

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (06 – 12/02)



God's household is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15b)

Day 1: Pray for CCBC (1)

1. Pray for the development of various ministries. May God guide our way and provide what is required!
2. May God use the Joint Cell Bible Study in 2023 to help brothers and sisters to understand the truth and apply it in daily life.
3. Pray for our pastors, leaders & helpers serving diligently in various ministries. May God guard them and their families, keep them well and increase their wisdom, faith & perseverance.
4. 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! Pray also for our pastors who look after for them diligently.
5. Pray for the elderly parents of our brothers & sisters, especially those living far away. Pray for God's care and protection!
6. Pray for the brothers & sisters looking for jobs. May God open doors for them and provide for their daily needs!

7. We do not have enough space for running simultaneous onsite gatherings. Praise God for letting us use the nearby union building and the St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday afternoons. May God provide more space for our ministries both on Saturdays and Sundays!

8. May the Lord provide more helpers to welcome newcomers and help them know our church better!

9. Pray for the implementation of various child safety measures. Pray that all our brothers & sisters will join together in keeping children safe!

10. Pray to ask God to bind Satan and block the destructive works, strengthen the faith of brothers & sisters, and help them stay alert in prayers.

(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.)

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. (John 17:11)

Day 2: Pray for local community missions Peaceful Living – International Student Mission

1. Praise the Lord for the successful completion of the "Overseas Freshmen 2023" outreach event. May God strengthen the helpers in their follow-up and caring work with the newcomers!
2. Pray for the preparations of the February outreach events. May God provide helpers working together to share the gospel and witness God's love in the campuses!

Day 3: Global Missions – Chinese Christian Mission Australia (CCMA)

1. We thank God for driving us to develop our online ministry during the pandemic, and giving us and the local Chinese seniors a willing heart to learn new technology and stay connected online. May God strengthen the team to serve with a Christ-centred mindset!
2. Thank God that during the pandemic, our literature ministry continued to send out various CCMA publications to spread the gospel to small towns and to bring God's encouragement to the believers' homes. Pray that God will work in our hearts and encourage more people to participate in various tasks of literature ministry.
3. Pray for CCMA's overseas mission fields at Santo and Vila in Vanuatu. May God protect our missionaries and send more workers willing to shepherd the flock of God there!
4. Pray for the CCMA's local mission fields at Dubbo and Orange in New South Wales, and Shepparton in Victoria. May God protect our missionaries and send more workers willing to shepherd the flock of God there!

Day 4: Pray for Christians under Persecutions

Around the world, persecutions directed at Christians are becoming more blatant. Please read the 2023 World Watch List and pray earnestly for the Christians in **Yemen** which ranks **#3** 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/yemen/>

Day 5: Pray for People in Sufferings around the World

Pray for the global pandemic situation:

As the virus mutates, new cases are on the rise around the globe. **More than 700 million** people have been infected with COVID-19 worldwide and **more than 6.76 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. The Omicron variants are spreading worldwide, and there are outbreaks in many places. Please keep praying.

1. **Many countries** are rolling out their vaccination/booster programs. Pray that the vaccines & boosters would be effective, so that the pandemic can be controlled.
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 healthcare workers around the world. Pray that God will strengthen them and provide them with the needed medical resources.

Pray for Australia & its Neighbours

1. Pray for the pandemic situation – the pandemic hasn't ended yet! Pray that everyone would show consideration for others, remain vigilant and adhere to the measures for the control of the pandemic.

2. 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!
3. Pray for the pandemic situation in Australia's neighbouring nations.
4. Many places in New South Wales & Victoria are devastated by severe flooding – pray for the affected people and the rebuilding efforts underway.
5. Pray for the economic situation and livelihood of all people in Australia.
6. Pray for the federal & state governments of Australia. May the leaders fear God, act according to biblical truth and values, and govern the country with wisdom and love for people!

Day 6: Pray for the Nations and People

“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 turn to Jesus! May God's righteousness and truth be manifested in this era of chaos and darkness!
- Pray for the global economic situation and livelihood of all people – inflation & food crisis.
- Pray for Hong Kong and other places in Asia.
- Pray for the war in Ukraine and the refugees.
- Pray for the nations in the South Pacific.
- Pray for the situations in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Afghanistan, the Middle East, Central Asia, etc.
- Pray for the situations in Taiwan and East Asia.
- Pray for a variety of global situations & needs.

(Note: There are numerous prayer items. It is not feasible to list and write out all of them comprehensively. When you pray, please include your own prayer items as various situations unfold, and pray earnestly according to personal convictions.)

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)



Day 7: Great Souls at Prayer 2023 (3)

O God, You are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, the giver of affection. You have sent peace to those who receive it; opened to us the sea of love, and watered us with abundant streams from the riches of Your grace. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. Strengthen us by Your power; enkindle in us the fire of Your love; bind us closely to You and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity – Amen.

O Lord, help us to show our love of You by keeping Your commandments. These commandments remove from us falsehood, fear and all wilful disobedience – Amen.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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

- 1. Read the Bible every day and meditate on 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.*



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)

