CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (09-15/10)



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. May God bless the preparations of the "Diet for Good Brain Health" online health seminar to be held on 14 October, from which the participants will learn useful knowledge that they can put into practice in their lives.

2. Pray for the upcoming Carer's Training. May the Lord watch over the preparations by the instructors, event promotion and advertising! May God prepare interested brothers & sisters to participate, who will learn more practical skills of caring so as to serve and care for those in need with God's love!

3. In view of the needs of carers, we are planning to start a 'Carers' Support Group'. May God guide the development of this ministry and give us wisdom to make arrangements for all needed!

Day 3: Global Missions –

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) - East Asia and China

1. "On the day I decided not to trust the Lord anymore, a special delivery from Radio Liangyou came. In awe and gratefulness of the timely coincidence, I sent an email to Liangyou and got a reply! I began learning to pray for myself and for other people. Now I can firmly tell people that I am a Christian, and I truly believe in the existence of the God I trust! I believe He loves me!"- Liangyou Radio (Chinese) listener

2. Ethnic Chinese celebrate mid-Autumn festival today, whilst in the Korean Peninsula, 'Chuseok' or full moon harvest festival is celebrated. Families gather during these occasions. Pray for individuals to know God as their Father and their entire households to be saved.

3. Today is World Translation Day, honouring the work of language professionals. Praise God for Bible translators. Sharing the Word in local languages is effective in evangelism, which is why FEBC shares God's Word in 150 languages around the world. Pray for more Gospel resources to be available worldwide, including Bible translations and native language broadcasts.

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 Mexico which ranks **#38** on the list of the 50 most dangerous countries to follow Jesus.

Prayer information can be found at: <u>https://www.opendoors.org.hk/en-</u> <u>US/persecution/countries/mexico/</u> 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 (39)

Strengthen me, O God, by the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Grant me to be strengthened with power in my inner being, and to empty my heart of all useless worries and anguish. O Lord, grant me heavenly wisdom, that I may learn to seek and to find You, above all things to love You, and to think of all other things as being at the disposal of Your wisdom – Amen.

O most merciful God, the foundation of our hope and our refuge in trouble, deliver us from the snares of death; save us from the multitude of troubles which surround us. We will sing praises to Your holy Name in purity and innocence, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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)