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Pray for Daniel and Joan as they serve in Asia. Ask God to give them renewed zeal to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the individuals they encounter where they work and live. Pray the hearts and ears of the people of Japan and Asia are prepared to hear and confess this Good News and the salvation that it brings. Ask God to continue to give strength and guidance to the other LCMS personnel currently serving in this region. Let us give thanks to God for the Jastrams who serve His children in this part of the world.

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