

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st CHAD *1 John 1*

Pray for **Dave** and **Sonja** and their family, as they tackle language learning in their village. They rely on a language tutor along with community relationships to practice what they are learning.

2nd N. AMERICA *1 John 2*

Pray for total healing for **Danny** and **Mandy's** baby **Bo**, for a properly working connection between his liver and intestines. Happy 5th birthday to **Samuel**.

3rd JAPAN *1 John 3*

Pray for **Haruya**, as he begins seminary studies. Pray for healing for his wife **Mafumi** as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

4th TAIWAN *1 John 4*

Tomorrow is Tombsweeping Day. Pray for Christians as they gather with relatives to honor their ancestors. Pray that non-Christian family members will welcome Christians to join in the festivities without insisting they worship their ancestors. Pray for opportunities for Christians to share the gospel.

5th JAPAN *1 John 5*

Tomorrow, Takizawa LB Church will dedicate their new building. Pray for the congregation and their nursery school ministry. **Dr. Morita** is their pastor.

6th CHAD *2 John*

Kay writes, "Praise God for this time to concentrate on growing my French and Chadian Arabic language base while the house is built in the village. Pray that I will optimize the time and that God would send the right person(s) to help with conversational and pronunciation skills."

7th TAIWAN *3 John*

Pray for **Mrs. W.** who has started attending church and small group after her Christian husband died recently. She often feels overwhelmed because there is so much to learn and her memory is poor. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they befriend her and help her come to know Jesus.

8th INDIA *2 Kings 1*

India has a great concentration of unreached people groups, numbering in the thousands. Since 2014, Christian persecution and religious intolerance has increased, much of it because of a national government sympathetic to radical Hindu nationalists. Pray for the advance of the gospel in India.

9th CHAD *2 Kings 2*

Pray for **Ruthanne** who is serving **Dave** and **Sonja** in a family support role. Happy birthday to **Dave**.

10th JAPAN *2 Kings 3*

Pray for **Pastor Takayama**, president of the Japan LBC, as he works to help congregations toward renewal, evangelism and the calling of much-needed future church workers and pastors.

11th TAIWAN *2 Kings 4*

Three high school seniors are preparing to take their college-entrance exams in early May and preparing for their baptisms in early June. Pray that they learn to trust and follow God closely during this pressure-filled time. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they mentor these young men.

12th N. AMERICA *2 Kings 5*

Joel and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** (Intl. Students, U of AZ) ask prayer for international students who meet every Friday for dinner and Bible discussion. Some haven't heard of the death and resurrection of Christ.

13th MEXICO *2 Kings 6*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he is serving as the featured speaker for the Borderless mission team April 13 - 19. The team includes several LB churches and churches in Silva, Mexico.

14th CHAD *2 Kings 7*

Pray for our missionaries in Chad as they are in the height of the hot and dry season. Pray for good health and stamina. Pray for safety from daily dangers they take in stride as they live out the gospel.

15th JAPAN *2 Kings 8*

Pray for the LB churches in Japan as they start Holy Week. May they use this week to share Jesus' sacrificial message of love and forgiveness through the cross

and resurrection. Pray for the services on Easter as they celebrate his victory over death and the grave.

16th CHAD *2 Kings 9*

Kay asks prayer for safety and opportunities to build relationships and to witness the character of Christ as she goes into the marketplace to purchase items and practice Chadian Arabic.

17th TAIWAN *2 Kings 10*

Pray for **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** as they share the gospel in word and deed. May the Lord use Holy Week activities and the Easter celebration to prepare people to receive his grace and mercy.

18th N. AMERICA *2 Kings 11*

Tomorrow evening all Christian international student clubs at Arizona State University gather for a Good Friday and Easter event to proclaim God's love for the world. Many have never heard the Easter story. Pray for receptive hearts. **Joel** and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** expect more than 200 to attend.

19th CHAD *2 Kings 12*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** in their life and ministry in the village. Pray for continued unity and good relationships as they mentor the Chadian couples who are training with them to be missionaries. Happy birthday to **Teresa**.

20th JAPAN *2 Kings 13*

LBIM Director **Matthew Rogness** is in Japan visiting **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson**. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as they discuss future ministry plans for Ishinomaki House of Hope.

21st TAIWAN *2 Kings 14*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their family in their ongoing adjustments to life in Taiwan. Pray for growth in language learning and cultural understanding. Praise God for many there who have come alongside to support them.

22nd JAPAN *2 Kings 15*

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Japanese people, about one percent of whom identify as Christian. Pray for renewed passion in churches for evangelism and disciple-making.

23rd CHAD *2 Kings 16*

We thank God with **Nathanael** and **Carrie** for the new school and for the quality of teaching that the school director brings to its first class. The children are learning well. Pray for a new schoolteacher, as they plan to add another grade this fall. Happy 6th birthday to **Adelynn**.

24th TAIWAN *2 Kings 17*

Pray for a widow, **Fung**, a spiritual seeker from Bau Shan Victory Church. Her son had a stroke and she needs the strength and hope that can come only from the Lord in these days.

25th N. AMERICA *2 Kings 18*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** and the Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages, Seattle. Pray for Japanese students who have been brought to faith and returned to Japan. Pray that they will be effective witnesses among their family and friends.

26th JAPAN *2 Kings 19*

Linda Bengtson asks prayer for **Mika Takana** as she teaches and

shares the gospel at this month's cooking class at House of Hope. Pray that those who attend will understand the gospel.

27th CHAD *2 Kings 20*

Pray for **Carrie** as she does homeschool with her children, that she would have the needed energy coming into the worst of the hot and dry season. Happy birthday to **Carrie**.

28th N. AMERICA *2 Kings 21*

Danny and **Mandy** ask prayer for the people back in their village in Chad. Pray for the clear leading of the Holy Spirit as the Bronsons face many decisions about the medical care for their baby **Bo** and their future ministry in Chad. Happy 3rd birthday to **Moses**.

29th CHAD *2 Kings 22*

Jeremy and **Sallee** ask prayer for an ex-employee and family. Pray also for their banker friend, **Moussa**, and his family. Praise God for opportunities to build these kinds of relationships. May God use Jeremy and Sallee to reveal himself to these friends.

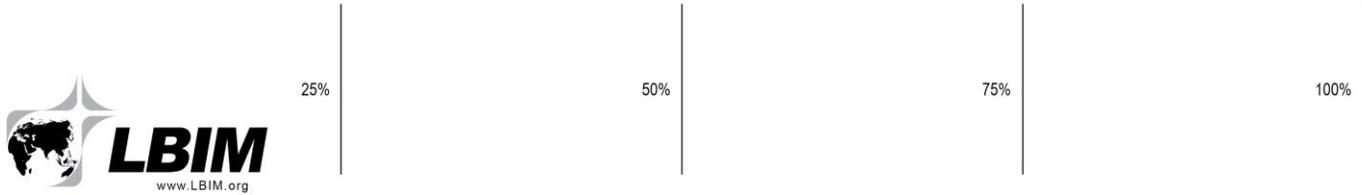
30th WORLD *2 Kings 23*

Let us pray against spiritual opposition that is evident especially in connection with our missionaries to Chad: those who sense the call but are not able to go; those who go but are not able to stay. Pray for the powers of Satan to be defeated. Let us also pray for our families in Taiwan and Japan: for spiritual, physical and emotional protection. May all of our missionary families be kept from discouragement and the effects of loneliness as they serve the Lord in proclaiming the gospel in distant places.

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