Japan Prayer Fuel

March 2024



Schools and universities across Japan hold finals, entrance exams and graduations at this time of year, ready for the new school year in April. Please pray that our children, young people, students, teachers, preachers and counsellors, who live and work in these spheres, can bring Jesus, light of life, into their situations.

Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo

Praise God for sustaining one missionary through their first year studying counselling. Please pray for courage, grace in Japanese, and adjustment to new schedules as counselling client handover begins.

Tokyo Center Church (TCC)

Give thanks for good teamwork. Please pray for the church's children's ministry, as some teachers are struggling with physical health issues. Pray for wisdom in how to strengthen the team and recruit new volunteers. Pray also for our colleague to have wisdom about how to prioritise ministry and rest, and for good sleep.

Tokyo Christian University (TCU)

Praise God that one missionary has completed their first year of studies here. Pray for students to have a restorative break this month. Pray also for inspiration and networking at the Lausanne Young Leaders' Conference in Saitama.

Tokyo Christian University (TCU) & Counselling

Please pray for God's guidance as one colleague prepares to teach general psychology at TCU in spring. Pray also for God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in Christ, in each of their counselees. Pray for God's presence and wisdom to guide in counselling.

Tokyo International Church

The church has a youth camp from 31st March–2nd April. Please pray for OMF colleagues as they lead and speak at the camp. Please pray for preparations for three Bible messages. One colleague will also speak at the Sunday School's Easter service on 31st March. Please pray for inspiration and ideas! Pray also for the baptism service on the same day.

TCK (Third Culture Kid) Advisor Team

Please pray for a quick recovery for missionary children who have been sick or had accidents recently. Pray too for wisdom and energy for missionary families doing home-schooling on top of Japanese school. Pray that families will find a good rhythm and persevere. As some TCKs graduate from kindergarten and school this month, pray for a good end to their time at these places.

JP Field Ministry Coach

Pray for those commencing (or continuing) their Transitional Coaching, after full-time language and culture study. Pray for final preparations for the 'Alongside-Mentoring Workshop' being held in Hokkaido this month. Pray for Associates in Hokkaido and Tohoku, moving into the third and final phase of their training this month.

Matsumigaoka Church, Tokyo

Please pray for a great work of the Spirit during the Easter period, at church and in returnee ministry. Please continue to pray for a seeker, who sometimes works at a shrine and is seeking a purposeful future. Pray for boldness and open hearts for the Tamagawa University Christian students, as they invite friends to the next Bible study meeting at a missionary's home. Give thanks for answered prayer and pray for continued rich and regular prayer times together. Pray also for the right doors to continue to open, to learn about workplace and music ministry.

Shin Sapporo Bible Church

Please pray for unity and wisdom for the church leadership, as they prepare and plan for the start of the new calendar year in April. This month, colleagues will help with a graduation party for the young people (24th), and a Kids Easter Outreach (30th). One colleague is also preaching on the 24th & 31st March. Please also pray that God would encourage kids in their faith at the next OMF Teens group (22nd).

Friends of OMF (Sapporo Area)

1. One couple ask for prayer for rest and time to de-stress. Pray for God's will and wisdom in dealing with persistent stressors. Pray also for their ministry in reaching out to students on campus, and friends.
2. Another couple asks for prayer for their preaching ministry in "retirement", having committed to preaching once a month at Asahikawa Megumi Church. They also ask prayer for a family member, who once believed, and who has promised to attend when they preach.
3. One OMF Friend asks for prayer for the monthly English conversation class at the local community centre. He also asks for prayer for opportunities for conversation at a deeper level with an American friend, who he sees quite often during the cycling season (from April).
4. Another OMF Friend gives thanks for God's blessing on Hokuei Church in Sapporo during 2023, and requests prayer for a straightforward annual meeting (10th). The church hosts an evangelistic service with a welcome café (17th) and their Easter celebration (31st). Our Friend is preaching on the 24th.