

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (17 - 23/04)



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 revitalization and growth 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 work. 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 – International Student Ministry (ISM)**

1. Give thanks to God! "Freshmen Abroad 2023" has concluded smoothly, and we reached out to a dozen of new students preparing to study abroad. May God give strength to helpers to follow-up and provide care, to serve with love and witness our Lord.
2. Pray for the commencement and preparations of our campus ministry, including Melbourne Uni, Monash Uni, and other universities. May the Lord inspire more people to participate in this ministry, so as to bring God's love to international students on campus.

Day 3: Global Missions – Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) – Gordon & Maggie – Part 2

1. Gordon recently visited and connected with some non-Christians families in Grenoble and Nice. One of them used to be a Buddhist and now wants to get to know more about Christianity, some of them are broken families. Gordon has shared the gospel with them, may God work in their hearts and that they are willing to go to church and continue seeking God.

2. Pray for Gordon's preparations for the Sunday service sermons, may God give him wisdom and good spirit to prepare the sermons, and may God prepare brothers and sisters' hearts to attend the services and share the gospel.

3. Continue to pray for the four small groups of discipleship training we are leading (two groups of students, two groups of mothers) and one new believer's course for a group of students. In addition, Maggie will also run a new believers' course for two mothers, pray that the Lord will give us enough strength to lead them, and they can persist in completing the course, especially the mothers, pray that the Lord will give them strength.

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 **Saudi Arabia** which ranks **#13** 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/saudi-arabia/>

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 (14)

Almighty God, who can give the light that in darkness shall make us glad, the life that in gloom shall make us joy, and the peace that amidst discord shall bring us quietness! Let us live this day in that light, that life, and that peace, so that we may gain the victory over those things that press us down, and over the flesh that so often encumbers us, and over death that seems for a moment to win the victory. Thus we, being filled with inward peace, and light, and life, may walk all the days of this our mortal life, doing our work as the business of our Father, glorifying it,

because it is Your will, knowing that what You give, You give in love. Bestow upon us the greatest and last blessing, that we, being in Your presence, may be like unto You for evermore. These things we do ask, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—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)