

# Daily Prayer Notes

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1<sup>st</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalm 38-39*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** of Japanese Ministries in Seattle have been asked to assist the neighboring Community College with a new group of Japanese students arriving March 5th. Pray that the students will meet Jesus during their 10 months here in the US.

2<sup>nd</sup> CHAD *Psalm 40-41*

Praise the Lord for the salvation of two women, **Boudou** and **Doudou**, who have come to faith in Jesus through the Bible Story Project in Chad. Pray for them as they will likely encounter stiff opposition from their families.

3<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *Prov 20*

Praise God for a good move and transition for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and family to their new city, Taichung. Pray specifically for opportunities to build positive relationships with their neighbors and make good friends in the neighborhood.

4<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Prov 21*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz** as they travel and share stories of God's goodness and how He has worked during their 24 years of serving in East Asia. Pray as Joel continues studies in preparation for teaching at LB Seminary this fall.

5<sup>th</sup> CHAD *1 Kings 1*

Pray for **Claire**, the newest part-time employee at the Welcome Center. Pray that **Jeremy** and **Sallee** can be a blessing to her and her family, and that she will feel like a true part of the team.

6<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 2*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** ask prayer for Japanese college graduates who have returned to Japan. Several asked to be introduced to a church in Osaka. Pray that they will go, be warmly welcomed, and find Christ there.

7<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 3*

Pray for **Mei Lian's** husband who has started to show interest in the gospel. May the Lord continue to work in his heart and lead him to faith.

8<sup>th</sup> CHAD *1 Kings 4*

Pray for **David**, **Sonja** and children as the heat intensifies in March. Pray for an enjoyable homeschool week for their children put on by the missionary school in the capital.

9<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 5*

Praise God that **Matt** is seeing miraculous results in his return of neurological functions through physical therapy. God has answered so many very specific prayers for his healing!

## 10<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 6*

Pray for **Mr. Xing** and his 100-year-old mother as **Ethan Christofferson** leads these two non-Christians in weekly Bible study. Pray for continued openness to God working in their hearts. Happy birthday to **Ethan**.

## 11<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *1 Kings 7*

This month, Japan remembers the 2011 quake and tsunami. Pray for **Shizu Takeshita** as she sings and shares at two memorial concerts held at House of Hope on March 12 and 13. Pray too for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as they do the setup, invite neighbors, and host this event.

## 12<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 8*

Victory LB Church in Hsinchu is having an Ancestor Memorial service to honor those who have gone on before us. Pray that the service will provide opportunities for non-Christians to see that we Christians do not forget our family members who have passed on.

## 13<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 9*

While **Paul** and **Teresa** are on home assignment, pray for Paul as he renders the historic creeds and the catechism into simplified, Africanized French to aid local church leaders for whom French is not their first language.

## 14<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *1 Kings 10*

Pray for continued progress with French language learning for **Dan** and **Claire** and children. Pray also for good health so that they can all attend class. Happy birthday to **Claire** today.

## 15<sup>th</sup> ASIA *1 Kings 11*

The evangelical population of Taiwan is 2.5%. In Japan it's 0.5%. Pray for a disciple-making movement in Asia, that there will be many conversions to Christ – on a scale and depth that will amaze us!

## 16<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 12*

**Mrs. Yue** has been sporadically attending **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** small group for several years now. Pray for her as she mourns her husband who was killed in a car accident last year. Pray for wisdom for this group as they care for this sister.

## 17<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *1 Kings 13*

Pray for **Haruya Itoh** as he graduates from JLBC Seminary on March 20. Beginning in April he will join **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as Church Planting Pastor at House of Hope! Pray for a good place nearby where he can live.

## 18<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 14*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie** and family return home to Michigan after two months of visiting Midwest churches. They are grateful for these churches' commitment to the gospel. Pray for safe travel and good health.

## 19<sup>th</sup> CHAD *1 Kings 15*

**Daniel**, **Nancy**, and **children** will be joining the Bilala ministry team. Pray for their preparations to move to their new village in the coming months.

## 20<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *1 Kings 16*

Tomorrow is the Japan LBC Annual Meeting via Zoom. Pray for wisdom and the Lord's leading for the Churches' participation in God's mission.

