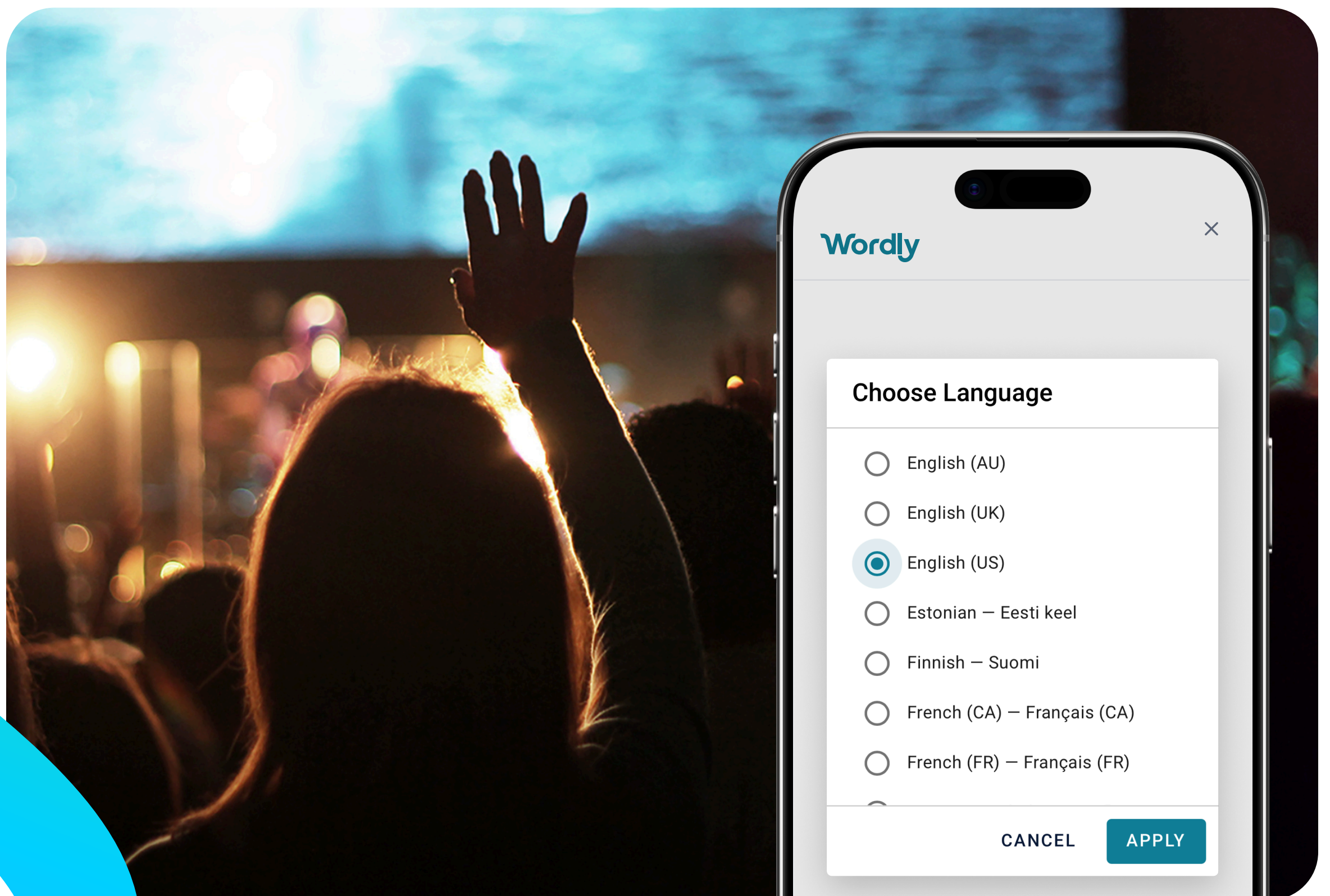


AI Translation & Captioning for Church Services Guide



Most religious organizations have members whose native language is different from the language spoken at their weekly services. Some parishes have tried providing human interpreters to address this issue, but that solution is too expensive and complicated for most congregations to implement.

Members want to participate in weekly services, but are often restricted due to language barriers. Most churches in the US run their weekly services and other events in English and do not get the level of member engagement they desire.

