ministry to support and accelerate the recording of the “JESUS” film in South Asia and many other areas, Operation Snap Dragon (OSD) Indonesia has grown and developed its organizational capacity to serve other needs in the work of Bible translation in Indonesia. Since last year, OSD Indonesia has been working to provide 27 Bible story sets in 18 languages and oral Bible translation (OBT) in 4 languages.

This year, OSD Indonesia aims to launch the Taste of Translation (ToT) language survey in 11 languages in the Maluku area and 4 languages in Papua. (ToT workshops were developed by Seed Company in collaboration with Indonesian partners to assess the interest of communities in having Scripture translated into their languages.)

PRAISE

- For OSD's service to many language communities in their Bible translation work.
- For continuing partnerships with local impact partners to support the ToT and OBT work.

PRAY

- For God's provision in stewarding OSD Indonesia's translation ministry.
- For new translation leaders, both facilitators and consultants.
- For strong partnerships and unity with impact partners in language communities.
- For development of their own OBT software to support the OBT work.

SCRIPTURE

“O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you.”

Nehemiah 1:11 (NLT)

PRAY NOW

Building Partners

Pray for an upcoming regional meeting in the Robeno 4 Cluster project’s Mudanot community. At the meeting, the team will share the translated Scriptures with church leaders and village leaders. Pray for excitement and joy among the leaders and a willingness to partner together in getting Mudanot Scriptures to the community.

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE

Hua Language of Islands Asia

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”

— Matthew 6:25 (NLT)

“Mewali, Kuuliangaakau, inee karao inaomi ba niuli, ‘Apami wei au taande hai taenu?’ Inee karao inaomi ba niuli, ‘Apami au tapohampi?’ Lawi katuwomi melumbu hangko i paande hai pehampi.”

— Matthew 6:25 (Hua)

About the Hua People

The Hua people traditionally practiced an animistic belief system centered on nature worship, ancestral spirits, and rituals tied closely to agriculture and daily life. Although most Hua have converted to Christianity, a small minority (about 10–15%) still maintain these animistic practices.

Farmers grow coffee, cacao, vegetables, citrus, bananas, and rice. Many raise cattle or horses; water buffalo are used for plowing. Culturally, the Hua are known for their love of music and dance, often performing traditional dances during life events and agricultural seasons.

Trusting God, Learning Not to Worry

The Hua people often live with deep anxiety about their daily needs—food, clothing, health, family, and the future. Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:25–34 speaks directly to these fears, reminding them not to worry about physical needs but to seek God's kingdom first and trust His faithful care. This message calls them not to laziness, but to a life centered on God, grounded in His righteousness and provision.

When God's Word is presented in the Hua language, its message becomes personal and powerful. *Inee kaarao Inaomi* ("Don't Worry") feels close to the heart, helping people sense God's presence in their lives. Bible translation is gradually shaping their families, culture, and community life, even influencing traditional rituals.

PRAY

- That the Hua people will actively use God's Word in their language, leading to personal, church, and community transformation.
- That key local leaders will remain strong and committed in supporting the ongoing Bible translation work.

FIELD PARTNERS

Different Types of Leadership Emerging in Indonesia

Two types of leadership—team and individual—are collaborating in North Sulawesi, Indonesia, to advance Bible translation.

Founded in 2025, SIKMA models team leadership. They serve translation organizations and churches by providing experienced mentors in organizational development. SIKMA's leadership team emphasizes supportive, loving relationships, prayer, and honoring God in everything.

Pastor Dan Sompe provides individual leadership as vice president of partnerships at GMIM, one of Indonesia's largest synods. These partnerships include translation acceleration initiatives through PPA (GMIM's Center for Bible Translation), training for facilitators and consultants, knowledge sharing, and an Advisory Council Initiative.

Over the past 6 years, PPA has expanded from 5 to over 70 staff members and is now involved in more than 25 language projects. Additionally, GMIM has commissioned 13 pastors as full-time Bible translation facilitators and has recruited senior pastors to visit translation projects for member care.

