

## FEBRUARY 2023 PRAYER CALENDAR

This month 14 of the daily prayer Scripture verses are from books of the Bible available in JSL: Genesis, Leviticus, Mark, John, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, 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!

### **February 1st (1st Corinthians 8:3)**

Pray for the JSL Bible translation work to continue to progress on schedule. Pray for Kohki as he works on the exegetical checks. Pray for accuracy and the ability to see different perspectives.

### **February 2nd (1 Peter 5:7)**

Pray for the team as winter flu season means health challenges. People get sick and it seems someone is always missing. Pray for good health for the team.

### **February 3rd (Philippians 1:6)**

Pray for the leadership team. They are searching for a full time admin who is trustworthy, bilingual (spoken Japanese and JSL), and is young (in their 30's or 40's).

### **February 4th (1 John 4:19)**

Pray for Pastor Kori as she serves the team and for her congregation in Hiroshima.

### **February 5th (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)**

Praise that a pamphlet with information about the JSL Bible and WOW (Words of Wisdom) will be distributed at a Deaf Karate tournament on February 5th.

### **February 6th (Leviticus 19:14)**

Many of the attendees and contestants at the Deaf Karate tournament are children. Please pray they will watch the WOW (Words of Wisdom) Bible stories as well as the JSL Bible.

**February 7th (1 Corinthians 6:19)**

Pray for 1 Corinthians chapters 1-7. The team ran a community check for chapter 1 online on January 26th. This was a great opportunity for new signers to reflect on themselves, so that they will know what to work on or what to improve for further translations. They will continue working on their draft face to face, with the advice on overall expressions from the native JSL Signers from the other team. Pray for the signer to have clear and natural expressions when she stands in front of the camera. Pray that she can sign with clear images of each scene of the Scripture in her head. Draft 6 is in progress. With grammatical feedback from the leadership team (things like blinking and head nods) the translation is improving.

**February 8th (Romans 8:39)**

Pray for the Romans chapters 9-16 team. Pastor Matsumoto is thankful that the Romans team was able to visit Yamagata from 1/30/23 - 2/3/23 to work with him. Working on the translation face to face is better than working on it online. After the face-to-face translation session at the beginning of this month, the Romans 9-16 team needs to work on their drafts online. Please pray for the team during this process. The Romans 9-16 team uploaded the most recent draft on SLTT (Sign Language Translation Tool) and the leadership team will be reviewing it soon.

**February 9th (Joshua 1:9)**

Pray for the Joshua chapters 1-12 team. The contracted signers submitted another draft to the team in mid January. The exegetical researcher should be done by 2/3/23. Joshua is divided in half with two separate translation teams. The current drafts are up on SLTT (Sign Language Translation Tool, the latest software used for sign language Bible translation work) making revisions easier to handle.

**February 10th (1 John 3:11)**

Pray for Uiko as they have staff and leaders performance reviews twice a year. Uiko is thankful that everyone can reflect on themselves, so that they will know what to work on or what to improve for future translations.

**February 11th (Romans 8:37-39)**

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

**February 12th (Galatians 6:4)**

Pray for the team as they have been looking to fix some of the bugs in the JSL Bible app. Pray that this process will go smoothly.

**February 13th (Colossians 4:2)**

We are so thankful for people in the prayer group who regularly meet online to pray for our translation project!

**February 14th (John 3:16)**

Pray with Pastor Matsumoto that the JSL Bible will change the lives of many Deaf as it teaches real joy.

**February 15th (1 Corinthians 10:31)**

Pray for Uiko and Pastor Matsumoto as they travel to Bangkok, Thailand for the APSDA (Asia Pacific Sign Language Development Association) meeting February 9th - 15th. Pray for Uiko to have courage to communicate with the team even when they talk about some difficult things.

**February 16th (Genesis 28:15)**

Pray for Uiko as she is going to make a presentation about Deaf culture in Israel 2/16th - 17th. Pray that it will inspire people and that they will come to understand the concept of Deafness and Deaf culture.

**February 17th (Colossians 3:23)**

Pray for Mr. Yamamoto - he has been working on a list of Deaf churches and churches with JSL interpreters. This year, Pastor Matsumoto and Pastor Kori Miya are hoping to speak at churches to advocate even more for the JSL Bible and its necessity, so this list is vital.

**February 18th (Psalm 55:22)**

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

**February 19th (1 Corinthians 3:16)**

Pray for the 1st Corinthians chapters 1-7 team as they continue working on their draft face-to-face, with the advice on overall expressions from the native JSL signers from the other team. Pray for the signer to have clear and natural expression when she stands in front of the camera. Pray that she can sign with clear images of each scene of the Scriptures in her head.

**February 20th (Romans 12:9)**

Pray for the Romans chapters 9-16 team, they have found that working on the translation face-to-face is better/more efficient than working on it online. After the face-to-face translation session at the beginning of this month, the Romans 9-16 team needs to work on their drafts online. Please pray for the team as they go through this process.

**February 21st (Mark 12:33)**

Pray for Pastor Kori Miya as they have weekly prayer meetings at church on Thursdays. They have been watching Daniel in JSL together, and a lady who attends the meeting regularly got so encouraged by the Scripture that she decided to continue supporting our project through prayers and giving.

**February 22nd (1 Samuel 12:24)**

Pray for Mr. Hori to have stability physically and mentally as he works on exegetical checks and research, as it requires enormous mental clarity and accuracy.

**February 23rd (Romans 8:28)**

Pray for Pastor Kori as she works on the exegetical research and checks on Romans chapters 9-16. Pray for her to have discernment and clear communication when she needs to make choices on the expressions in JSL.

**February 24th (Galatians 5:13)**

Sora is thankful for the opportunity to witness how the JSL Bible is used and to capture it in photos and videos when she visited Yamagata at the end of January. Pray that these photos and videos will be used effectively to advocate for the importance of the JSL Bible.

**February 25th (Philippians 4:19)**

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

**February 26th (James 1:22)**

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

**February 27th (Galatians 6:10)**

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

**February 28th (Psalm 86:5)**

Pray for the Tokyo office landlady to be blessed and for her husband to come to know Jesus.