Japan Prayer Fuel

January 2025



As many Japanese pray to Shinto gods at the start of 2025, pray with us that this will be the year they are led to God their Creator.

2025 OMF Japan Field Conference

Planning for our 2025 Field Conference (16th-20th June) is underway. Our theme is 'The Power of the Cross'. Please pray for good cooperation amongst the Committee and the Holy Spirit's leading.

Hokkaido Sector Leader

Pray for protection on missionaries' health, and for safety in Hokkaido's snowy winter. Pray for energy to handle the snow at the Hokkaido Center. Pray for good rest for missionaries during the winter break. Pray that churches in Hokkaido will experience revival. Pray for churches as they start to plan for the new church year in April. Pray that OMF Fellowship Groups in Hokkaido will keep supporting one another. Pray for good fellowship with students and teachers from Hokkaido Bible Institute as they lead prayer meeting (30th January).

Grace Community Church

Our colleague asks prayer for: 1. a close daily walk with Christ, 2. healthier routines, 3. new vision for 2025, and an obedient heart, 4. God's help as they join the staff at the Japan Evangelical Church Association camp (7th-9th January), 5. God's guidance for a possible English Café (18th January).

Obihiro Glory Church

1) Pray for newly-graduated language school missionaries who moved here recently and are still settling in. Pray for them to find Japanese teachers here. 2) During their observation stage at the church, pray that God would guide them in what He wants them to do. 3) Pray for health, as the family is often sick in the winter. 4) Pray for their relationship with God to deepen. 5) Pray for a girl who moved to Obihiro in April, but is still ostracised by her classmates and sad on a daily basis.

Kodaira Bible Christ Church

Give thanks to God for the safe arrival of our missionaries at this new training. Please pray for their four children, as three start online schooling, and for the youngest, as he begins kindergarten. Pray for a good transition for all the family. Pray for blessing on the projects the church asks this team to be a part of, and to start in the future.

KGK (Christian Students' Association)

Please pray for: 1) students to have good closure this term, and that they will rely on God's wisdom. 2) the student committee preparing for spring camp; pray for everyone to grow in faith. 3) Pray for the facilitators at OMF's Pre-Home Assignment Workshop; for humility, energy, wisdom, discernment and language ability.

New Hope Yokohama

Please pray for the start of a Bible Study Fellowship class for men. Pray that this class will help them connect deeply with God and one another.

Serve Japan (SJ)

Pray for protection of SJ workers in Hokkaido during winter. Pray for a restful holiday period in the new year. Pray for smooth procedures as we welcome a hoped-for childcare worker.
Praise God for providing visas, new hosts, new accommodation and ministry placements for SJ workers in Kanto. Pray that God would guide, and that team can adjust as needed, and for the 8-12 SJ workers serving in Kanto over the next few months. Praise God for a great start with the new Sector Leadership in Tohoku. Pray for the placement process of SJ workers for 2025, as well as working with hosts to improve Serve Asia in Tohoku. Pray for one couple as they finish at Aomori Christian Center, and for another worker continuing in Fukushima. Pray for good rest.

TCK (Third Culture Kid) Advisor Team

Praise God for two new members joining the TCK Advisor Team, and pray for a good handover. Pray for good transitions for families returning from Home Assignment, as well as two children starting kindergarten.

Sendai Student Focus (SSF)

A third-year student has been attending Bible studies and other Christian events. Pray that her relationship with God will deepen and that she will be guided toward her aspiration to become a counsellor. A second-year student attended Christmas worship and chapel services with her mum. Pray that they, along with others, will come to know Christ and experience His love. Another student, who has had a positive experience with the church, wanted to join events but has been unable due to illness and scheduling. Pray for ways to disciple him. Another student has attended Bible studies and Christian events, but declined to accept Christ. She will soon move to Malaysia; pray that she connects with a Christian community that can continue sharing God's love with her. Pray for follow-up with those who attended events last month.

Training Sector Leader

2025 is a year of change for the Training Sector! Pray for processing transitions as this leader joins OMF's Pre-Home Assignment Workshop, and for the Sector Leadership Team as they consider the role of the sector and the next Sector Leader.