

# Let's Pray FOR THE World This Year



**F**or many people, a new year is a time to try something new! We set big goals for ourselves and hope to see exciting changes in our lives. But it can be hard to stick to the goals as the days, weeks and months go by. That's why it's often easier to set small goals for ourselves, because then they're easier to stick to for longer amounts of time!

Mack and I thought it would be cool to start the new year off by setting a goal of praying for the world this year. You might be thinking, "The world, Kate and Mack? That's HUGE! How do I pray for the WORLD?"

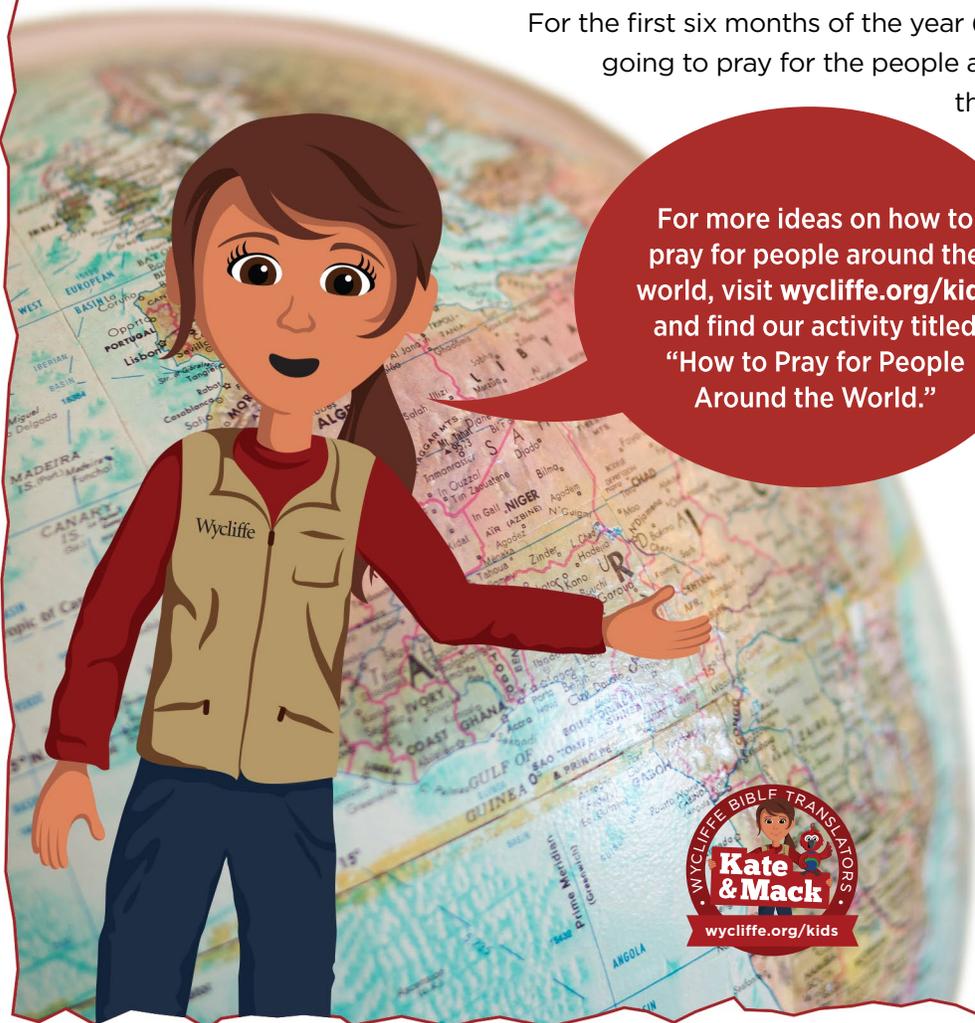
You're right — it is huge! But we can start small by deciding that we're going to pray each month for a different part of the world. Mack and I have come up with some prayer ideas for you, but you and your family can also pray however you want! Maybe your mom or dad knows something that happened in the news that you could pray for. Or maybe you have a friend, family member or missionary that you know in a different country. Pray for them too! Just use this monthly calendar as a place to start — and see what happens from there!

For the first six months of the year (January through June), we're going to pray for the people and languages that don't have the Bible yet. Then for the last six months of the year (August through December), we're going to pray for the people who do have the Bible, that they'd read it and understand how much God loves them!

For more ideas on how to pray for people around the world, visit [wycliffe.org/kids](http://wycliffe.org/kids) and find our activity titled "How to Pray for People Around the World."

All you have to do is print out the calendar and place it somewhere you'll see it regularly. Maybe on your fridge, bathroom mirror or in your Bible! Put it wherever works best for you, and remember that God loves when we pray.

