

# PRAYER POWERLINES

"SOLID, LASTING MISSIONARY WORK IS DONE ON OUR KNEES." - J.O. FRASER

*"And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6)*

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## **SUNDAYS • Loving the Savior**

During this special season, take time to thank God for the joy of communion with him in prayer, rejoicing in his provision and grace. May the many millions across East Asia experience that same place of forgiveness and salvation in Christ. As the weeks unfold, many Christian workers will spend time with nonbelievers who attend special Christmas outreaches. Pray for East Asians who have heard the message of Christ but not yet put their faith in Jesus. Pray for God's Spirit to move in their hearts and that they would have significant conversations with believers in the new year.

## **MONDAYS • New believers in Japan**

The Japanese are the second-largest unreached people group in the world. Still, God is drawing the Japanese to himself. Praise God for the new faith of Japanese believers, especially those among married couples where only one has accepted Christ as personal Savior. Pray that new believers will grow in faith and that their spouses would be positively affected by the changes they observe.

## **TUESDAYS • Recruiting more workers**

For the past several years, OMF mobilizers have discovered excellent networking contacts at the International Conference on Missions. Pray for follow through with dozens of contacts made last month in Richmond, Virginia. Pray also for connections developed at the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Pray that future missionary applicants will take their next steps, moving forward by God's empowerment.

## **WEDNESDAYS • Cross-cultural mobilization**

Pray that God would raise up Christians from Myanmar, Thailand, China and other nearby regions to go and live among the Shan peoples. Pray that Lisu, Lahu, Wa and Kachin Christians who reside in Shan areas would live out their faith and share the gospel among their Shan neighbors. Intercede for more expatriate workers to humbly learn the language in order to serve the Shan more effectively.

## **THURSDAYS • Training Christian leaders**

Some young Vietnamese Christian leaders desire to study abroad at Bible schools or seminaries in places like Singapore or the Philippines. Such opportunities require a good grasp of English and provision of the required finances, but the experiences are often hugely impactful in the lives of the leaders who go. Thank God for the opportunities these Vietnamese believers have to study in other parts of East Asia, and pray for God's provision for the daily needs of these students.

## **FRIDAYS • Third culture kids**

Especially during the Christmas season, pray for children of OMF workers as they continue their studies, often through home schooling, or through online schooling. Pray for them to be able to remain attentive and enjoy their work. Pray for parents to be able to support them well. Pray for opportunities for families to travel and meet together. Pray that God would bless families with the necessary funding to meet additional travel costs.



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## **SATURDAYS • Looking back at God’s faithfulness**

Pause and thank God for the faithfulness, mercy, grace and love he has shown you this past year. As people around the world reflect on the past and look to the future, pray that East Asia’s peoples would renew their search for truth and, in doing so, discover the outstretched arms of their Creator.

## ***It All Started with a Christmas Wreath***

Each year, OMF missionaries prayerfully host special opportunities for Christ-centered outreach. Rejoice in this testimony from Japan.

When she saw it in her friend’s entryway, Aiko exclaimed, “Where did this come from? How was it made? Where did you make it?”

“I made it at the church,” her friend replied. “At one of the Christmas wreath-making classes.” Although Christmas had already passed that year, Aiko asked her friend to let her know next time the event was planned.

One year later, Aiko entered a church for the first time to learn how to make a wreath. When she met the missionaries there, they were so warm and friendly. “These Christians are kind of different.” It was the same sense of loving community that she felt from meeting the principal of her daughter’s Christian nursery school, and from talking to the Christian family that also sent their child there. “These Christian people, what is it they have?”

Aiko was baptized a couple of years later during her daughter’s first year of elementary school. “When I found the Bible, it was like water pouring into me, filling me up. Everything made sense.” One of her favorite Bible passages is Psalm 19:7-10. She says that in Japanese, words like “commandment,” “fear,” and “judgment” sound scary, but God’s Word says that they are pure, enlightened, clean, true, and righteous. They are sweeter than honey. God gives them their meaning.

### **How can we pray for Aiko?**

Pray that she would never lose the joy she had when she was baptized. Pray that she, like others, would realize that God is calling them to be a part of the body of Christ. Christmas events, such as the wreath-making classes, connect believers with people who would otherwise never hear the gospel. Pray for Christmas events, that hearts would be opened to the coming of our Savior, the Light of the world.



### **Thanking our intercessors**

Celebrate with scores of faithful intercessors who have prayed for God’s work among East Asians during the past year. God faithfully answers prayer. As prayer warriors, you have blessed scores of OMF workers by your faithful commitment sharing the hope of Jesus with East Asia’s millions.

We rely on your prayer commitment during the year ahead. Thank you!



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