

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 guide to pray strategically and effectively for the work of Bible translation around the world.

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EURASIA

In Eurasia, ongoing conflict, communications blackouts, evacuations, and travel restrictions are disrupting Bible translation work, limiting contact with teams and making in-person support difficult. Yet God is still at work through faithful local partners, translators, and churches: partially translated Scripture is already being used in Bible studies, sign language partnerships are helping new projects take shape, and new training opportunities are preparing more workers for the region. Even amid instability, communities are encountering God's Word and moving 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
33	846,380

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
544.5 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

“Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!”

Psalm 96:3-4a

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray that the Lord will continue to move translation work forward, while two of our team members face difficult challenges. Jacob, who is also a community leader, was put in jail after he was called to help a Hadza family resolve an issue where a man from another tribe was trying to take their land by force. As the Hadza family protected themselves, the man was injured and died. Pray that Jacob is cleared and released. Pray also for Elfariji, the other team member, who has been unable to work while health professionals seek to stabilize his ongoing difficulties with memory.

— **The Hadzane team in Tanzania**

Praise God that team members are working to complete audio recordings of Old Testament passages in Misima and New Testament passages in Saisai.

— **The Misima and Saisai teams in Papua New Guinea**

Pray for translator Bayron, who continues slowly recovering from a long and painful medical journey. Pray that God will sustain him and his family with hope after 2 years of emotional, physical, and financial strain—and that Bayron will be able to return to translation work at the right time.

— **The Chachi team in Ecuador**

Praise God that a translation consultant has finished checking all 27 books of the New Testament in Aliba! We can tell from the community's involvement in various project activities that they can hardly wait to have it in their own language.

— **The Aliba team in Uganda**

REGIONAL UPDATE

Turmoil Impacts Translators and Their Work

Multiple armed conflicts in Eurasia are impacting translation work throughout the region.

A communications blackout in 1 nation severely limits contact with translators. More than a month may go by without updates. The blackout not only hinders translation work but also the teams' ability to connect with each other or with others outside the country. This leaves teammates and partners in the region and the West wondering how translators are doing physically and emotionally. Are they and their loved ones safe? Injured? Terrified?

Other teams continue translating in countries close to the conflicts. In many cases, they've been forced to adapt to a new way of life. In 1 country not directly at war, expat team members are being evacuated as national team members continue the work.

Field project managers in the West work most effectively when they can build relationships and make good decisions with partners about project issues. Face-to-face visits deepen these relationships and build trust. Unfortunately, travel restrictions to some Eurasian nations prevent such visits at a time when they are most needed.

PRAY

- For perseverance of translation team members in difficult places.
- That God would encourage these saints as they carry out the tasks that the Lord has equipped them for and called them to: translating the Bible into the language(s) of their people.
- For wisdom for field project managers in the West as they care for translation teams and field partners from afar, as well as help to make sure that translation projects have the support they need.
- For hostilities in the region to settle down. Many people viewed as “collateral damage” can enter eternity without ever hearing the gospel, sometimes in areas where Bible translation in their language is underway but not completed.

IMPACT STORY

A Film Touches Women's Hearts

In November 2025, the Karrip team organized showings of clips from the *Magdalena* film for women in a village. About 25 women participated in the program with great attention and interest. For many of them, this was the first time they had heard about Jesus Christ.

As the women watched the clips, they reflected quietly and thoughtfully on the message. Among them was a woman named T. She was encouraged by the team's presence and courageously shared her testimony with everyone. She recounted how she once brought a completely blind woman to a follower of Jesus, who prayed in His name. Through God's grace, she said, the woman regained her sight.

As the women watched the story of Magdalena meeting Jesus and realizing her sins, they reflected on their own actions. Several confessed that they had been secretly cutting grass from others' fields, knowing it was wrong but continuing to do it. By the end of the program, the women collectively decided to promptly stop doing that.

The film proved to be not only educational but also spiritually transformative. It inspired self-reflection, repentance, and a commitment to change.

PRAISE

- That God has touched so many women's hearts through the Karrip team's initiative in the community.
- That Karrip women are hearing and responding to the name of Jesus for the first time.

PRAY

- That God will continue to convict people of their secret sins and empower them to keep abandoning those practices.
- That the Karrip team will be encouraged as they see God connecting with their community through their translation of His Word.

SCRIPTED PRAYER

“He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”

— Isaiah 40:29–31 (NLT)

Dear Father, we praise You as the One who gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Surround translators and their families with Your presence, ordering their steps and sustaining them through every trial. Assure their hearts that You are working all things together for their good and for Your glory. Amen.