This guide summarizes the options for making religious services more inclusive and accessible—and includes an overview of how AI translation and AI captioning solutions can work for your congregation.

So, how does Wordly solve the church translation challenge?

#1 – Wordly is purpose-built for churches

Our specialized translation models are specifically trained to understand religious terminology, context, and nuance across all major faith traditions and sacred texts. This means accurate translation of biblical references and liturgical language that general translation tools often miss or misinterpret.

#2 – Wordly provides simultaneous text and audio translation

Wordly generates live, real-time translated text captions and audio streams in multiple languages during worship services, allowing members to choose their preferred format. The platform seamlessly integrates with all major streaming platforms like Zoom, Teams, and Google Meet, ensuring both in-person and remote attendees can access translations.

#3 – Wordly provides AI summaries & transcripts

After every service or meeting, download complete transcripts, AI summaries, and exportable caption files in multiple languages. Use these resources to share sermon highlights with your congregation, create multilingual bulletins, and produce content that reaches broader audiences.

#4 – With Wordly, access translation on every platform

Congregants can instantly access live translation by simply scanning a QR code displayed during services—no app downloads, account creation, or technical setup required. Works seamlessly on smartphones, tablets, and laptops, making it accessible for members of all ages and technical abilities.

There are three primary options to add live translation and captioning to a religious service:

Ignore Translation & Accessibility (Missed Opportunity)

The most common approach is to do nothing, which overlooks the fundamental need for accessible communication in worship. While this requires no budget or planning in the short term, it comes at a significant cost: members unable to understand sermons and liturgy cannot fully engage in their faith community, leading to reduced participation and congregants feeling disconnected.

Use Human Translators

Human translators have served religious communities for centuries and remain the most common option today. Many have witnessed global religious gatherings—like papal audiences at the Vatican—where attendees from dozens of countries listen in real time to speakers in unfamiliar languages. Human interpretation works well for major denominational conferences or international mission events planned months in advance with substantial budgets.

However, the significant time and cost make this option unfeasible for most local congregations. Weekly services, Bible studies, and community events require consistent translation, but few churches can afford professional interpreters for every gathering. Finding qualified interpreters who understand religious terminology and are available for regular services and programs presents a challenge most parishes cannot overcome.

Use AI Translation

The fastest growing option is AI translation, also known as machine interpretation. These solutions are powered by artificial intelligence and cloud technology, eliminating the need for human interpreters. Churches of all sizes are now adopting AI translation to break down language barriers and reach more people with their message.

How AI Translation & Captioning Works

Step 1

The audio mixer (or microphone) from the church is connected to a laptop (or tablet) which is used to log into the AI translation and captioning system. This helps ensure the AI system receives high quality sound input.



Step 2

The presenter(s) speak in their preferred languages during the services. The AI system can manage participants speaking in multiple languages.

Step 3

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Step 4

Attendees can read along with captions or listen with their ear buds in their preferred language on their own computer or mobile device. Attendees access the translation and captions by scanning a QR code with their phone or visiting a URL from their computer.

Attendees can be either in person or attend virtually via Zoom or another meeting platform. The captions can be displayed in multiple languages on monitors positioned around the church hall so both presenters and attendees can see them. Post-session, admins can access transcripts, captions, subtitles, and summaries in dozens of languages/

What to Look For in an AI Translation Solution

Recommended features to look for in an AI-powered translation solution

How many languages can the solution translate?

Ensure your current and future needs are met. Common examples include: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

What browsers does the solution support?

Ask about Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge.

Is there a mobile app solution?

Make sure the mobile app works on Android and iOS.

Do participants need a paid account?

Pursue a solution that is free to participants and does not require a download or any personal information from the participants.

Can you create custom glossaries?

Look for solutions where Hosts can create custom glossaries including names of people, products, and acronyms to improve transcription and translation accuracy.

Can you create transcripts and summaries?

Look for a solution where Hosts can download transcripts and generate summaries in any language.

What integrations are supported?

Look for a solution that supports a wide range of integrations with meeting and conferencing platforms such as Zoom and Cvent — as well as the ability to work without a meeting or event platform.

How fast and accurate is the output?

Test the solution to make sure it is both fast and accurate.

Is the solution easy to use?

Make sure it is easy to implement — and easy for attendees to use.

