

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (25/09-01/10)



*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: Local Community Missions CareNet Centre

1. Thanks be to God! The Moon Festival Care for Elderly Operation has finished well. Please pray for the care and follow up of our new friends.
2. May the Lord move more brothers & sisters to participate in CareNet's caring and serving, while following Lord Jesus' example in loving the sick, and walking with them, to bring the Lord's love into their lives.
3. May the Lord use the "Walk Together Carer's Training" to equip more brothers and sisters who are interested, so that they can more effectively serve in ministries of caring and visiting.

Day 3: Global Missions –

Anna (HKBM – Local cross-cultural missionary)

Thanksgiving and prayer points:

1. Pray that the “Home of Love and Grace” can invite new Indonesian domestic helpers to enrol in the Gospel English classes, and more domestic helpers would make use of the recreational centre.
2. Pray for the various preparation for the Indonesian Youth Fun Day on 29/10. Pray that God will bless this event, provide guidance and inspire more churches to participate, and that we can serve at least 500 Indonesian helpers.
3. May God provide 2-3 more Indonesian missionaries to accommodate the needs of the ministry development.
4. Give thanks that Anna had the opportunity in late August to visit North Thailand, her previous mission field, and the house churches in the villages. Give thanks that the Thai believers were able to stand firm in their faith despite pressure from relatives and friends. Pray for the various difficulties in life and challenges in faith that they face. May God provide for their needs and strengthen their faith.

Day 4: 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 **Tunisia** which ranks **#36** 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/tunisia/>

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

Day 5: People in Sufferings around the World

Pray for the global pandemic situation:

More than 800 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!

1. May God give wisdom to **the medical 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 education, 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.

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 (37)

O Lord, You are the most holy and ever-loving God, we thank You once more for the quiet rest of the night that has gone by, for the new promise that has come with this fresh morning, and for the hope of this day. While we have slept, the world in which we live has swept on in its awful space, great fires have burned under us, great waters have been all about us, and great storms above us; but You have held them back by Your strong hand, and we have rested under the shadow of Your love. The bird sat on the spray out in the darkness, the flower nestled in the grass, we lay down in our home, and all slept in the arms of God. The bird will trust You this day to give its morsel of meat, and the flower will trust You for its fresh raiment; so may we trust You this day for all the needs of the body, the soul, and the spirit. Give us this day our daily bread — Amen.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 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)