

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st CHAD *Exod 38*

Continue to pray for stability and peace in Chad, as it's in the strategic center of several other surrounding countries experiencing political conflicts and ethnic atrocities. There is a presidential election in Chad on April 11th which is causing some unrest within Chad.

2nd TAIWAN *Exod 39*

Victory English Fellowship has an outreach event tomorrow. Pray that church members will invite their non-Christian friends and family members. Pray for good opportunities to make connections with them and share the gospel.

3rd TAIWAN *Exod 40*

Tomorrow is Tomb Sweeping day. Pray for believers going home to be with extended family, that they can show Christian ways to honor those who have passed away.

4th N. AMERICA *Psalms 4-6*

Matt and **Christina** praise God for their children's positive experiences with school. Pray for ongoing adjustments for their children to life in America, and for the family's ongoing progress in French language study.

5th JAPAN *Prov 3*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** ongoing interactions with neighbors as they bring the

message of hope and peace to an area still affected by the earthquake and tsunami of 2011.

6th CHAD *Prov 4-5*

Praise God that **Daniel**, **Nancy** and children were able to travel to Chad at the end of February. Pray for their family's adjustments to their new life in Chad. Happy Birthday to **Daniel**.

7th N. AMERICA *Matt 1*

Joel and **Liz** are asking for wisdom to discern when the time is right for them to attempt a return to East Asia. Current requirements for obtaining visas and undergoing various tests and quarantines are both daunting and very restrictive.

8th TAIWAN *Matt 2*

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** wrote "Recently we celebrated with 2 ladies, **Wei Mama** and **Chun Mei**, who came to faith and were baptized. Please continue to pray for **Fam Mama** and **Jung Mama**, that they too would express faith in Jesus and want to be baptized."

9th N. AMERICA *Matt 3*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja** and children who are attending a missionary debriefing this week in Colorado. Pray that it will be fulfilling, and pray also for safe travel. Happy birthday, **Dave**.

10th CHAD *Matt 4*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they administer the Welcome Center in the capital. Pray for good health for them and their employees. Pray that they might effectively welcome and care for guests who use the facilities.

11th JAPAN *Matt 5*

Pray for our family of churches in Japan, that they might grow a culture of prayer for evangelism in their local communities. May they find creative and innovative ways to reach out to their neighbors.

12th N. AMERICA *Matt 6*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** and Japanese Ministries in Seattle. Pray for continued outreach through the online services and for wisdom in building relationships with Japanese college students.

13th TAIWAN *Matt 7*

Pray for the salvation of **Guo**, a neighbor of **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson**. She has been coming to church regularly, and Sandy shares Bible stories with her each week.

14th CHAD *Matt 8*

Paul asks prayer for favor and good communication with local officials in his village. Pray too for the Chadian families receiving missionary mentoring from Paul.

15th JAPAN *Matt 9*

The son of a couple that **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** are good friends with begins high school this month. In the past 10 years he has been prayed for often and learned much from the Bible. Please pray for the family, since starting high

school is a very important stage of life in Japan.

16th TAIWAN *Matt 10*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and children as they welcome baby **Charlie** to their family. Pray too for wisdom as they decide about future ministry and location in Taiwan, and as they choose schools for their children for next year.

17th CHAD *Matt 11*

Pray for a good transition for **Daniel**, **Nancy** and children: **Dan**, **Chi** and **Joy** as they begin language learning. Pray for wisdom in educating their children. Pray for good health and stamina as well. Happy 7th birthday to **Dan**!

18th TAIWAN *Matt 12*

CLBC leaders gather tomorrow for lectures and discussions regarding biblical perspectives on the ordination of female pastors and elders. Pray for meaningful and fruitful interactions.

19th N. AMERICA *Matt 13*

Pray for **Micah Szobody** and **Abigail Stanton** as they prepare to graduate from Hillcrest Lutheran Academy next month. Happy Birthday **Teresa**.

20th JAPAN *Matt 14*

Pray for **Linda** and her donut shop friend as they continue to share coffee and conversation. Pray that God will reveal Himself to Linda's friend.

21st TAIWAN *Matt 15*

Mike and **Delores** have had more opportunities to spend time with their friend, **Derek**. He is discovering that there are other Christians around him at work. Pray

for good conversations that would answer his questions and reveal God's love for him.

22nd N. AMERICA *Matt 16*

Liz is currently facilitating a second online training about "disability ministries and the church" for Asian believers. Pray that she can encourage two participants from last fall's online training to become new trainers in this follow-on course.

23rd CHAD *Matt 17*

Pray for many people who are listening to Bible stories on cell phones that **Nathanael** and others have recorded. May God use these stories to open hearts to hear about God's redeeming love for them. Happy 8th birthday **Adelynn!**

24th N. AMERICA *Matt 18*

Please continue to pray for two families who are studying and preparing for cross-cultural ministry. Pray that God will provide churches that will provide needed financial and prayer support.

25th TAIWAN *Matt 19*

Pray for Victory English Fellowship as they train in their new staff, **Tom** and **Rhonda**, and help them to adapt to life and ministry in Taiwan. Pray also for **John** and **Caristy Olson** and family as they prepare to return to the U.S.

26th CHAD *Matt 20*

Pray for the needed government permission and finances for building an airstrip in their village.

An airstrip makes it possible for **Nathanael** and **Carrie** and family to minister year-round, even during the rainy season. Happy Birthday, **Carrie**.

27th JAPAN *Matt 21*

Pastor Zeniya, from our sister church in Sendai, comes to Ishinomaki tomorrow to share "Words of Hope" with Dean and Linda Bengtson's neighbors. Please pray for the small group that attends each month. May the Holy Spirit work in their hearts and give them understanding of His Word.

28th TAIWAN *Matt 22*

Pray for Zhubei Victory church as they move forward with their new church building project. Pray also as they plan for ministry opportunities when the new church building is completed.

29th N. AMERICA *Matt 23*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina** as they seek answers for Matt's nerve pain and possible needed surgeries. Pray for continued effective time management, with such things as mission conferences, language learning, and consulting with mission staff in Chad.

30th CHAD *Matt 24*

Nathanael and **Carrie** are leaving their home in their village to start preparing for their home assignment in May. Please pray for their missionary partners **Amine** and **Talitha** and also for the mission schoolteachers' families, as they work and grow together in managing the school.

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