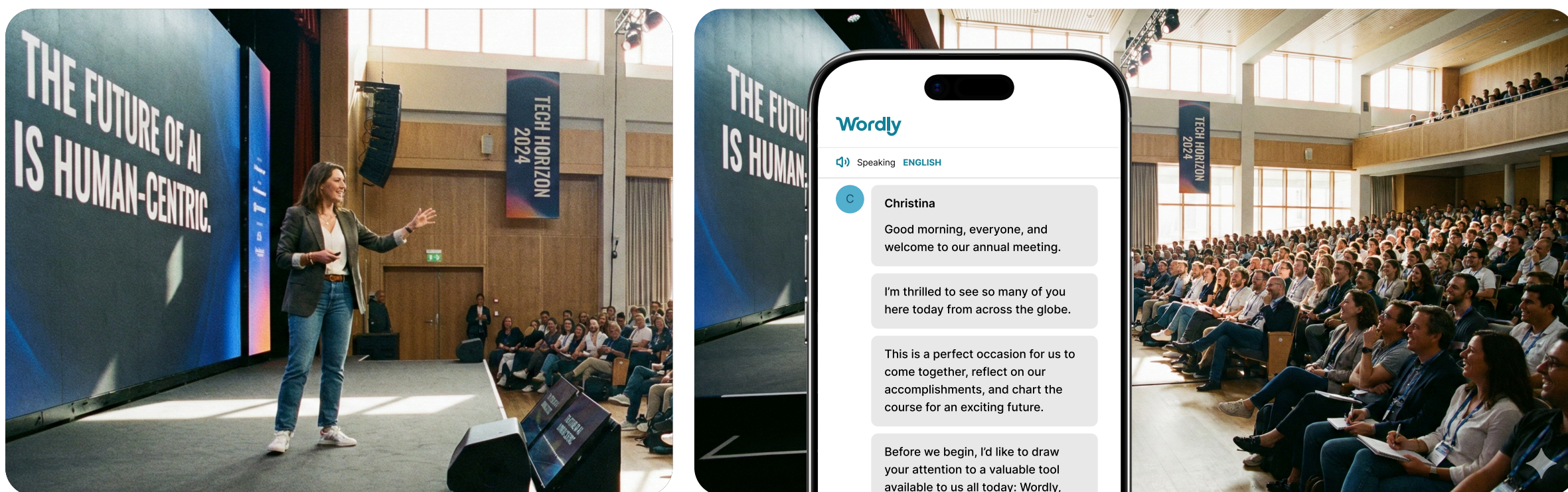
Is the solution proven and widely adopted?

Check to see how many customers are using the solution and read their customer reviews.

How Wordly Helps Churches



Wordly is an award-winning Silicon Valley-based technology company offering a next-generation Live Translation and Captioning Platform powered by AI, which transforms how churches connect with their congregations across multiple languages. Wordly enables your church to welcome and serve everyone in your community by removing language barriers.



The Wordly platform captures speakers' audio either by integrating directly into your streaming setup or via streaming to the Wordly cloud infrastructure. With a large vocabulary and customizable glossaries for religious terms, Wordly rapidly translates services and gatherings of any size and length. Pastors and speakers can preach in their preferred language, while congregants can read and/or listen to translations on a computer, tablet, or smartphone in the language of their choice.

Wordly provides translation and captioning for worship services, Bible studies, church conferences, and community events. Speakers' words are automatically transcribed and translated into dozens of languages for attendees to choose from.

Wordly is easy to use, highly scalable, and works for all types of church gatherings—from intimate prayer meetings to large multi-site services.

Wordly Benefits

- Welcome more people by breaking down language barriers
- Increase engagement and comprehension across your congregation
- Easy setup in minutes with no special equipment needed
- Works for in-person services, online streaming, and hybrid gatherings
- Affordable access to dozens of languages in one platform
- Secure and compliant with enterprise-level standards

Wordly offers multiple ways to access translation in dozens of languages – on a phone, tablet, or computer. Read transcripts or listen to audio in your preferred language in real-time.



Live Translation + Limitless Integrations

Wordly generates live, translated text and audio for events, webinars, or broadcasts, empowering attendees to engage seamlessly. Integrates with all major meeting platforms. RTMP, iFrame, and APIs available for custom setups.

