

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 33*

Joel and **Liz** are temporarily back in Minnesota while waiting for the coronavirus situation to settle in Asia. Pray for wisdom and discernment regarding the right time to return to ministry overseas.

2nd TAIWAN *Ezekiel 34*

April 4th is Tomb Sweeping Day, a day for honoring ancestors. Pray for Christians to show honor and respect as they are with their families, and for effective gospel witness to take place.

3rd JAPAN *Ezekiel 35*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** plan to fly to the US today for home assignment. However, the spread of the coronavirus in Japan may change their plans. Pray for our missionaries in Asia and that this virus will be brought under control.

4th FRANCE *Ezekiel 36*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** as they prepare for their first exams which will determine if they move up to the next level. Pray for good recall and clear thinking.

5th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 37*

Chaplain **Greg Solberg** is soon to be deployed to Afghanistan where he will serve for most of this year. Pray for blessing in his ministry and for protection as he

serves the cause of the gospel there. Also pray for his wife **Michelle** as she parents alone in Greg's absence.

6th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 38*

Naomi Evans writes that she is thankful for the special opportunity of serving the Hosch family this past year and also for God-given opportunities to encourage friends in their faith. Pray for wisdom and guidance in returning to the US, and for safe travel as she plans to return on May 4th.

7th CHAD *Ezekiel 39*

Pray for safe travel as **Sallee** heads to the US tomorrow to be with daughters **Olivia** and **Abigail**, and to attend Olivia's graduation from Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in MN in May.

8th WORLD *Ezekiel 40*

Pray for a time of revival and awakening across East Asia, especially as the coronavirus disrupts normal life patterns. Pray that Christians in virus-hit regions will be ready to give a reason for their hope in Jesus.

9th CHAD *Ezekiel 41*

Dave and **Sonja** ask for prayer as the hot season sets in. Pray for spiritual, physical and emotional stamina in continued language and cultural acquisition. Happy birthday **Dave!**

10th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 42*

Joel and Marybeth Nordtvedt ask for prayer for a combined dinner and program this evening, sponsored by Int'l Students Inc. and two other groups. Pray for the international students and scholars as they hear about the death and resurrection of Christ.

11th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 43*

Please pray for **Sophia**, a member of the Victory Hakka Fellowship visitation team, who is recovering from back surgery.

12th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 44*

Joel is teaching a full load of online university courses this spring to his Asian students who have been asked to remain at home due to the coronavirus epidemic. Pray for good communication and discussions over the internet.

13th CHAD *Ezekiel 45*

Pray for Chief **Idriss**, his son **Sarsar** and their wives, who are like family to **Paul** and **Teresa**, that Christ may open their hearts to the truth and love of Jesus.

14th JAPAN *Ezekiel 46*

Anniversary concerts and events to commemorate the 2011 tsunami were postponed in March because of the coronavirus. Pray for the church to find ways to minister the gospel of peace in this time.

15th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 47*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they learn Mandarin, and pray for a new teacher for Ben for these next months. Pray for their children to grow in the language too, especially for **Adelaide** that she will overcome shyness and grow in confidence in practicing Mandarin.

16th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 48*

Pray for **Heidi**, ministering at the UN in NYC. Pray that the Spirit will guide her in mentoring diplomats and their families in the faith. Pray too that God will work through these people to bring the gospel to others when they return to their countries.

17th CHAD *Psalms 87-88*

Pray for **Oumarou** (a guard at the Lutheran Welcome Center) and his wife, **Elise**. They are expecting their second child. Pray that she will have a safe pregnancy and delivery.

18th TAIWAN *Psalms 89*

Ethan & Sandy Christofferson and their outreach team recently connected with **Ms. Min** on a Sunday afternoon hike that took them past her home. They found that she was eager to learn about Jesus. She now is coming to church as her schedule permits. Pray for wisdom in discipling her.

19th N. AMERICA *Psalms 90-91*

Paul and **Teresa** ask for prayer for their children regarding their spiritual and cultural adjustments to life in America. Pray for the Spirit to guide their steps. Happy birthday **Teresa!**

20th TAIWAN *Galatians 1*

Pray for the salvation of non-Christian family members of **Mrs. Shun**, a grandma who recently passed away. Many heard the gospel for the first time at her Christian funeral and responded positively. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and coworkers as they share the gospel with this family.

21st JAPAN *Galatians 2*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask for prayer for this month's Bible study and fellowship time at House of Hope with **Pastor Koki Zeniya** and several members from Minami Yoshinari LBC. Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel and for receptive hearts.

22nd N. AMERICA *Galatians 3*

Pray for those who are currently considering a call to LBIM ministries overseas. Pray for clarity of call and for adequate preparation as they take steps of faith in exploring God's call on their lives.

23rd CHAD *Galatians 4*

Pray for **Nathanael and Carrie** and family in their village. Pray for health and safety and continued progress in the children's homeschooling. Happy 7th birthday to **Adelynn!**

24th CAMEROON *Galatians 5*

Pray for the leadership of the LB Church in Cameroon, that ministry decisions will be made under the recognized authority of God's Word and that the gospel will advance in the power of the Spirit.

25th FRANCE *Galatians 6*

Maddie Veum will be saying good-bye to **Matt and Christina Smith** and children soon as she returns to the States. She's been very helpful in the family's transition to France. Pray for continued adjustments for the Smith family. Pray too for wisdom as they consider purchasing a car.

26th TAIWAN *Daniel 1*

The Chinese LB Synod in Taiwan is conducting an ongoing study of the Scriptures around the question of women's ordination. Tomorrow morning, **Dr. Frank Lin**, professor of NT studies at China Lutheran Seminary, presents a set of lectures to church leaders on this topic. Pray for good interaction and learning in God's Word.

27th CHAD *Daniel 2*

Praise God for how well the new school, Gethsemane de Meube, has been accepted by the villagers. Pray for God's Word to be received by the children and their parents. Happy birthday to **Carrie!**

28th JAPAN *Daniel 3*

Pray for **Carol Sunde** and her son **Aaron** as they are at House of Hope and visiting neighbors. Pray for God-ordained opportunities to share our hope that is in Christ.

29th TAIWAN *Daniel 4*

Pray for Victory English Fellowship as **John and Caristy Olson** and family return to the States in late 2020 after many years of ministry at Victory. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as leaders of VEF search for a new pastor to serve this ministry.

30th N. AMERICA *Daniel 5*

Pray for the CLB as we close our financial year. Pray that God will continue to provide support to not only continue but to advance the gospel through our ministries.

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\$2,278,769

Projected Received through 3/31/20

\$621,231

Projected Need by 4/30/20



25%

50%

75%

100%

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\$1,027,362

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\$114,009

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