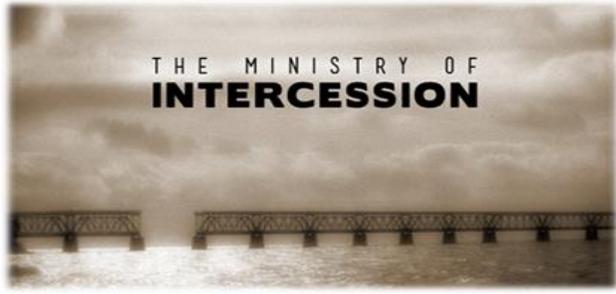


CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2022 (16 - 22/05)



Day 1: Pray for CCBC (1)

Next Gen

1. Pray that God will provide more devoted English-speaking brothers & sisters to join the team to serve the younger generation born and bred here in Australia.
2. Pray that God will help Next Gen become a community of English-speaking disciples that fear God and love Jesus, sharing the gospel in English, bring people to Christ, and lead more Christians to become disciples.

Day 2: Pray for CCBC (2)

Pastors and brothers & sisters

1. Pray for our pastors as they are involved in a variety of ministries. May God guard their physical, mental and spiritual well-being, increase their wisdom, faith & perseverance. O Lord, may our brothers & sisters show more understanding and care, and uphold our pastors & leaders with constant prayers.
2. Pray for the leaders & 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! May the Lord also provide them with all their needs and comfort their families!
4. Pray for the health of all our brothers & sisters. May the Lord's healing hand be upon those who have fallen sick recently! Pray for our pastors who labour diligently in providing care to them.
5. Pray for the elderly parents of our brothers & sisters, especially those who are living far away. Pray for God's care and protection!
6. Pray for the brothers & sisters who are seeking employment. May God open doors for them and provide for their daily needs!

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)

(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. Praise the Lord! Our first Mandarin online health seminar "Diseases: You are What you Eat – Perspective of Chinese Medicine" ran smoothly. Thanks be to God for watching over various arrangements, and we are grateful we were able to reach out to new friends.

2. May God watch over the follow-up work after the seminar, prepare suitable and sufficient volunteers to provide follow-up care for our new friends.

3. May God look upon CareNet's financial needs, prepare more regular donors to meet the day-to-day financial needs of CareNet.

Day 4 : Global Missions –

COCM – Gordon & Maggie

1. Praise the Lord! All Easter meetings and some special family visits went well in April. We also took a few days off. During the vacation, we chatted with a student happened to sit next to us in a coffee shop. We shared the gospel with her; she has never heard of the gospel before. May God continue to work in her heart, and she is willing to attend a local church in the city she lives.

2. Starting from May, one of our weekly Friday family Bible study meetings (Montpellier) will be held in a family home. We hope it will help easier to invite new friends to attend, as well as inviting non-believer family members to join together. May God open the doors for us and prepare the hearts of brothers and sisters.

3. We will go back to the UK on 28/5 – 8/6 to attend the COCM co-workers retreat camp and do different things. May God protect our journey and all the arrangements.

4. Pray that God will raise up more brothers and sisters who are willing to serve, to help the fellowships and the various work of the church, and to care for the non-believers and spread the gospel together.

5. Pray that God will block the destructive work from Satan, strengthen the faith of brothers and sisters and make them alert in prayers.

6. Pray that the Lord will continue to give us wisdom and strength to shepherd the flock and work for Him.

7. Pray that the Lord will continue to keep our parents healthy and family members who have not accepted Christ will accept Christ soon.

Day 5 : Pray for Christians under Persecutions

Around the world, persecutions directed at Christians are becoming more blatant. Please read the 2022 World Watch List and pray earnestly for the Christians in **Maldives** which ranks **#16** on the list of the 50 most dangerous countries to follow Jesus. Prayer information can be found at:

<https://www.opendoors.org.hk/en-US/persecution/countries/maldives/>

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 **519 million** people have been infected with COVID-19 worldwide and more than **6.26 million** people have lost their lives since the beginning of the pandemic. May the Lord have mercy on mankind!

Different parts of the world are still suffering from the pandemic. The Omicron variant is spreading worldwide, and there are outbreaks in many places. 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 and other medications can be effective against new variants!**
3. We pray that the needs of the poorer countries would also be taken into consideration, so that all people across the world are being looked after.
4. The pandemic has impacted children all over the world, especially in those poverty-stricken countries. May God protect them, secure them from danger and enable them to continue their studies, so that their growth will not be stunted!
5. Pray for the hospitals and healthcare workers around the world. Pray that God will strengthen them and provide them with all the much-needed medical resources.

Australia & its Neighbours

1. Pray for the pandemic situation in **Victoria**. Pray that everyone would adhere to the measures for the control of the pandemic.
2. Pray for the complicated pandemic situations Australia is facing. May God protect Australia, so that it can continue its rigorous measures in curbing the pandemic while opening up borders!

3. May God grant wisdom to the Australian federal and state governments to take cautious approach to reopen gradually, and remain vigilant against the spread of pandemic!
4. Many people are impacted mentally and emotionally by the pandemic, and psychiatrists are already seeing more people seeking help. May the Lord have mercy and give them peace!
5. Pray for the pandemic situation in Australia's neighbouring nations. Australia is now supporting them to control it.
6. Queensland and New South Wales were recently devastated by severe flooding; please pray for the affected people and the rebuilding efforts underway.
7. Pray for the federal election in Australia. May God raise up God-fearing leaders who act according to biblical truth and values.

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 solemnity, and come to know Lord Jesus!
 - May the gospel be widely spread so that more people can repent of their sins 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 pandemic situation in Hong Kong and other regions in Asia.
- Pray for the war in Ukraine and the refugees.
- Pray for the various situations in Myanmar, Afghanistan, USA, the Middle East, Taiwan, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Kazakhstan, etc.

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9b-10)*

(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 : Great Souls at Prayer (49)

I Bless You, my Father and my Friend, for all that You have given me, and for all that You have taken from me; for all my trials and sorrows, as well as for all my joys. You have mercifully led me through this wilderness, and have borne with my many shortcomings and evil-doings. You are indeed most gracious and glorious, a Father of mercies, and a God of love. Rouse this sluggish heart of mine, and fill it with gratitude. And be with me, Lord, for the time to come. I know not what is before me, but You know. May You choose my portion for me. Lead me by Your own hand; and keep me close to You, day by day, and night by night. My Father, I wish to love and obey You. Take my heart, for I cannot give it to You; and put away everything that hinders me from being altogether Yours – Amen.

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)