## 21<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 17*

**Mr. and Mrs. Lin** were recently baptized and have begun attending the Victory Hakka Fellowship. May they continue to grow in faith as they enjoy hearing God's Word in message and song in Hakka.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 18*

Pray for **Matt and Christina** and family as they prepare to leave for Chad this summer. This means repacking, visa updates, getting immunizations again, etc. Pray also for **McClellan** at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy and Matt at seminary as they complete their studies. Happy 9<sup>th</sup> birthday **Bastian!**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 19*

**Mrs. Ya** has recently begun bringing her non-Christian husband to church; pray for his salvation. Pray for **Ethan & Sandy Christofferson** and others at Enlin LBC as they minister to this couple.

## 24<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *1 Kings 20*

Pray for **Paul and Alexa Fraser**, interns with Japanese Ministries in Seattle as they study Japanese language and culture; may they also grow in love for Japanese people. Pray for clarity and provision for their call to serve in Japan.

## 25<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *1 Kings 21*

**Ben and Sara Hosch** write “pray for wisdom as we are making plans for ministry in Taichung, that we would listen to the Lord’s leading and that He would open doors.”

## 26<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *1 Kings 22*

Pray for **Dan and Claire** as they participate in and adjust to everyday life in France. Pray especially for **Ashley** as she tends to get anxious

with the unknowns. Happy 9<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Ashley** today!

## 27<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Psalms 42-43*

Pray for the Chadian LB church as they continue to partner with LBIM. Pray for a growing passion to send missionaries to live and witness in unreached communities. Pray for unity among those who go.

## 28<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Psalms 44-45*

Pray for **Makiko** and her son, **Shoma**, recently baptized at New Life church in Sendai. Pray for those who are mentoring her in God’s Word. Happy birthday to **Dean Bengtson**.

## 29<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 46-47*

**Mike and Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for **Xie Ruirong’s** husband, who hears the good news of salvation in Christ as he listens to Hakka Christian music and the Hakka prayer book. May the Lord use this to draw him to Christ.

## 30<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Proverbs 22*

Pray for the mission school as it grows and brings the light of the gospel to that village. Pray for continued good relationships with the village leadership. Pray that God will bless and use the school for his kingdom.

## 31<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN *Proverbs 23*

Pray for **Ben and Sara Hosch** and children as they make plans to be back in the US from May-July. Pray that God will open all the doors for a safe return to the States and grant them this time of much needed rest and refreshment.

## LEARNING LANGUAGES TO “GO”

Australian, American, Dutch, East Asian, English, French, Mexican, Venezuelan people converging in Massy, France. All planning on departing for different African countries, eastern France and some remaining in the Paris area. People with a heart for others, mainly in a Muslim context, and a heart to share the gospel with non-believers.

When most people think of Paris, they think of the sites – Eiffel Tower, Arc d’Triumph, the Louvre Museum, etc. When it comes to that, most people think of France as Paris. France is a feminist, socialist, atheistic society – quite a change from an American capitalist “Christian” democracy! France can be a dark, confusing place but there are beacons of hope there, in these future missionaries, and the schools they attend for language learning!

Les Cèdres in Massy is the beacon where I got to meet all these different people. I became friends with some of the administrative staff and teachers and their hearts for the unreached was just as strong as the missionaries being sent to other countries. This place was created to be a place for language learning, biblical study in a classroom, shared devotions, and learning worship songs in French.

Being a part of the CLB for 6 years, I have read about Albertville in the DPNs and prayer letters. Being on staff for the CLB in Fergus Falls for the past 2 years, I’ve registered one family for language learning in Albertville. I was a bit disappointed when I heard that Dan & Claire Rose (my brother-in-law & sister) wouldn’t be doing their language learning in Albertville, but God presented the opportunity to learn in this new place because he knew what we all would need.



I spent many a wonderful night with friends, watching movies, doing puzzles, learning about their call to different countries, and a women’s Bible study was started just when I needed it most. It was most amazing to spend time with other single women who are called to mission in a cross-cultural context. I was the oldest among the group of single women and so they would ask me for advice or ask me how best to respond to an email. It was wonderful to be able to give so much of my administrative abilities to them as well as working with Dan Venberg and LBIM.

I was so blessed to have the opportunity to assist my sister and her family, and to make friends with people from these backgrounds and futures ahead of them while I sojourned in France for 3 and a half months.

*~ Cathy Barlow*