

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (26/06 – 02/07)



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 renewal and growth of various ministries. May God guide our way and provide what is required!
2. Pray that God will use the discipleship life practices (spiritual disciplines) in each zone this year, so that brothers & sisters walk in Christ, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, abounding in thanksgiving.
3. Pray for the evangelism and gospel outreach of our zones. May we experience more of God's grace this year, and lead more people to Christ!
4. 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.
5. Pray for the elderly parents of our brothers and 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. Pray to God for more space and larger venues for a variety of our ministries!
8. May the Lord provide more helpers to welcome newcomers and help them know our church better!
9. Pray that God will provide more helpers to share the heavy load of our diverse mission ministries.
10. Pray to ask God to bind Satan and block the destructive works, strengthen the faith of brothers & sisters, and help them stay alert.

(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. May God provide a suitable venue for the regular Monday gatherings.
2. Pray for the preparations & development of our campus ministry. May the Lord inspire more people to participate in this ministry, to spread the gospel to international students.

Day 3: Global Missions – **Anna (HKBM – Local cross-cultural missionary)** **Thanksgiving:**

1. Muslims celebrate their New Year after the month of fasting. We are going to hold a gathering to celebrate with the Indonesian domestic helpers. Praise the Lord – 6 graduates of the English class will be attending the event.

2. We worked with the Diamond Hill Baptist Church to run a Fun Day on 26/5. Give thanks to God that the Indonesian helpers enjoyed the different events and the Indonesian food thoroughly. May God watch over the follow-up works.

Prayer:

1. HKBM will collaborate with different churches to develop the ministry serving the Indonesian helpers. Pray for God's guidance.
2. We have received a lot of positive feedback on the Indonesian Youth Fun Day held last year. The event will be held again on 29/10 this year. We are inviting churches, guests and organisations to join us. May God bless and take charge of the event.
3. Due to personal circumstances, the Indonesian missionary has resigned and gone back to Indonesia. Pray that she will adapt to the new environment quickly. May God prepare at least 2 more Indonesian helpers to join us in the ministry.
4. We are developing our ministry in serving minority ethnic groups, especially South-East Asians. Recently we have revisited different community centres to explore serving opportunities. May God guide our way.
5. We are going to hold a seminar in collaboration with the Love and Peace Ministry. Pastor Kamran will be sharing his testimony. May God help brothers and sisters to know more about this ministry and support their work.

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 **Burkina Faso** which ranks **#23** 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/burkina-faso/>

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 7 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. 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.
- 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 (24)

Lord, I thank You that Your love constrains me. I thank You that, in the great labyrinth of life, You wait not for my consent to lead me. I thank You that You lead me by a way which I know not, by a way which is above the level of my poor understanding. I thank You that You are not repelled by my bitterness, that You are not turned aside by the heat of my spirit. There is no

force in this universe so glorious as the force of Your love; it compels me to come in. O slavery that makes me free, O love that imprisons me only to set my feet in a larger room, enclose me more and more within Your folds. Protect me from the impetuous desires of my nature – desires as short-lived as they are impetuous. Ask me not where I would like to go; tell me where to go; lead me in Your own way; hold me in Your own light—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)