

JANUARY 2023 PRAYER CALENDAR

This month 13 of the daily prayer Scripture verses are from books of the Bible available in JSL: Exodus, Leviticus, Matthew, John, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Titus, James, and 1 John.

These prayer requests come directly from the staff in Japan. Thank you for joining your heart with theirs in prayer. We thank God for all of you who support this project and pray so faithfully! This project would not exist without those who give, pray, and serve. THANK YOU!

January 1st (Philippians 4:19)

HAPPY NEW YEAR from JSL Bible!

Pray for Pastor Matsumoto, who will take over the draft of Romans chapters 9-16 as a signer. The team will meet in Yamagata for work on the 3rd draft from 1/30-2/3/23. They are thankful because they can utilize the filming set that they built earlier!

January 2nd (Joshua 1:9)

In January, the Joshua chapters 1-12 team will revise the draft based on how natural and clear the expressions are. Then they will hand it over to the exegetical checker so that he can make comments based on the exegetical perspective. Please pray for this process to go well and without any misunderstandings.

January 3rd (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Pray for the 1st Corinthians chapters 1-7 team. They have been taking longer on their 4th draft than they expected due to complex content, which reminded the team of how hard it can be for native JSL signers to have to read and understand everything. Please pray that the time they spend on their draft will result in a great quality of translation.

January 4th (Philippians 1:6)

Pray for the issues and bugs the team has had with the JSL Bible App. Please pray that we will be able to find the right App developing company to not only fix the current issues but also improve the App if necessary.

January 5th (Matthew 18:20)

Pray for Pastor Matsumoto, who is thankful that the online board meeting on 12/1/22 went well. He is thankful that they were able to exchange some ideas for the advocacy of the project and that they were able to pray together.

January 6th (Romans 8:28)

Pray for Uiko, who is thankful the staff and the leaders were finally able to meet and update each other on the projects, as well as clarify each team's work going forward from January.

January 7th (Nehemiah 9:5)

Pray for Pastor Minamida and Tokyo Deaf Church as they worship today.

January 8th (Daniel 12:3)

Pray for Pastor Kori's church. They have been using Daniel for the JSL Bible study group every Thursday. Watching the Scriptures in JSL helps the community picture the scene and understand the context clearly.

January 9th (Romans 12:12)

Pray for Uiko as she joins Team Romans as a signing checker to ensure signs and expressions are natural and clear.

January 10th (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Pray for Mr. Hori, who is excited and thankful that he gets to work on 1st Corinthians as an exegetical researcher.

January 11th (Matthew 11:28-30)

Pray for Kohki, he is thankful that the signers spent extra time going over the draft to check if the expressions are clear.

January 12th (John 5:17)

Pray for Mr. Yamamoto, who is thankful for the time that the exegetical researcher spends checking the draft.

January 13th (Colossians 3:15)

Pray for Sora, she is thankful that she had the opportunity to attend the online board meeting on December 1st.

January 14th (Leviticus 11:45)

Pray for Pastor Sakaguchi, his family, and Deaf Bible Baptist Church in Kagoshima as they worship today.

January 15th (James 1:17)

Pray for

January 16th (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Pray for Kohki to have precision and openness to different perspectives as he checks the drafts of Joshua.

January 17th (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Pray for Pastor Kori as she does exegetical research and checks the drafts.

January 18th (Romans 8:27)

Pray for Mr. Hori as he communicates to the signer so that they can portray it in JSL, which can be challenging.

January 19th (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Pray for the 1st Corinthians team as sometimes the concept they want to sign does not exist in Japanese Deaf culture.

January 20th (Galatians 6:10)

Pray for Sora who was able to express particular needs to board members for help with fundraising and advocacy in Japan.

January 21st (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Pray for Pastor Kori as she serves on the leadership team and for her congregation is Hiroshima.

January 22nd (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Pray for Mr.Hori, who is an experienced exegetical researcher, and is extra careful to stay true to what the Word of God says.

January 23rd (Philippians 4:6-7)

Pray for Mr.Yamamoto as he works to improve some areas in his expressions, position of his hands, clear and effective usage of his facial muscles. Pray that he can adjust his portrayal so that the signing looks clear and sends the message across accurately on camera.

January 24th (Isaiah 41:10)

Pray for Uiko to be able to set aside time to check the drafts. Please pray for her physical, mental, and spiritual health as she has a lot on her plate.

January 25th (Psalm 37:7)

Pray for Mr.Yamamoto, he is thankful for the teamwork as he truly feels that he can't do his job without an exegetical point of view.

January 26th (Jeremiah 17:14)

Pray for the translation consultant who is undergoing cancer treatment. Pray for healing and remission.

January 27th (Romans 15:5)

Pray for Pastor Kori, that she can balance her role at her church and her role with the JSL Bible.

January 28th (John 14:27)

Pray for Fukushima Deaf Church and Yamagata Church as well as Pastor Matumoto as they worship today.

January 29th (1 John 4:19)

Pray for the JSL Support Team to serve the project in Tokyo well and for God to provide more volunteers to serve on the Support Team.

January 30th (Exodus 15:13)

Pray for Mr. Y and his family as he travels and serves many translation projects in Asia Pacific.

January 31st (Titus 2:14)

Pray for the Christian Tokyo office landlady to be blessed and for her husband to seek Jesus.