

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 Journey to Zero

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

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PACIFIC

The Pacific region spans numerous islands scattered across a vast ocean, where beautiful but remote geography makes many communities hard to reach. The region is rich in language and culture, and while churches are present in many places, people navigate a mix of beliefs as they seek to understand the truth of the gospel. Local partners, churches, and translation teams are faithfully advancing Bible translation. As more Scripture becomes available in heart languages, communities are encountering God’s Word more clearly and being transformed—bringing more communities closer 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
153	204,574

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
5.6 million

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. April 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

“In those days when you pray, I will listen.”

Jeremiah 29:12

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for our team as we prepare to share with the Dabenyu community the written form (orthography) of the language that has been prepared for them.

— **The Dabenyu language team in Islands Asia**

The Mwoakilloa translation team has had 2 members die in the last 3 months. Pray for families and the team as they grieve, and for the team as they work with the next leader of the project.

— **The Mwoakilloa language team in Federated States of Micronesia**

Praise God that work on Acts has been successfully checked by a translation consultant so that Lidzonka and Lus speakers have the book in their language. Pray that new computers planned for this year will arrive soon for these two teams; all but one of their computers is malfunctioning.

— **The Lidzonka and Lus language teams in Cameroon**

Our team is mourning the loss of our oldest translator, Pastor Forma, who passed away recently. Pray for his family and our team. The partners have identified a potential new candidate and ask for prayers regarding the interview and selection process.

— **The Crioulo language team in Guinea-Bissau**

REGIONAL UPDATE

Nukeria New Testament Dedicated

Most Nukeria [NOO–KOO’–REE–AH] speakers live on a remote island in the Pacific Ocean. With the Nukeria New Testament now finished, many are eagerly awaiting the day when they will gather to dedicate and celebrate the completion of their New Testament.

Nearly all Nukeria speakers profess Christianity, but until a few years ago, they had never seen or read Scripture in their mother tongue. Then in 2010, a man engaged in Bible translation from a neighboring island told them how reading Scripture in his own language and helping to translate the Bible had changed his life.

A translation team was assembled not long after, and in 2018, the team finished work on the 4 Gospels. Published together in 1 volume, the Gospel publication became the first book available in the Nukeria language.

Many Nukeria, including believers, are still influenced by an old belief system that includes animistic rituals and superstitions. Access to the full New Testament should help them understand the gospel in a way that speaks directly to their culture and their deepest needs.

PRAISE

- That many Nukeria people who were once ashamed to speak their dialect are now emotionally moved when hearing God's Word spoken in their language.
- That access to the full New Testament can help many Nukeria grow in their faith.

PRAY

- For Nukeria men, women, and young people to love God and walk in His ways as they get to know Him through their heart language Scriptures.
- That many will glean wisdom from God's Word and find courage to reject ungodly traditions and superstitions.

IMPACT STORY

God Answers Faithful Pastor's Prayer

Pastor Junus Klakik spent most of his 35-year ministry serving in a small Klon-speaking church. He realized early on that his people would greatly benefit from having God's Word in their own language and started praying that God would send someone to help translate the Bible into the Klon language.

When Junus was nearing retirement, he met Johnny Banamtuan, a coordinator with UBB—an organization that focuses on Bible translation, literacy, and preserving local languages in Timor. Johnny had been working for several years to build relationships with 20 or so language communities in Junus' area to pave the way for Bible translation projects.

The Lord answered Junus' prayer, and the Klon Bible translation project began around 2016. Junus felt called to commit the rest of his life to translating Scripture for his people. When he passed away in December 2025, the New Testament was nearly 75% complete.

Pastor Junus lived a remarkable life of service to God and his local church community—a legacy that will not soon be forgotten. He looked forward to the day when the whole Bible would become available in the Klon language, and by God's grace, that day is coming.

PRAISE

For the steady progress Klon translators continue making on the New Testament as they follow in Pastor Junus' footsteps.

PRAY

- For God's comfort on the team and Pastor Junus' family as they grieve his absence.
- That the team will have strength and energy as they complete the New Testament and then begin working on the Old Testament.

SCRIPTURE

*“My name will be great among the nations...
and my name will be honored all around the world.”*

Malachi 1:11 (NLT)

PRAY NOW

Bolstering Translators' Skills

In February, Seed Company Pacific team members Pat and John joined Islands Bible Ministries team members in leading 7 translation teams from the Solomon Islands through a translation principles workshop.

Pray that the 20+ mother tongue translators participating from the Are'are, Duke, Kubokota, Luqa, Seqa, To'ambaita, and Zabana translation projects would take full hold of the training they received and that they would be invigorated in their work.

FIELD PARTNERS

Vanuatu Translation Efforts Gain Increased Support

The [Vanuatu Bible Translation Desk](#) (VBT) team had a great first year as they launched into Bible translation efforts under the leadership of Pastor Daniel Boe with the help of volunteers Hendrix Vutilolo and Ricky Dimartino. VBT's mission is to "coordinate, support, and strengthen Bible translation activities across Vanuatu's 6 provinces in partnership with churches, translation agencies, and local communities." Staff members have a vision to see "all languages, even endangered languages, in Vanuatu receive quality translations of God's Word in their heart language, leading to spiritual growth and cultural and holistic transformation."

In February, VBT led and coordinated the Vanuatu Bible Forum meetings in collaboration with the Vanuatu Christian Council, church leaders across various denominations, and other Bible translation organizations operating in Vanuatu (*see Scripture Use in Vanuatu article in this issue*).

PRAISE

For a fruitful first year under Pastor Daniel Boe's leadership.

