

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Ezra 9*

To help his language learning and his ability to share the Word, **David** is meeting with a few people to read from the Bible. Pray that these times will lead into deeper conversations. Happy 12th birthday to **Nate**.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Ezra 10*

Pray for **Dean Bengtson** who is in a rehabilitation hospital in Ishinomaki after suffering a stroke in April. Praise God he is regaining strength. Pray also for **Linda** during this time. Happy birthday to **Linda**.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalms 107*

Pray for **Dan Venberg**, who began serving as director of LBIM on July 1. Pray for God's anointing and daily leading for him in this new role.

## 4<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 108-109*

Pray for the salvation of **Mrs. Jian**, a woman that **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** often visit and include in their outreach activities. Once deeply hurt by a Christian, her heart appears to be softening as she meets Christians and discusses spiritual things.

## 5<sup>th</sup> WORLD *Psalms 110-111*

Our world is reeling from a global pandemic and protests against racial injustice. Pray for our leaders to guide us on a path of

peace that flows from repentance, justice and reconciliation. Pray that many will turn to the Prince of Peace for true and lasting hope.

## 6<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Nehemiah 1*

**Joel** and **Liz** ask prayer that while they are away from their ministry home in Asia, seeds sown earlier through friendships with families and students will continue to grow through the ongoing work of the Spirit and the Word.

## 7<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Nehemiah 2*

The friends and neighbors of House of Hope are taking the opportunity to encourage and love **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** during Dean's rehabilitation (7/2). Pray for these friends to believe the gospel.

## 8<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Nehemiah 3*

Pray for **Levi** and his wife, **Albertine**, and for **Jean-Baptiste** and his wife, **Marceline** and their families. Levi and Jean-Baptiste are our new Chadian teachers for the mission school. They have moved to the village and will farm during the summer.

## 9<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Nehemiah 4*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they continue in language study, with many opportunities to use Mandarin in their neighborhood, the market and at church. Happy birthday to **Sara** tomorrow.

## 10<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Nehem 5*

Pray for **Nathanael and Carrie** and children during this hot season. Pray for good health and safety for all the family.

## 11<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Nehem 6*

**Christina** finishes classes next week before summer break. **Matt** continues to work with **Jolanta**, his tutor, and is making great strides with the language. He is encouraged in his ability to more easily communicate in French in the community. Happy birthday to **Christina** tomorrow.

## 12<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Nehem 7*

Pray for opportunities for **Joel** and **Liz** to reconnect with family, friends, supporters and churches in the Midwest during their summer furlough. Pray for invitations to speak and share about their work--whether in person or virtually. Happy birthday to **Joel** today.

## 13<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Nehem 8*

**John Olson** asks prayer for Victory English Fellowship as they try to find ways to bring church members together this summer through special outings, Bible studies, and activities. Happy birthday to **Ben Hosch** tomorrow.

## 14<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Nehem 9*

July is an important month for the growing season in Chad. Pray for a good harvest this year.

## 15<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Nehem 10*

Pray that the live streaming of the Japanese Ministries Worship Service (Rock of Ages LB Church, Seattle) would reach many who have never heard. Pray that the relationships that have been built with the students by connecting

online will lead to them putting their trust in Jesus. Pray that "face to face" can happen soon.

## 16<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Nehem 11*

Praise God for the creative ways that **Matt and Christina's** children have kept learning French during the pandemic. Teachers meet remotely with **Noam** and **Bastion** once a week and **McClellan** has a neighbor friend meeting with him weekly. The schools have given them good material to use at home. Happy 5th birthday to **Evangeline**.

## 17<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Nehem 12*

**Paul and Teresa** ask prayer that the Lord's will be done as many in Chad await their return. Pray that airports open soon. Pray that their future ministry with new student families can begin soon.

## 18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Nehem 13*

July 20 - 24 is the Taiwan Missionary Fellowship conference. Please pray for those planning the conference and for those attending that they may be refreshed and encouraged.

## 19<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Psalms 112-113*

Pray for the Japan LB synod and seminary as they proclaim and teach the gospel during the pandemic. Pray that the churches and the seminary will find creative ways to carry out their ministries.

## 20<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalms 114-115*

Pray for those who are being called by God to work overseas as missionaries. May God help them in their preparation and equip our churches to support them through prayer and financial giving.

