

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

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AMERICAS

Spanning North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean, the Americas region ranges from dense cities to remote rainforest villages and island communities, many of which still lack some or all of Scripture in their own language. Across the region, national churches, Bible societies, and alliances are building strong local ownership of Bible translation so more people can encounter all of God's Word in the language they understand best.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

Languages	Population
20+	33,050+

Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
18 million

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. June 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

"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."

Psalm 46:10 (NLT)

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise God for our 2 teams' progress this quarter on Mark and Acts in our languages. Pray for one of the teams, their families, pastors, and community as they prepare to celebrate next year's 100th anniversary of first hearing the gospel in their land.

— Bible translation teams in Islands Asia

Pray for newly graduated and ordained Xerente pastors as they carry God's Word into their villages. Praise God that Xerente speakers now have Scripture in their own language, refined through the careful work of translators and consultants.

— The Xerente team in Brazil

Praise God for preserving the lives of a team member and their family. He saved them from death 2 years ago when civil war broke out in their town and again recently when a pair of 200-pound bombs landed just 500 feet from their small house. Thank the Lord for being with them every day.

— A Bible translation team in Mainland Asia

In July, José Macusi replaced another translator on the Urarina team. Pray that the Lord will grant him wisdom as he adapts to the team and will enable him to grasp the translation process quickly. Pray also for a lasting fix to the team's unstable internet connection.

— The Urarina translation team in Peru

REGIONAL UPDATE

Latin American Gathering Fosters New Partnerships, Shared Vision for Bible Translation's Future

Some 384 leaders representing 159 organizations and 25 countries gathered in Guatemala City this April for CLATUB 2026, the Latin American Congress on Bible Translation and Use. The congress provided opportunities to create new partnerships and open doors for more communities to receive God's Word in their own language. For many, the congress demonstrated the health and growth of the Bible translation and Scripture engagement movement in Latin America.

There was great diversity at the congress. More than 20% of attendees were connected with local churches. Some 45 indigenous translators, not counting those from Guatemala, attended, as did 60 students and faculty members from SETECA, the Central American Theological Seminary. Representatives from Seed Company and other global Bible translation organizations also participated.

Many leaders returned home from CLATUB 2026 with a renewed conviction: Bible translation is not the work of a few organizations. It is the mission of the Church.

PRAISE

- For regional unity! Fourteen organizations collaborated over 2.5 years, and 159 organizations showed up. A testimony to what shared vision and shared sacrifice can accomplish.
- For efforts taken to honor indigenous and Deaf leadership at CLATUB.

PRAY

- For local churches across Latin America to see Bible translation not as someone else's work, but as their own missional calling.
- For lasting fruit from this event. Pray that regional partnerships would deepen, new translation projects would launch, and the vision cast in Guatemala City would bear fruit for many generations to come.

IMPACT STORY

Pastor's Reflections on Receiving Scripture

"Wow, is that really what it says?" exclaimed Pastor Rafael, who serves among the Ambo Pasco Quechua people.

After receiving the translated book of Jonah, he could hardly contain his amazement as he engaged with the text. For the first time, he now had a clear picture of how God had worked in the life of Jonah—the way the sailors on the boat had desperately tried to spare Jonah's life and the depth of God's love for the city of Nineveh. He reflected on how God heard Jonah's prayer from inside the great fish's belly, from the very depths of the sea. "Now I understand that nothing can prevent God from hearing our prayers," he concluded.

Similarly, Pastor Rafael was moved by what he learned from Moses in the book of Exodus. He immediately started thinking about his church leaders, wanting to teach them more about leadership from Moses' example. He realized there was still so much they did not know about leadership, but he was thankful that the Bible laid out important principles in a clear, orderly way.

From these experiences, Pastor Rafael was filled with renewed purpose and made a firm decision: from that point forward, he would build a commitment into his ministry plan to teach his church carefully through each Bible book, verse by verse, so they would not miss anything God wants to communicate.

PRAISE

- For God's goodness in bringing consultant Mark Bean from the United States to check the team's work and help the project.
- For the translation of a book of hymns for the local church to use alongside translated Scriptures.

PRAY

- For Pastor Carlos who joined the translation team as a replacement of another translator who couldn't continue. Pray he can learn Bible translation principles and catch up on project progress.
- For the Capcha-Romero family (part of the translation team) as they seek to find a home. The family, including 3 children, is currently staying in a borrowed house that has a very leaky roof.

SCRIPTURE

“Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God.”