FIELD PARTNERS

Peace Dove Addressing Needs of Deaf in Eurasia

Early in 2025, we prayed for [Peace Dove](#), a partner that has a large vision to advance Sign Language Bible translation throughout the Middle East. In addition to starting translation work on their own country's sign language, Peace Dove has received numerous requests for help from the Deaf in nearby countries. They are asking not only to use Peace Dove's translated materials but also for assistance in starting translation in their own countries' sign languages.

Peace Dove continues to prioritize Scripture translation in their country's sign language, but they are now also serving as liaisons between the Deaf community and organizations wanting to start sign language translations in neighboring nations. Peace Dove is helping gather the Deaf from various denominations and identifying the most qualified individuals to serve as translators. Peace Dove's system has worked well, and they hope to train others in using the same system as they start their own projects.

PRAISE

- For the desire of many in the Middle East to launch sign language projects.
- For Peace Dove's heart to help others begin projects, even as they work on their own country's translation.

PRAY

- For discernment in properly allocating Peace Dove's resources between their country's sign language needs and the needs of neighboring countries.

REACHING THE DEAF IN NORTH AFRICA

Seed Company has long partnered with DOOR International to provide the Deaf in 1 North African country with story sets from the Bible. Now, Seed Company is exploring a new initiative: a full Bible for the Deaf. Initially, discussions revolved around whether there were multiple sign languages in the country needing different translations. But after thorough research and meetings with Deaf people across different regions, the decision was made to produce a unified sign language translation for all.

Different teams that include a variety of church denominations will produce drafts of Bible books. They will swap their drafts for team checking, community testing, and reviewing. If there's a debate about different signs, the groups will discuss and decide which sign works best.

Many pieces of the puzzle have fallen into place for this exciting new initiative, but project leaders still need to navigate some key elements for the project to officially begin.

PRAISE

- For all the effort and collaboration that has taken place to lay the groundwork for this full Bible project.

PRAY

- That God will provide a key field partner who can bring oversight to this complex project.
- That God will raise up a local person who is respected by the Deaf community to manage the teams and serve as the point of contact.
- That God will grant wisdom and discernment in selecting people to be involved with each team.

GLOBAL TRANSLATION LEADER

Launching 10-Member Cohort of Translation Exegetes

An organization dedicated to translating, publishing, and distributing the Bible in various Eurasian languages is establishing a master's program in Bible translation for Russian-speaking people. Collaborating with a local Christian university and with Dallas International University, the master's program will include 10 students who will take courses over 3 years to become qualified Bible translation exegetes (individuals who carefully study the Bible to arrive at its proper meaning or interpretation). Courses are set to begin this fall.

Each student in the program will take part in an active Bible translation project and have a mentor working alongside them. This represents a unique opportunity to train people who are interested in helping finish Bible translation in their home region, as well as other parts of the world.

PRAY

With all the civil, economic, social, and military pressures and instability in their area, please pray

- For God to protect each student's ability to continue participating in the program for 3 years.
- For God to enable each of them to focus and learn well.
- For God to keep open opportunities for the next 3 years for students to take part in active Bible translation projects that are accessible to them.

PRAY NOW

Water Wears Away Stone

Last year, the [Geser project](#) had an urgent need for a new team member. Praise God, He heard prayers regarding this request and allowed team leaders to meet “Naran,” who has agreed to work with the project by reviewing and transcribing the oral Bible stories the team is producing. She is not a believer but is open to working on translated materials. She is known for being a teller of local stories and legends. Though the people in the region are very traditional, with deeply rooted Buddhist beliefs and fears, the team leaders are holding to the truth of a local proverb that says, “water wears away stone.” They request the “water” of faithful prayers to wear away the stones that forces of darkness have placed in their community.

SCRIPTURE

“So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer.”

Ezra 8:23

PRAY NOW

Sign Language Project on Hold

After more than 18 months of unsuccessful attempts to assemble a translation team, Seed Company has reluctantly decided to stop pursuing the Northern Ireland Sign Language project. The expertise needed to train, lead, and give ongoing help for a Deaf translation team is extremely limited. Seed Company team members and others who invested time and financial resources into this project are understandably disappointed. Please pray that God in His perfect timing will raise up more workers who can devote their time, energy, and skills to helping the Deaf receive God’s Word in the language they understand best.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Is the Bible Too Honest?