## 21<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Psalm 116-118*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** and their daughters as they are separated during the pandemic. Jeremy is in Chad and Sallee and their daughters are in the U.S.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> TAIWAN *Mark 1*

**Mike Kittelson** has been able to teach the Chinese Mountain piano in 2 locations. Pray for the students that they might become proficient, have confidence and be willing to use this skill in evangelism and ministry in their locations.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> CHAD *Mark 2*

Pray for the Guinibor 2 hospital, an evangelical ministry supported by the Chadian LB church. They minister to some of the hardest people groups, pray with people and share Christ. They are in need of Christian medical workers who will serve long-term.

## 24<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Mark 3*

Pray for healing for **Sophia**, a member of Victory Hakka Fellowship, who is recovering from back surgery. She helped with worship music and was a part of visitation team. During her rehabilitation she has been unable to play music.

## 25<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Mark 4*

Pray for **Pastor Zeniya** and his family as he pastors a church in Sendai, serves the seminary and also teaches Bible Studies at House of Hope, Ishinomaki.

## 26<sup>th</sup> WORLD *Mark 5*

The rise of non-religious, post-Christian ways of thinking and living is strongest among young people. These emerging global youth impact urban cultures in every

region of the world. Pray that the Church will more effectively communicate the gospel to them in our words and actions.

## 27<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Mark 6*

Pray for **Mrs. Yan**, a Christian friend of **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson**. She is becoming disillusioned with her church and often needs a listening ear. Pray for wisdom and patience for Ethan and Sandy as they minister to her.

## 28<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Mark 7*

Pray for **Levi** and **Jean-Baptiste**, who start teaching in the fall at the mission school. Both are trained teachers and are believers with a heart for God's mission.

## 29<sup>th</sup> WORLD *Mark 8*

On July 31, there are those who celebrate God's provision of a ram to sacrifice in the place of Abraham's son. Pray for opportunities for our missionaries working among these peoples to share about the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

## 30<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Mark 9*

Pray for Chad during COVID-19. It is harder to get supplies and the ability to make a living is even more severely crippled than usual. Pray also for the missionaries as they are often far from medical services. Happy birthday to **Jeremy**.

## 31<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN *Mark 10*

**Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for the **Chen** family that has been attending the outdoor services. May the Spirit guide them to trust in Jesus.

## PARTNERS IN MISSION

LBIM intentionally partners with sister church missionaries in God's mission to the nations. The following story highlights one of these partner missionaries.

I was reclining on a mat in the courtyard of Nathanael and Carrie's home in Chad. Next to me was Terach, the director of the elementary mission school that LBIM has started. This is a school that is not only meeting a felt need in the community for education in the traditional sense but is also intentional about infusing the education with Biblical truth and the message of the gospel. I had visited the classrooms earlier that day and had witnessed Terach and the other two teachers in action, instructing the 177 girls and boys in their math, grammar, and Bible lessons. As I watched Terach interact with his classroom, it was clear that he was an extremely gifted teacher. As he interacted with individual students while doing their exercises, I was so impressed with the attention and care he gave to each student. It was abundantly evident that this was so much more than a job for him, but that he deeply cared for and loved his students.



I decided to test my theory. I pulled out my camera and along with Terach, started looking at some of the pictures of students that I had captured in the classroom. As I scrolled through them, Terach was visibly excited as he recounted to me their names and their stories. He pointed at two sisters named Fatimeh and Mariam. He knew where they

lived. He told me about their dad, named Alih who happened to be an teacher of a school that teaches children to memorize and recite another religion's writings. Terach shared with me how Alih had come to him and thanked him for teaching his daughters, and then proceeded to encourage Terach to teach his daughters the stories of the Bible, because he wanted his daughters to learn both the Bible and the other texts so they could compare the teaching.

Friends, this is the power of the gospel advancing among the unreached peoples of Chad. And this is the power of the partnership that we have with our Chadian sister church and missionary colleagues. Terach and his wife Fanta have answered the missionary call to serve as partners in mission among the non-Christian population of the village. Their resolve, compassion and love for the people has resulted in opportunities to share the gospel. Sister LB church partners like Terach are vital to the mission of LBIM in Chad. Thank you for your prayers and support of LBIM that makes these partnerships possible!

*Dan Venberg*