

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN 1 John 1

Dean and Linda Bengtson praise the Lord that seminary graduate **Haruya Itoh** is assuming his new position as church planting pastor of House of Hope! Also this month, House of Hope joins the Japanese LB synod as an official church. Please pray for good transitions, financial provision, and the wisdom and leading of the Spirit in effectively evangelizing and discipling their neighbors.

2nd WORLD 1 John 2

Ramadan, a month of fasting, worship, and soul-searching, starts today. Pray that many Muslims will come to know Jesus as Savior in this time of heightened spiritual sensitivity. Pray too, against extremists who weaponize the holiday for their own purposes.

3rd CHAD 1 John 3

Jeremy and Sallee Stanton praise the Lord for the LB teams that visited in January, and that all their travels were relatively smooth. Let us pray for fruit from these visits.

4th N. AMERICA 1 John 4

Today, **Joel** begins a 2-week intensive course on Mission and Evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield IL. Pray for good learning and engagement as he prepares to teach

these subjects at Lutheran Brethren Seminary in the future.

5th TAIWAN 1 John 5

Today is Tombsweeping Day in Taiwan when families gather to perform ancestor rituals. Pray for wisdom for Christians who join in these family gatherings. Pray for family members to be receptive to conversations about the One who gave life to their ancestors.

6th CHAD 2 John

Pray for construction of a house for **Daniel Wen** and **Nancy Wu** and their children. Pray for good contractors and favor with local authorities. Happy Birthday **Daniel**.

7th N. AMERICA 3 John

Roger and Sue Olson ask prayer for creative and effective ways to minister to a new group of college students from Japan. They come for 10 months of English studies at a local community college, different from the one Roger and Sue have worked with over the past 18 years.

8th JAPAN 2 Kings 1

Due to COVID issues, **Migiwa's** January gospel concerts were rescheduled for April 9-10. **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer that conditions will allow them to hold the concert and that people can safely attend without worry.

9th CHAD 2 Kings 2

David and **Sonja Narvesen** write that local teens and adults want to expand their reading and speaking of French. Pray for God to lead David as he explores ways of possibly tutoring small groups. Happy Birthday **David**.

10th TAIWAN 2 Kings 3

Pray for the students in **Mike Kittelson's** music class to be bold in using their new skills, whether in meetings or with friends. The songs they learn are all helpful for sharing Jesus with others.

11th CHAD 2 Kings 4

Pray that the Lord would raise up more workers for Gethsemane de Meube. The school has grown to 6 grades, and the Bagirmi want to invest more in the education of their children. This is also an open door for the teaching of God's Word!

12th FRANCE 2 Kings 5

Claire and **Dan Rose** ask prayer for continued language acquisition, and that they will be able to extend their visas if the Lord would have them stay longer in France to continue with language learning.

13th TAIWAN 2 Kings 6

Mr. and Mrs. **Ya** want to begin a baptism preparation class, but they are struggling to carve out time in their busy schedules. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and others at Enlin LBC as they minister God's Word to this couple.

14th JAPAN 2 Kings 7

Pray for an ongoing dialogue with Japan LB Church leadership about what an effective future partnership with LBIM might look

like. Pray also, for more new candidates for the Japan seminary.

15th CHAD 2 Kings 8

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** ask prayer for a new believer who came to faith through the Story Project. Pray that God will use her testimony to lead her husband to Christ.

16th N. AMERICA 2 Kings 9

Pray for Japanese Ministries interns, **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser**, as they study the Japanese language and seek ways to connect with Japanese people in the Seattle area. Pray too, regarding God's leading for their future ministry in Japan.

17th CHAD 2 Kings 10

Pray for comfort for our missionaries in Chad during what is one of the hottest times of the year. Pray for good health and stamina. Happy 8th birthday **Dan Wen**!

18th TAIWAN 2 Kings 11

The Evergreen Group from Baushan Victory Church is reaching out to new contacts. Pray that many will attend and be encouraged by the group.

19th N. AMERICA 2 Kings 12

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody**, currently on home assignment. Pray that they will find much-needed rest and renewal. Pray that the Chadian pastor watching over their residence at Aderé will manage their property well and handle the related finances without problems. Happy Birthday **Teresa**.

20th CHAD 2 Kings 13

Jeremy and **Sallee Stanton** ask prayer for overall health, as the dusty season has been particularly

heavy and has affected them in different negative ways.

21st TAIWAN 2 Kings 14

Last fall, the Chinese LB Church elected a new president. Pray for wisdom for **Pastor Zhou** as he leads synodical ministries in Taiwan and seeks to encourage churches that are small and struggling.

22nd JAPAN 2 Kings 15

Pray for Japanese pastors and church leaders to grow in gaining a biblical vision of God's heart for the lost, and in leading their congregations in evangelistic outreach to friends, family and neighbors.

23rd N. AMERICA 2 Kings 16

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** praise the Lord for much encouragement received through visiting churches in the Midwest during February and March. Praise God for good health and safe travels. Happy 9th birthday today to **Adelynn**!

24th TAIWAN 2 Kings 17

Pray for **Ben** and **Sarah Hosch** as they seek creative ways to meet Feng Jia University students while also observing COVID restrictions. Pray for opportunities to be intentional in connecting with students and with the community that surrounds the campus and Taichung Victory Church.

25th N. AMERICA 2 Kings 18

Continue to pray for those who are now praying and planning for overseas missionary work. Pray that God would give guidance and provide them with supporting churches.

26th TAIWAN 2 Kings 19

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for outreach activities at Yo Tien. Opportunities to gather and work together have been limited due to the pandemic.

27th N. AMERICA 2 Kings 20

Joel and **Liz** begin a two-week road trip today to visit most of our CLB Canada congregations and share about what God is doing in East Asia. Pray for safe travels and good opportunities to engage with these congregations.

28th N. AMERICA 2 Kings 21

Tomorrow is graduation at LBS in Fergus Falls. Pray for **Matt Smith** as he finishes up his studies. Pray also for **Christina** and the children as the family prepares for moving to Chad this summer.

29th JAPAN 2 Kings 22

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for two women who often attended the Bible times, but recently changed their work schedules and so are no longer free. Pray for creative ways to reach out to them and others, for God to work miracles in people's hearts, and that Dean and Linda will be encouraged as they press on in evangelizing.

30th TAIWAN 2 Kings 23

Praise God that **Mr. Xing** is open to study the Bible once a week with **Ethan Christofferson**. Pray for his salvation. Also, most every afternoon, **Sandy Christofferson** goes for a walk with **Mrs. Guo**, an elderly neighbor. On each walk, Sandy tells her a new Bible story. Pray for the salvation of Mrs. Guo.

Let's finish strong!



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\$2,521,250

Received through 2/28/22



25%

50%

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