

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2021 (11-17/10)



Day 1: Pray for CCBC (1) Sparks

1. Pray for the current Joint Cell Bible study on Ecclesiastes that brothers & sisters can deeply understand God's word, so that they can apply what they learn.
2. Thanks to God, we are able to reach many new friends through the Frankston Outreach Ministry and the Young Adult Support Group, and develop good bonding with them. May our Lord strengthen brothers and sisters to follow-up and care for them.
3. May the Lord show mercy to protect and new friends to have good wellbeing during lockdown.

Day 2: Pray for CCBC (2) Pastors and brothers & sisters

1. Pray for our pastors as they engage in a vast variety of ministries. May God guard their physical, mental and spiritual well-being, increase their wisdom, faith and perseverance, and comfort them. O Lord, may brothers & sisters show understanding and care, and uphold our pastors & leaders with constant prayers.
2. Pray for the leaders and helpers who are serving diligently in various ministries. May God reward their effort and hard work! May God keep them in good physical and mental

well-being!

3. Pray for our brothers & sisters, their relatives & friends who are sick. May the Lord's healing hand be upon them, and by relying on God they can have faith and peace! May the Lord also provide them with all their needs and comfort their families!
4. Pray for the health of all our brothers & sisters.
5. Pray for the brothers & sisters whose relatives & friends passed away recently. May the Lord comfort them!
6. Pray for the elderly parents of our brothers & sisters, especially those who are living far away. Pray for God's care and protection!
7. Pray for the brothers & sisters who are seeking employment. May God open doors for them and provide for their daily needs!
8. Pray for brothers & sisters who are in a relationship, or preparing for marriage. May they walk together in one heart with the Lord daily and understand His guidance. Pray also that God will lead their path.

(Note: Due to privacy legislation, names and details of some prayer items cannot be listed. Please add your own prayer items based on your personal knowledge of the needs of some brothers and sisters, and pray earnestly according to personal calling and conviction.)

Day 3 : Pray for local community missions CareNet

1. Give thanks to God for using the Moon Festival outreach to bring warmth & love to the people in illness and the elderly. May God give the volunteers sensitive hearts to understand the needs of the sick and elderly and continue to bring God's love and comfort to them by keeping contact!
2. We pray that God will guide the development of the 2 CareNet Care Groups (for diabetes and seniors' health). May God give the brothers & sisters in this ministry

wisdom and keep adding to the number of volunteers who are passionate to help!

Day 4 : Global Missions –

Baptist World Aid Australia – Be Love

1. Give thanks to God that the 10 students we sponsored over the years graduated from the Be Love Program in 2020. May God continue to bless them, their families and their community!
2. May the Lord provide us financially so that we can continue to support Be Love program, allowing us in helping more students and families in need.
3. May the Lord protect the kids whom we sponsored through the Be Love program, especially pray for the political situation and people's livelihood in Cambodia, Nepal, and Bengal, where they live.

Day 5 : Pray for Christians under

Persecutions

Around the world, persecutions directed at Christians are becoming more blatant. Please read the 2021 World Watch List and pray earnestly for the Christians in **Central African Republic** which is ranked #35 on the list of the 50 most dangerous countries to follow Jesus.

Prayer information can be found at:

<https://www.opendoors.org.hk/en/central-african-republic/>

Day 6 : Pray for People in Sufferings around the World

Pray for the global pandemic situation:

As the virus mutates, a new wave of cases is swelling across the world. More than 236 million people have been infected by COVID-19 worldwide and more than 4.8 million

people have lost their lives since the beginning of the pandemic. May the Lord have mercy!

Different parts of the world are still suffering from the pandemic. A number of Asian countries (**such as Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan and Japan**) are now facing new outbreaks. Please keep praying.

1. **Many countries** are rolling out their **vaccination** programs. Pray that the vaccines would be effective, so that the pandemic can be controlled around the world.
2. May God give wisdom to **the vaccine researchers**, so that the vaccines can be effective against new variants!
3. We pray that the needs of poorer countries would also be taken into consideration, so that all people across the world are looked after.

Australia & its Neighbours

1. Pray for the pandemic situation in **New South Wales, Canberra and Victoria**. Pray that everyone would adhere to the measures for the control of the pandemic.
2. May God grant wisdom to the Australian federal and state governments to wisely implement measures to curb the pandemic and roll out the vaccination program!
3. Many people are impacted mentally and emotionally by the pandemic. May the Lord have mercy and give them peace!
4. Pray for the pandemic situation in Australia's neighbouring nations (such as Papua New Guinea). Australia is now supporting them to control it.

Nations and People of the World

- "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people." (Proverbs 14:34 NIV)
- Pray for the leaders of all the nations. May they fear God; act according to biblical truth and values; govern their countries with wisdom and love for their people, so that people can live peacefully and steadily with godliness and solemnness, and come to know Lord Jesus!
 - May the gospel be widely spread so that more people can repent of their sins quickly and turn to Jesus! May God's righteousness and truth be revealed in this age of chaos and darkness!
 - Pray for the global economic situation and livelihood of all people.
 - Pray for the various situations in Hong Kong, Myanmar, Afghanistan, USA and the Middle East etc.

(Note: The number of prayer items is numerous, and it is not feasible to list and write out all of them comprehensively. Please include your own prayer items as various situations unfold, and pray earnestly according to personal calling and conviction.)

Day 7 : Pray for Oneself (3) – Peace for Despair

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."
(Psalm 42:5-6a)

Dear Lord, I feel like I am surrounded by darkness and despair. Who can I seek help from? Who can I take refuge in? In this moment of darkness, I pray to you. I will not give up the hope in You, because my hope depends on you. I can completely rest in your goodness, faithfulness and great love.

Even though my eyes cannot see you, this doesn't mean You are not working in my life. I will seize Your promises from Your words tightly: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) I truly believe that You make all things work together for good for those who love God.

O God, You are my hope. I praise You because You keep Your promises. You redeem my life from hell, and steadfast love and mercy is Your crown. You can lead me out of despair and dispel the dark clouds of dismay enveloping me, deliver me from dismay, so I can produce endurance and hope in adversities.

O Lord, my hope is in You, I draw near to You. I desire You, a deeper relationship with You, and a more mature spiritual life. May you open my eyes so I can learn from the life lessons You teach me.

O Lord, I determine to walk my life not by sight, but by trust in You. Please help me see that You are always with me and walk with me when I am in despair. O Lord, Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. May I obey your guidance, and be full of vivacity, hope and joy to glorify You every day.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen!

(Excerpted from 'Prayers that Move Mountains', P.179-180)

***Pray for ourselves so that we can
experience God every day:***

1. *Read the Bible every day and meditate God's Word.*
2. *Retreat to a quiet place to spend time with God, listen carefully to His still small voice, and wait for His instruction and correction with a humble and open heart.*
3. *Live out God's Word in our daily life and experience the presence of God.*
4. *Watch carefully in our daily life for God's guidance and then follow Him wholeheartedly to complete God's assignment so that we can experience God profoundly.*



I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

