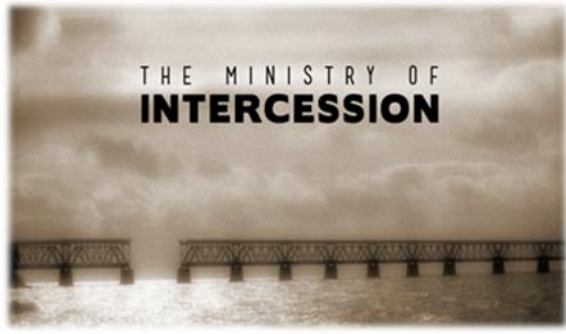


CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (06 – 12/03)



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 to help brothers & 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 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. 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 providing a safer place for children!
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 – Family Outreach Ministry

1. Thankful for God's leading in starting a Dad Support Group for new migrants, some of whom are not believers yet. May the Lord open their hearts, so they can experience God's love and accept Christ soon!
2. Pray for the currently-running Dad and Mum Support Groups. May God use them, so that brothers, sisters and friends can encourage and support one another through sharing, and learn to be better dads and mums together!

Day 3: Global Missions – Chinese Overseas Christian Mission(COCM)

1. Pray for COCM's ministry of new church planting, in view of an influx of new immigrants to the UK.
2. COCM offers courses to help new migrants from Hong Kong get to know the UK, so that they can adapt faster to life in the UK. Also through these courses, local churches can build relationships with the Hong Kong new immigrants.
3. The COCM Training Centre in the coming year will be running training courses, seminars and other training programs based on the different needs of the churches.

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 **Pakistan** which ranks **#7** 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/pakistan/>

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 6.8 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. 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 in fighting 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!
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!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

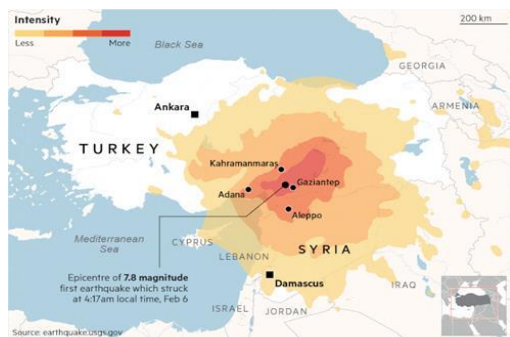
Pray for the Turkey-Syria earthquakes

1. May God safeguard the survivors waiting to be rescued, give them breath and life to hold out until rescuers arrive, and that they can receive the most appropriate care and treatment.

2. May God safeguard the emergency response teams performing rescue missions in the disaster zones. Grant them strong physical strength and a peaceful heart as they undertake high-pressure duties in harsh weather; may God also protect them from any aftershocks.

3. Pray for the disaster response efforts across the whole of Turkey & Syria, that different departments are able to coordinate effectively, the health system is able to cope with the surge in demand; disaster relief supplies donated around the world can get into the hands of the affected as soon as possible in order to alleviate their sufferings.

4. Pray for the church and believers in the Turkey-Syria area, so that they can experience God's guidance in difficult situations, and be the salt and light during dark times.



Day 6: Pray for the Nations and People

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. (Proverbs 14:34)

- 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 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 (7)

O Lord, although we do not know what is best, we ask you to give us what you know that suits us, and grant our souls peace and health, so that our neighbours and the world may benefit through us. Make us a temple of your Holy Spirit and dwell with us. O Lord, be gracious to your servant, bless my work that I may do my best for good, and let me give thanks to you with joy in the end. You are the God of truth, Creator, Saviour and Restorer, into your hands we entrust our spirits, souls and bodies. Lord, to you I also entrust all that comes in and goes out today – 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)

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)



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