

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (10 - 16/04)



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, 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 CareNet Centre

1. Pray for the several patients with cognitive impairment and their carers whom CareNet has recently approached. May the Lord give our volunteers the wisdom and love to care for them and walk with them!

2. Pray for the currently-running prayer group for the chronically ill. May the participants find strength and comfort in prayer! Also pray for the Lord's guidance to enable CareNet to develop more prayer groups to serve by praying.

3. Pray that the Lord will provide many more suitable volunteers in serving and caring the sick and elderly at CareNet.

Day 3: Global Missions –
Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) –
Gordon & Maggie – part 1

1. Praise to the Lord! A mother who has been to our evangelistic meetings a few times came to our bible study recently. She has asked a lot of questions and has a heart to seek God. Pray that the Lord will work in her heart, and so she is willing to continually get to know God and trust Him.

2. Pray for a newly converted student who had been troubled by some recent events and even had suicidal thoughts, but he wanted to overcome his troubles by relying on Christ. There is also a spiritual battle involved. May the Lord help and protect him, so that he can claim victory in his firm reliance on Him!

3. Pray for the spiritual lives of brothers and sisters. May all brothers and sisters yearn for God and His word, and continue to grow spiritually, with a praying heart with vigilance to love and care for the people around them, and spread the gospel.

4. Pray for the people we are currently approaching and the communities we are serving. May the Lord provide circumstances and opportunities to work in their hearts, and remove all obstacles to their seeking to know God!

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 **Syria** which ranks **#12** 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/syria/>

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

Day 5: Pray for People in Sufferings around the World

Pray for the global pandemic situation:

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. Please keep praying.

1. May God give wisdom to the vaccine researchers, so that the vaccines and other medications can be effective in fighting against new variants!

2. 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.

3. 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!

Pray for Australia

1. 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!

2. Pray for the economic situation and livelihood of all people in Australia.

3. 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 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 the war in Ukraine and the refugees.
- Pray for the island nations in the South Pacific.
- Pray for the situations in Hong Kong, 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 (13)

O Eternal father, help me, to bring forth in my life the fruits of the Spirit – the fruit of Love. May we love You above all things, and dwell in You only and for Your sake. May we rejoice always, and serving You be our joy. May we have peace that through Your mercy we are

pardoned and accepted, and also in Your love, I have patience to be able to endure suffering with patient submission to Your will, and to bear all crosses and afflictions. May I have kindness that I can overcome all risings of temper, and take calmly and sweetly all trials and provocations. May we have meekness that I can forgive freely all who may hurt me either by word or deed, and endure with patience all that may be laid upon me. May I have self-control that I can restrain all my desires, bringing them into subjection in all things to Your holy will – 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)