Daily Prayer Notes

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1st WORLD Exod 38

David and **Sonja** ask us to pray for unreached people as the fasting month ends next Tuesday, that they might come to know the true joy of life eternal in Jesus Christ.

2nd CHAD Exod 39

Pray for **Chris** and **Suzanne** who, along with their daughter **Addi**, are in Chad to minister to our missionary families. Pray for this to be a time of rich fellowship in God's Word.

3rd JAPAN Exod 40

Paul and Alexa Fraser begin a new semester of language school this month. Pray for them in their ongoing acquisition of the Japanese language. Pray also for their teachers and classmates as they continue language learning.

4th TAIWAN Psalm 4,5,6

Pray for the small group that **Sandy Christofferson** is leading tomorrow. Three non-Christian neighbor ladies that she has befriended are attending regularly. Pray for their salvation.

5th TAIWAN Prov 3

Ben and Sara Hosch ask prayer for new missionaries to join the LBIM Taiwan team. "Pray that the CLBA will catch the vision for missions in urban Taiwan,

and that pastors and seminarians will feel called by God to share the message of Jesus in Taiwan."

6th CHAD Prov 4-5

Daniel and **Nancy** ask prayer as they visit some local villages. Pray for health and wisdom in interacting with the villagers, learning the culture, and building relationships. Happy birthday to **Daniel**.

7th JAPAN Matt 1

Arthur Fraser (4 yrs.), son of Paul and Alexa, is beginning kindergarten this month. Pray for him to make friends, learn Japanese, and enjoy school with his classmates and teachers.

8th FRANCE Matt 2

Pray for **Matthias Szobody** as he travels to Aix-en-Provence for his final session of intensive classes from April 10th - 13th.

9th CHAD Matt 3

Pray for **David** and **Sonja** and family, that they can expand their witness to unreached people living outside their village, so that the Word of God can be proclaimed among them as well. Happy birthday to **David**.

10th JAPAN Matt 4

With **Arthur Fraser** beginning school this month, younger brother **Oswald** will for the first time be without his brother for parts of the day. Pray for Oswald as he learns and adjusts to a new schedule, with Arthur, mom, and dad being away during different parts of the day.

11th TAIWAN Matt 5

Ben and Sara Hosch ask continued prayer for Taichung Victory Church's fundraising efforts. Recent giving has stalled, falling short of the amount needed to start looking for a new building. Pray for the church to find creative ways to raise the needed funds.

12th N. AMERICA Matt 6

Roger and Sue Olson report that this year's Hospitality College students just arrived from Japan and will be here for 10 months. Pray for good relationships and opportunities to share Jesus with them.

13th JAPAN Matt 7

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for the kids who live in their neighborhood. Pray for ideas and wisdom in developing an effective children's program. Pray that they can also begin to reach some of the newer, young families in the area.

14th TAIWAN Matt 8

Three young men that **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** have been discipling have completed their mandatory military service and are looking for jobs. Pray that they will find suitable jobs close to home, continue to grow in faith, and find ways to join Ethan and Sandy in ministry to their family and friends.

15th CHAD Matt 9

Nathanael asks prayer for Paul (Victory LB Church, Jamestown), who has come to provide sustainable agricultural training for their refugee neighbors through a ministry called "Farming God's Way." Pray for health and for productive, gospel-infused training.

16th N. AMERICA Matt 10

Pray for the CLB Council of Directors and Theological Council as they meet this week. May these discussions be fruitful in helping us be more effective as the Lord's disciple-making church.

17th CHAD Matt 11

Pray for **Daniel** and **Nancy's** children: **Dan**, **Chi**, and **Joy**, that they too will grow in adapting to the culture through friendships with the local children. Happy 10th birthday to **Dan**.

18th JAPAN Matt 12

Pray for pastor **Haruya Ito** and his wife **Fumi**, as they serve alongside Dean and Linda in Ishinomaki. Pray for the House of Hope, and the multi-faceted ministry happening there, that God would use this ministry and these missionaries to draw people to himself.

19th CHAD Matt 13

Paul and Teresa ask us to pray for God's strength and wisdom for Joēl Marzou, the new director of the Gounou Gaya Seminary. He has energy and vision, but few resources as he directs pastoral training for the future. Happy birthday today to Teresa.

20th CHAD Matt 14

Owen has been living with the Nathanael and Carrie family in Chad since January, helping them in their family life and ministries. Pray for Owen as he now returns to the States today and prepares for college in the fall.

21st TAIWAN Matt 15

Ben and Sara Hosch ask prayer for new ministry contacts they have made at Wenxiu Park. Pray that these new friends will be regulars at their events and that they can build deeper relationships with them.

22nd CHAD Matt 16

Dan and **Claire** request prayer for language learning and good health. Pray too that the Lord would provide at least one Chadian friend from the village for each member of their family to build deepening relationships with.

23rd CHAD Matt 17

Nathanael and **Carrie** ask prayer for **Sherif**, who has been reading the New Testament for several years and has recently confessed faith in Christ. Yet, he knows if he confesses publicly his family will try to kill him. Happy 11th birthday to **Adelynn**.

24th FRANCE Matt 18

Pray for Ellie Szobody's weekly meetings with her language partner, Claire, who is becoming a good friend. Pray that as Ellie's speaking ability progresses, she will see and take advantage of opportunities for edifying conversations with Claire.

25th CHAD Matt 19

Jeremy and Sallee ask prayer regarding the rising cost of living in

Chad and the ripple effect it has on the people. Pray too for the health of their Chadian ministry partners. Multiple and varied health issues are affecting them.

26th JAPAN Matt 20

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for tomorrow's concert at House of Hope by Evergreen Children's Choir. Pray that many will attend and hear the good news of Jesus as they enjoy the music.

27th CHAD Matt 21

Nathanael and Carrie ask prayer for their health as this is the hot season, when temperatures are in the 100s, and humidity is rising. Happy birthday to Carrie; and happy 3rd birthday to Oswald Fraser (Japan)!

28th FRANCE Matt 22

Pray for **Matthias** and **Ellie** as they look toward their move to Chad, which is coming quickly! Pray for focus and dedication to the studies still ahead of them in these final few months.

29th FRANCE Matt 23

Pray for **David** and **Janice**, missionary partners from Taiwan who are currently studying French language in Massy, in preparation for future ministry among the unreached people in Chad.

30th TAIWAN Matt 24

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he travels to Taiwan to meet with our missionaries. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide these times of fellowship and planning.

Let's timish strong! 2024 Goal: \$3,200,000



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