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

PRAY NOW

Healing and Health for Translators

Praise God that Quechua Central Cluster translator Jhony Cruz is recovering well from emergency surgery for appendicitis. Please pray for complete healing and patience; he had to return to the hospital after going back to his family and community before the time prescribed.

Also, pray for translator David to experience good health for future translation workshops after anxiety and panic attacks prevented him from taking part in a previous workshop.

FIELD PARTNERS

AIDIA: Reaching the Indigenous Peoples of Peru

Bible translation partner [AIDIA's](#) vision is to see indigenous communities throughout Peru transformed by God's Word translated into their own languages. They believe that when the Bible is translated into an indigenous language, it dignifies the people, their culture, and their community. Of Peru's nearly 80 living languages, 10 have a complete Bible, and 39 have a New Testament.

AIDIA currently manages 9 active translation projects, produces audio Scripture, trains local church leaders, and operates social programs to serve indigenous communities. Beyond written translation, AIDIA has built a recording studio and trained technicians to produce audio versions of the Bible in indigenous languages.

AIDIA's social programs include distributing food baskets to families in need and providing filters to promote access to clean drinking water. These practical acts of service open doors—and hearts—in communities, creating opportunities to share the gospel and plant new churches.

Click [here](#) to learn more about AIDIA's ministry.

PRAISE

- For the work of AIDIA and their desire to reach Peru's indigenous communities and strengthen their churches.

PRAY

- For translation work taking place throughout Peru's Apurímac region.
- For AIDIA's church leadership ministry, which partners with local churches that have a strong desire to plant churches in communities where no churches exist.
- For AIDIA'S work in helping local congregations to start Sunday School classes for children and young people.

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE

Krahô Language of the Babaçu Cluster

“May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”

— Ruth 2:12 (NLT)

“Wa acaxuw Pahpām jicuw xà jamreare ata nã ahwỳ, quẽ ato impej. Taa mã cupê Israel jõ Pahpām. Nẽ ate aprequej ita jikjéahnã, quẽ ha ato impej hanean. Ca ajpên Pahpām te apytàr wỳr mō net wỳr, ita caxuw ca ha atỳj homkrã krac ri apu.”

— Rutekwỳj Jaren Xá 2:12 (Oral Bible Translation [OBT] Krahô)

“I will ask the Endless God to take care of you and to do good to you. He is the God of Israel. In the same way that you took care of your mother-in-law, He will do good to you as well. You came so that God would protect you, and today you will stay under his shadow.”

— Ruth 2:12 (Translated Back into English from OBT Krahô)

About the Krahô

The Krahô people live in villages in Brazil's grasslands and woodlands. They maintain a strong sense of community and are fiercely protective of their territory, which is often exploited by loggers and prospectors. Rubber, timber, and tin remain major exports of the region. They plant various crops, primarily cassava, bananas, rice, corn, and sweet potatoes.

Only 1% of Krahô speakers identify as Christian, as animistic beliefs completely pervade their worldview. When they become ill or injured, they attribute it to witchcraft, living in constant fear of evil forces. Even when they place their faith in Christ, they struggle to shake off these superstitions. Having only partial fluency in the national language of Portuguese, local believers long for God's Word in their own language.

Oral Scriptures Dedicated in Krahô Village

Audio devices containing the Krahô book of Ruth were distributed and dedicated at a ceremony in the village of Cachoeira, Brazil, in early June.

Translators, church leaders, and believers were pleased to see the community's excitement, as many helped prepare food and clean the church in anticipation of the ceremony.

Among the guests present at the ceremony were the Krahô chief and an elder from another village. Both expressed enthusiasm and the desire that their own community could receive this resource.

A few days after the ceremony, the team was thrilled to see people who had not yet professed faith in Christ enjoying the *Rutekwỳj Jarẽn Xà*—the story of Ruth.

Translators believe that the arrival of the book of Ruth represents a significant milestone for the Krahô people. As the Krahô themselves said during the celebration: "This little radio is a small seed planted in our people. Today it is small, but in the future, it will be like a big tree in our community."

PRAY

- For the oral translation of the Gospel of Luke to move forward with clarity and faithfulness.
- That translators would remain consistent, dedicated, and persevering despite the challenges that they will encounter. .
- For the spiritual awakening among the people and a growing hunger for God's Word.

SCRIPTED PRAYER

“You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

— Psalm 142:5 (NIV)

Dear Father,

You are our refuge and our portion. As Your Word reaches more people across the Americas, may many come to trust in You as their hope and inheritance. Strengthen local churches and translation partners so every community can encounter Your life-changing truth. Amen.