With the help of translation partner [Faith Comes by Hearing](#), a translation team has been helping the Nenets people, many of whom are reindeer herders in northern Russia. The team is translating Jonah, the Gospels, and Acts. As work progresses, more communities are becoming involved, but not without challenges. Some team members have found it difficult to stay focused as their family members have been called to military service. At one point, the translation process came to a halt due to unstable internet service.

In a village called Panayevsk, old and young gathered to give valuable input on translated materials. “Many people did not like that the stories were too honest,” the team reports. Instead, they wanted to make the stories more culturally acceptable. For example, in Genesis 31, Rachel takes her household idols and hides them. It is strictly taboo for a Nenets woman to touch idols, let alone sit on them. Some people felt translating such a story might defile them. They wanted to remove parts to make the Bible more “correct.” Their questions have led to fruitful discussions with translators.

PRAISE

- For the return of stable internet service and the opportunity to receive feedback on the translation from a group of college students.

PRAY

- That Nenets people will understand that the Bible records inappropriate behavior, in part, to show that everyone is a sinner in need of a Savior.
- That God would provide a person to translate 25 stories “back” into a language of wider communication so that consultants can check them for accuracy.

IMPACT STORY

A Woman Discerns the Power of Jesus

One day, the Absuara [AHB-SOO-AH'-RAH] team was translating Mark 1:29-35 into their language. At lunchtime, the sister of one of the translators stopped by.

Translator Irina and her sister, Liana, came from a family of practicing pagans. Liana had recently become interested in Jesus, but she had never heard of the Bible before that day.

The team invited Liana to stay and listen to the Mark passage, where Jesus casts out a demon. When they asked Liana what the evil spirit feared, she replied, "It feared Jesus because He had the power from heaven to cast out a demon from a man."

The project manager, Yeva, had been to the sisters' home and knew a secret about their family. She prayed silently, "God, let this Word give birth to faith in your power in her heart. This family needs you so much!"

Yeva knew that the sisters' mother had worshiped spirits her entire life. On one visit, Yeva heard their mother in the next room trying to drive out her "invisible guests."

When Yeva tried to tell their mother that Jesus is stronger and can bring peace, she clutched Yeva's hand and gazed into the distance. "She doesn't understand you now," Irina had said.

Yeva realized that the gospel message of deliverance from spirits applies just as much now as it did in Jesus' day.

PRAISE

- That God has drawn Irina and Liana's mother closer to faith through her participation in the translation. Despite her health issues, she helps with the back translation and retypes the spoken material into text. Pray that she will come to find freedom and salvation in Christ.
- That the team is learning to find ways of working with a community that is not culturally precise about time. Pray they will keep practicing patience and discern effective ways to shepherd the work.

PRAY

- That the team will continue to develop relationships with both Christians and non-Christians in the community who love their language and culture. The region is complex, and people have many questions.
- For the availability and protection of translators to work on the next stories and make those available to translation consultants for checking.

PROJECT UPDATE

Briyani Project: Translating During a Conflict

We prayed for the Briyani [BREE-YAHN'-EE] project in [September 2025](#). The team is about 6 years away from completing the full Bible for this language community of 4,000,000 people. It is the main language in homes, in local government, and for instruction in the school system.

A manager of the partner organization overseeing the Briyani team provided this update earlier this spring: “For sure you have been following the news and developments in the Middle East and might be wondering how that affects the Briyani team. This week we got orders from our organization that we [expats] have to leave the country for some time, so we will exit the region on Wednesday (April 1).

“Arrangements have been made so that the biggest chunk of the work can continue, and there will be some time to assess the potential impact of this situation. First and foremost, we appreciate prayer for this region—as it is hard to leave the people we love. Hopefully, it will be only for a short while.”

PRAY

- That God would shepherd the translation onward while the partner's 2 expat exegetes are gone. (The exegetes teach the Muslim translators what the verses mean so that they can then translate accurately. They also manage the day-to-day workflow of the translators and community testers.)
- That God would soon open the door to enable the exegetes to return and rejoin the team safely.

PRAY NOW

Not a Foreign Book

Please keep praying for the Nomad Narratives project, featured in [November 2025](#), as the team completes final preparations to publish the New Testament. Ask God to provide a publisher who is willing to print Bibles in a country that opposes Christianity. It's vital that the team publishes locally so that the Bible is not viewed as a foreign book. Pray that the publisher can produce both high print quality and a binding that can withstand the hot climate which erodes most books. Pray for wisdom and unity as they plan for a dedication in late 2026.

SCRIPTURE

*“The Lord has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations.
All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.”*

Isaiah 52:10 (NLT)