Multilingual Subtitles

Wordly is known for its best-in-class accuracy and translates English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Japanese, and dozens of other languages to expand accessibility across diverse audiences. Export subtitles, captions, transcripts, and summaries in all relevant formats.

Customizable Display Options

Admins can control font size, text color, and background color for in-room displays, monitors, and third-party caption overlays. Users can control text and background color on their phone, tablet, or computer.

Post-Meeting Support

In addition to real-time features, Wordly helps teams stay compliant with asynchronous support. We offer post-event transcripts, subtitles / caption* files, and summaries – all can be translated and mass exported in seconds.

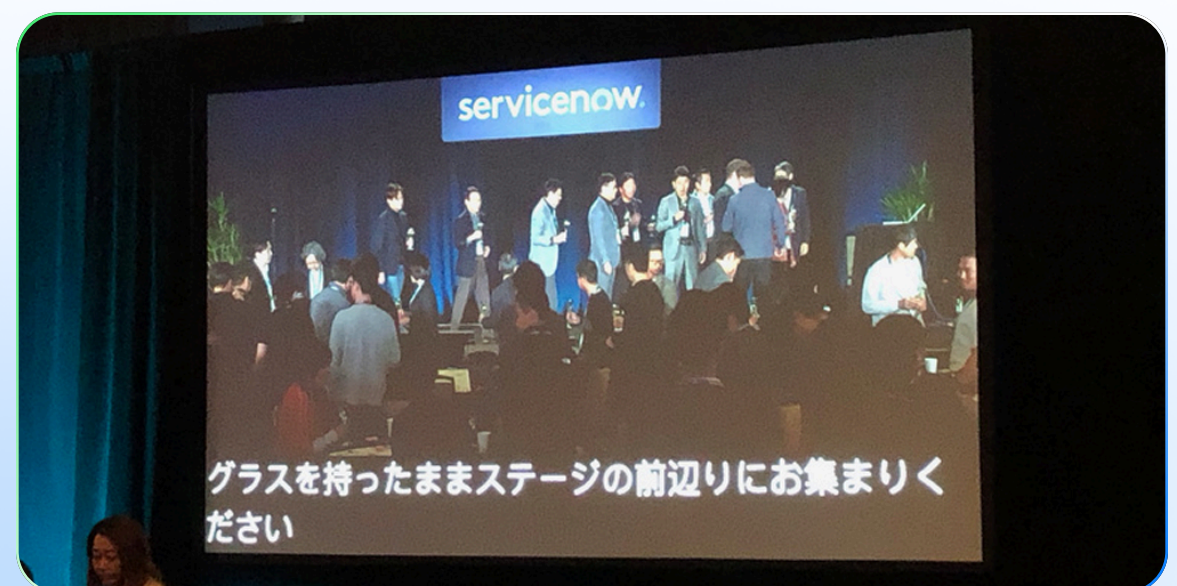
Wordly Sets the Standard for Live AI Translation & Captions



Wordly created the live AI translation market in 2019 and is the leader in product innovation and quality. Wordly translates dozens of languages in real-time, making meetings and events more inclusive, accessible, and engaging.

The SaaS platform meets enterprise security & privacy standards and does not require human interpreters or special equipment – providing an easy, affordable, and secure way to communicate across multiple languages.

Wordly is used for in-person and virtual sessions by millions of users at thousands of organizations worldwide across a wide range of industries, including corporate, non profit, government, education, and religious organizations



Wordly used on display screen at an outdoor event; live captions and subtitle integration at a corporate meeting; mobile instructions for audio and text translation at a conference.

Wordly's unified solution makes every touchpoint more accessible, engaging, and inclusive across every major language and meeting format. Listen to translated audio; read translated subtitles; read same language captions; access text transcripts and summaries. Wordly does it all for one affordable price.

Whether you're streaming a city council meeting, supporting school events, or having 1-1 customer discussions, Wordly ensures your is accessible to everyone.

In addition to powerful features, high scalability, and ease of use, Wordly has built strong security and privacy protection into our products and processes - including SOC 2 Type II and ISO 27001 compliance - and continuously test and optimize our infrastructure.

Wordly launched in 2019 and is the most trusted **AI translation** and **captioning** tool on the planet

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