GLOBAL TRANSLATION LEADER

Valrie McCarthy in Jamaica

Valrie McCarthy works with Wycliffe Bible Translators Caribbean in Jamaica as a Scripture engagement officer. Through her Global Translation Leader training, she will become better equipped to coordinate Scripture use activities in the Jamaican Creole language.

Most Jamaicans speak their creole language in everyday life, and the church is beginning to use it more. The New Testament was completed in 2012. The Pentateuch will be dedicated in August.

As part of her training, Valrie created a plan designed to overcome barriers to Scripture engagement. Activities include Scripture access on digital platforms, literacy training workshops, materials and workshops for youth, and promotional campaigns on social media and radio.

The aim is to ensure that the use of Scripture enables the community to follow Jesus while maintaining their own culture and identity.

PRAISE

- For the Pentateuch dedication ceremony in August. Pray that it will have a deep spiritual impact across Jamaica.
- For listening groups meeting in barbershops, tire shops, and health centers, where the Word of God is reaching people in the spaces of everyday life.

PRAY

- That training of pastors and church leaders to read Scripture in Jamaican Creole from the pulpit will open God's Word to their congregations in a fresh and meaningful way.
- That youth will connect their cultural identity with a living faith in Jesus through materials such as illustrated Bible story booklets and songwriting workshops.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

An Essential Work

The Canadian Bible Society's mission is to provide access to the Scriptures and encourage people to engage with the Bible. They partner with the Matsigenka translation team to bring God's Word to the Upper and Lower Urubamba regions of Peru. To review the work, the team has formed a support group with representatives from both varieties of the language.

At the first meeting in March, they refined the text to ensure it resonates with every listener. Since travel was hindered by swollen rivers, support group members met with the translation team via Zoom. They improved sentence structure and corrected vocabulary, especially the rendering of proper nouns in the Book of Ezekiel. They took extra care to maintain the prophetic nature and rich symbolism of the book while ensuring the meaning was clear and understandable.

Alfio from the Upper Urubamba region considers the work essential because many Matsigenka people do not understand Spanish. He said, "This is the way we can finally read and understand [the Bible] ourselves."

PRAISE

- For good communication between the team and church leaders that builds strong relationships, which help the team navigate unexpected challenges and keep the project moving forward.

PRAY

- Ask God to protect the team as they travel during the rainy season and help them continue to be productive while working at home when the internet is offline.
- That each team member will have good health, physical strength, and focus on this essential work.

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IMPACT OR SCRIPTURE USE

Bible Translation Opens Doors for a Translator

When people hear about Scripture engagement, they often think about ways that translations are distributed and used among the people group who speak a particular language—in churches, listening groups, Bible studies, women’s or youth ministries, social media, and more. As these people engage with Scripture, it transforms their lives.

But the first people to engage with Scripture in a language are the translators.

Níve Porfirio was invited to help translate the New Testament into the Nahuatl, Isthmus Pajapan [NAH’–WAHTL EEST’–MOH PAH–HAH’–PAHN] language in Mexico by his grandfather, a member of the original translation team. Níve says that training with the team and learning to read and write in the language led him to a much stronger connection to his mother tongue. “I realized that my language was, and still is, an essential part of my identity.

“Because of Bible translation, I began to value my language and recognize everything it preserves—our culture, our history, and the knowledge passed down through it.

“Bible translation has opened many doors for me, both in serving God and in serving my community.”

As a result, he has been able to help offer Scripture workshops for children and youth, and even host a radio show that saw wonderful results bringing God’s Word to people who don’t fully understand Spanish.

PRAISE

- That translation work on the entire New Testament in this variant is complete. The translation team persevered until the end.

PRAY

- That God will prepare people's hearts so that His Word will bring repentance and transformation within the communities.
- That churches will set an example by using the translated text, so that the use of Scripture will spread to other contexts, such as Bible studies and schools.
- That many other churches in different communities will use this translation and promote the use of the language in sermons, hymns, and teaching—especially among the younger generations.

PRAY NOW

Brazil's AI-Drafting Workshop

Pray for an upcoming Scripture Forge workshop planned for Bible translation partner organizations in Brazil. The workshop will equip translation leaders and indigenous translation teams to use AI-assisted drafting tools. This will help to accelerate the translation of Scripture into many languages that still need God's Word.

SCRIPTURE

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7–8 (NLT)