**Are you ready? Let's pray for the world this year!**



# JANUARY - JUNE : Languages **without** the Bible



## JANUARY – AFRICA

There are at least 7,000 languages in the world today and approximately 2,200 of those are in Africa! Close to 650 African languages still need Bible translation to start — the

second greatest need for Bible translation in the world. Pray that these languages would get God's Word soon.

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## FEBRUARY – AMERICAS

Wycliffe first started translating the Bible in the Americas. The Americas is made up of North, Central and South America. There are 1,100 languages across the Americas and less than 125 of

them still need Bible translation to start! Pray that people in the Americas would learn about God's love in their own language so they can love him back!

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## MARCH – ASIA

Asia has the greatest need for Bible translation in the world! There are more than 2,400 languages

across Asia and nearly 900 don't have even one word of the Bible yet. Pray that God would bring more people to help translate the Bible for these languages so that people all across Asia can learn about Jesus.



## APRIL – PACIFIC

The Pacific is made up of 14 countries but has thousands of islands. There are around 1,340 languages in the Pacific

countries and just over 400 of those still need Bible translation to start. Pray for Bible translation in the Pacific, which is often difficult because people live on lots of different islands in the area that are hard to travel to.

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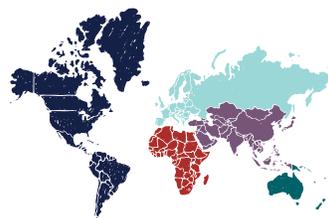


## MAY – EUROPE

John Wycliffe was the first man

to translate the Bible into English back in the 14th century in Europe. Thanks to him, we can understand how much Jesus loves us by reading the Bible in English! There are approximately 300 languages in Europe and around 60 of them still need Bible translation to start. That's really exciting because that means Europe is the closest to having God's Word in every language that needs it! Pray that people would learn about God's love and understand who Jesus is — their savior!

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## JUNE – WORLD

In all the regions combined — Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Pacific — there are

around 2,100 languages that still need the Bible. Pray that God would help missionaries all around the world as they work to tell people about Jesus' love for them.

You can also pray that God would help the people who use all these languages to learn about him soon so that they can love him back.

# JULY - DECEMBER : Languages with the Bible



## JULY – AFRICA

More than 1,000 African languages have at least part of the Bible (such as one of the Gospels or the whole New Testament) which is really exciting! Africa is also home to a lot of Bible translation organizations that are working

hard to reach their neighbors with the Bible in their languages too. Pray that people across Africa who already have God's Word would read it, understand how much God loves them, and want to share that amazing news with their friends, families and neighbors.



## AUGUST – AMERICAS

Almost 600 languages in the Americas have at least part of the Bible, and the very first full sign language Bible is going to be finished in 2020! The American Sign Language (ASL) Bible will help teach Deaf men, women and

children about God's amazing love in the language and form that speaks to their hearts!

There are more than 400 different sign languages around the world, and only 2% of them have even a little of Scripture. Pray that the ASL community will use their Bible to learn more about Jesus.



## SEPTEMBER – ASIA

In Asia, 950 languages have at least part of the Bible. Thank you, Jesus!

God wants everyone to understand how much he loves them in a language that speaks to their heart, so we're excited for these languages that have his Word. Pray that the people who speak these languages would read the Bible and be so excited about God's love that they help their communities learn about his amazing love too!



## OCTOBER – PACIFIC

Nearly 600 Pacific languages have at least part of the Bible, and that's amazing news! Every

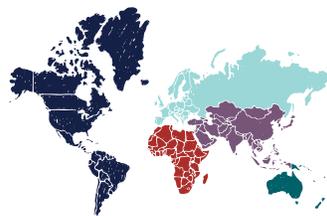
language represents a group of people — from a few hundred to several million! — who can learn about Jesus, the one who loves us enough that he died on the cross for our sins. Pray that people in these 600 language communities would read the Bible and believe in Jesus.



## NOVEMBER – EUROPE

Almost 200 European languages have at least part

of the Bible. That means that two-thirds of Europe's languages communities can read about God if they have access to it. Pray that people who have the Bible would read or listen to it and understand who Jesus is, and pray for people who have the Bible in their language but don't know about Jesus yet!



## DECEMBER – WORLD

Out of the more than 7,000 languages in the world today, just under

700 of them have the whole Bible. That means only 10% of all the languages can learn about God from Genesis to Revelation.

Pray that people all around the world who have the Bible — whether a single book, a New Testament or the whole Bible — would read, listen or watch it and understand that God loves them so much that he sent Jesus to die on the cross for their sins.

God loves all his people, no matter where they live or what language they use and he wants us to know that. And one of the ways he tells us about his love is through the Bible! So pray for people all around the world to learn about God's amazing love and that they will choose to love him back.