PRAY

- That VBT will grow as an organization and that God would meet their staffing and financial needs.
- That their efforts will continue to strengthen Bible translation and language development throughout Vanuatu.

SCRIPTED PRAYER

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

Dear Father, we praise You for the light of Your Word as it guides communities across the Pacific. Continue to strengthen translators, provide for their needs, and unite teams in this work. As people encounter Scripture in their own language, let it take root in their hearts, bringing truth, freedom, and lasting transformation. Amen.

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE

Madi Language of Papua New Guinea

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

— Luke 4:20–21 (NLT)

Yesus par baliwyan ingu fulin epe somnin, ow lem par ulawti ingu inasu yanliy. Welalem atninda Yuda ragu fom yeyininda imami kusu Yesus nengu kiyana. Arya nigu daririy, “Kuka abon parda inata ingu go, mat ini payinpen futtiyat.”

— Luke 4:20–21 (Madi)

ABOUT THE MADI PEOPLE

Most Madi communities are situated along Papua New Guinea’s tropical north coast, while others are located inland or nestled into nearby mountains. Travel throughout this region’s rugged jungle environment is slow and difficult. The people are friendly, kind, and hospitable. Most meet their daily needs by selling their extra produce to pay for practical needs, such as school and transportation.

Many of the 900 Madi speakers now attend church, but syncretism remains prevalent—people frequently mix church teachings with their cultural beliefs. A majority of the population still follows animistic teachings, believing that traditional spirits hold more power than the

God of the Bible. They need to hear more of God's Word in the language they understand best.

Madi Team Reconciles; Scripture Dedication Set for May

Last August, we prayed for the [resolution](#) to a conflict on the Madi translation team. The conflict, known throughout the Madi community, prompted the project manager to halt further translation work. The manager believed translators had to address any wrongdoings before moving forward. For the community to accept the Madi translation, they needed to see the Scriptures as coming from an upstanding team.

As it turns out, the issue causing concern about another team member had long been resolved and forgiven. In a huge answer to prayer, the team has now reconciled, and the project is advancing!

Praise

- That Madi Scripture portions have recently been printed, and a dedication service has been scheduled for May.

Pray

- For the logistics of the dedication service and for Madi hearts to be open to receiving the Scripture.
- For the Madi team, who will be focusing on church engagement, teaching and Scripture use in the coming months.

GLOBAL TRANSLATION LEADER

Cletus Aigeeleng: Confidence in Times of Grief

Cletus Aigeeleng is from Papua New Guinea. As a global translation leader, he is training in Indonesia to become a language development consultant. When his father passed away a short time ago, Cletus was unable to return home for his funeral.

He shares, “Studying in a foreign country and hearing the news of my father’s death, and not seeing his body buried, was a very difficult experience for me.” His clear calling to ministry reminded him of Luke 9:60, where Jesus says, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God” (NIV).

“These verses have given me the confidence to accept the loss of my father and move on in life to pursue my education and serve God and accomplish His plan.”

PRAISE

- For the mind and perspective of Christ that God has given to Cletus during this time of grieving for his father.
- For Scripture that speaks to every circumstance faced by Cletus and other Christians everywhere in their time of need.

PRAY

- That God will turn Cletus’ mourning into dancing as Scripture becomes increasingly central to his life and ministry.
- That his studies will bear good fruit, both in his training and in his contribution to Bible translation.

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SCRIPTURE USE IN VANUATU

Leaders Collaborate for Action on Translation

In Vanuatu, collaboration among political, community, and church leaders, along with representatives of Bible translation organizations, is strengthening the area's use, knowledge, and understanding of the Word of God. February's Vanuatu Bible Collaboration Forum participants included Seed Company field project manager Adrienne and translation consultant Stephen.

Organizers know that Scripture is the foundation for a strong, healthy, and growing church. Therefore, the initiative focuses on widespread church- and community-led translation, aiming to have translation work active in all remaining local languages.

People there discussed both the efforts underway in Vanuatu and the prospective plans for Bible translation and language development around the country's 6 provinces.

The program gave church and community leaders a taste of what's involved with Bible translation through a "10 Steps of Bible Translation" presentation. Culture Meets Scripture training also allowed participants to identify and discuss current cultural issues.

Each participant left with their own action steps to pursue, based on needs such as starting translation work, raising translation awareness, engaging churches with analytic tools, and biblically addressing cultural issues.

PRAISE

- For the spirit of unity and collaboration that God has inspired among Bible translation organizations in Vanuatu.
- For the progress made in reaching people groups in Vanuatu with Scripture in a language that is clear to them.

PRAY

- That the Lord will lead people who attended the Vanuatu Bible Forum to successfully complete their action steps in their churches and communities.
- That efforts made through this collaboration will solidify Great Commission partnerships for the future of Bible translation in Vanuatu.

PRAY NOW

Continuing the Work for the Kela Kala People

Mitchell, the team adviser for the Kela Kala project in Papua New Guinea, was away on furlough for some time. During his absence, Claude, the lead translator of the Kela Kala project, drafted many of the books of the New Testament into notebooks. Claude told Mitchell, “Each day I asked God for help with the translation, and I was amazed at how smooth and effortless I found the translation work. I would often work late into the night with a little light.” Praise God for Claude’s persistence, despite his need for cataract surgery on his eyes. Pray for Claude and the Kela Kala team as they carry on in translating Scripture.

SCRIPTURE

“Give thanks to the Lord; praise his name.

Tell the whole world what he has done.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things.

Make known his praise around the world.”

Isaiah 12:4-5