

## CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (24 – 30/07)



*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. Pray for the renewal and growth of various ministries. May God guide our way and provide what is needed!
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 – Family Outreach Ministry**

1. Pray for the ongoing Dad and Mum support groups. May the Lord use them, so brothers and sisters and friends are able to encourage and support one another through sharing, and learn to be a good dad/mum together.
2. May the Lord prepare more helpers to address the needs of an increasing number of migrants in the community.

### **Day 3: Global Missions –** **Portugal – Norman & Belinda**

1. Pray for their church's Summer Camp in July. This year, they are trying out different activities suitable for various age groups. Pray for their work and teams.

2. Norman and Belinda have been serving faithfully in Portugal for more than 10 years. Pray for them, may the Lord bless them and strengthen them, safeguard their health and wellbeing, so that they have the strength to continue serving the Lord.

3. Pray for their gatherings and gospel ministries in Coimbra and Porto, Portugal. May the Lord bless them, so that the gospel may be spread, and churches be established.

### [Far East Broadcasting Company \(FEBC HK\)](#)

1. Since its beginning, Radio Liangyou has always been a platform for broadcasting the gospel message to Chinese people, and for teaching the Bible and training workers for Christ. It is a good friend and helper to its listeners.

2. Liangyou Theological Seminary is committed, through broadcasting and various media platforms, to teach the Bible, and equip more preachers & leaders with character, faithfulness, insight, and a heart for global mission to establish healthy churches to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. In addition to serving Chinese-speaking friends, FEBC also actively cares for other minority people groups who speak different languages. There are many difficulties and needs in other language broadcasting ministries, so please uphold them through prayers, and also pray that the minority people groups will be able hear & receive the good news soon.

4. Sooradio Cantonese Broadcast is a radio station that is guided by Christian values and a faith-based vision, with the hope of providing professional broadcast training and equipment to work with Christian broadcasters to produce unique programs that inject positive energy into Hong Kong media, to influence with real life stories, and serve the Hong Kong community.

### [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 **Cuba** which ranks **#27** 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/cuba/>

*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!

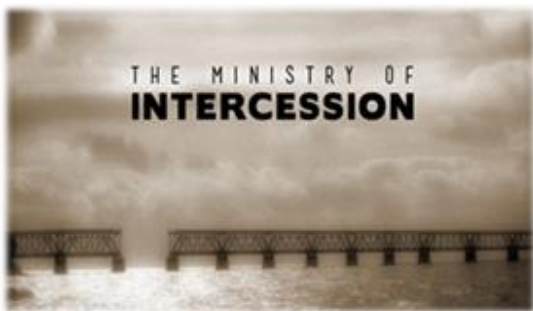
## **Day 6: Pray for the Nations and People**

***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 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.
- 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 (28)**

*O My Lord, in Your arms I am safe; keep me and I have nothing to fear; give me up, and I have nothing to hope for. I know nothing about the future, but I rely upon You. I pray You to give me what is good for me; I pray You to take from me whatever may imperil my salvation. I leave it all to You, because You know and I do not. If You bring pain or sorrow on me, give me grace to bear it well, keep me from fretfulness and selfishness. If You give me health and strength and success in this world, keep me ever on my guard lest these great gifts carry me away from You. Give me to know You, to believe on You, to love You, to serve You, to live to and for You. Give me to die just at that time and in that way which is most for You glory—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)***