PRAISE

- That SIKMA's vision, although less than 1 year old, is captivating the hearts and minds of Indonesian and international Bible translation organizations and church leaders. A global leader from Korea visiting Indonesia testified to experiencing a Bible translation movement not seen in the world for decades.
- That GMIM leaders are humbly learning how to lead, share their knowledge, support other synods in developing Bible translation departments, train pastors, and emphasize mother tongue Scripture engagement.

PRAY

- That Seed Company staff and contracted consultants would humbly serve Bible translation organizations and church leaders in Indonesia in a way that allows them to lead as God directs them.
- That Indonesian Bible translation leaders will recognize the significance of what God is doing in their midst, capture the lessons learned, and share those lessons with others.

SCRIPTED PRAYER

*“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands.”*

Psalm 90:17 (ESV)

Dear Father, we ask for Your favor to rest upon your people in the Islands Asia region as they seek to honor You. Establish the work of their hands and let everything they do give you glory & reflect Your beauty.

PRAY NOW

Kuri Pasai Cluster 2

Please pray for the 2 remaining workshops in this cluster of 5 language groups. Praise God for the available consultants helping these teams as they seek to complete this phase by mid-summer. Pray for the teams to encourage Scripture use activities in the church communities.

IMPACT STORY

Highlighting Spoken Worldwide's Iraw Project

An Iraw translator known as Papa expresses praise to God for the opportunity he had to attend an advanced oral Bible translation workshop last year. “The daily devotions were incredibly precious and truly refreshed my drying soul,” he says. “More than that, the workshop provided me with a deeper understanding of how to internalize a biblical passage before translating it. This new knowledge is invaluable, and I can now share it with my co-translators in the field.”

When the team met last September, they discussed practical ways to overcome painful memories from their past. They reflected on Philippians 3:13, where Paul says, “One thing I do: forgetting what is behind me and straining toward what is ahead.” Team member Sita urged the others not to be held back by guilt or past failures, but to press forward with a sense of purpose. Team member Kimberly also reminded the group that they don’t need to be weighed down by guilt over past sins because Jesus has paid for them. Their meeting concluded with a powerful time of prayer and mutual encouragement.

PRAISE

For 3 couples who chose to get baptized in January—2 couples serving on the Iraw translation team and another couple from the community who recently received portions of translated Scripture.

PRAY

- That translators will have the strength, perseverance, and good health needed to overcome challenges and complete the Iraw translation project.
- That God will raise up more intercessors to support this project through prayer.

TRANSLATION INNOVATION

Kalbar Cluster Tests a New Method

The Kalbar [Cluster](#) of 5 languages is helping pioneer a translation method that not many have used before. They had completed one book, Luke, and wondered if artificial intelligence (AI) could be used to increase the speed and quality of their translations going forward.

One book did not offer enough language samples to effectively train the AI model yet, so they gathered 8,000 everyday phrases and sentences from the community that researchers had identified for this purpose. Based on these language patterns, each language team will quickly produce an AI translation of the first few chapters of Acts.

Translators will receive training on how to evaluate this output to create further drafts, which will then follow the usual rigorous steps of revising, community testing, and consultant checking.

The results will help provide new insights and data to refine how AI is used in Bible translation.

The teams are aware of how crucial God's wisdom and discernment is in each step of the Bible Translation process. Their hope? That their communities will receive God's Word as soon as possible, while quality is maintained. They feel their people have already waited long enough.

PRAISE

- That the teams are joyfully welcoming new learning and tools.
- For young people on the teams who are passionate about seeing the Word of God come to their communities.

PRAY

- That teams would be full of wisdom as they use and operate new tools and technology.
- That this cluster project would lead the way in training and learning for more projects in the future.

PRAY NOW

Timber 3 Project

Please pray for the Timber 3 project facilitator and his family as they return to Canada for a 3-month home assignment, uncertain how the Lord will provide the visa needed to return after years of stability. Ask God to open the necessary doors for them to remain in-country and continue supporting the Timber project. Pray for strength and unity for the Timber team as they press on with translation work and Scripture engagement in their community.

SCRIPTURE

*“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 (NLT)