

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (16-22/10)



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 **Peaceful Living**

1. Pray for the preparation of Tikkun Olam (30/11). May the Lord provide us with sufficient funds to purchase food and supplies.
2. May the Lord prepare enough volunteers to assist in packaging and distributing gift packages on (30/11). May the Lord use this community outreach to bless local underprivileged Jewish people.

Day 3: Global Missions –

Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) – Gordon & Maggie

1. Praise the Lord, though having encountered some unexpected events and spiritual battles, the Lord has kept and guided us through the difficulties. The baptism and evangelistic meeting in September were completed smoothly. Our co-workers served with unity, some people accepted Christ and we have sowed the seeds of the gospel. Please pray that the Lord will lead and guide all the follow-up work.

2. We will launch the Chinese version of the Alpha course in October. Pray that the Lord will use this course to help seekers and new believers deepen their understanding of God, and that brothers and sisters will also be inspired and be equipped.

3. In December, a short-term mission team from Hong Kong will come to serve in our Christmas evangelistic event and learn about the ministry in southern France. We are about to start detailed arrangements for the itinerary and matters. Pray that the Lord will guide us and lead us to accomplish His will.

4. We will organize a camp for believers in February next year. Promotion and all preparations will begin in October. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to plan and bring people to the camp.

5. Pray that the Lord will continue to protect our church and fellowship from being disturbed and attacked by the evil ones. Also pray that we can have physical and spiritual strength to serve God.

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

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 **Ethiopia** which ranks **#39** 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/ethiopia/>

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 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.

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 (40)

O Lord, who spreads out the heavens like a curtain, we pray that you give us faithful wills and loving hearts, that in all your works we may ever discern you. O Lord, we humbly praise you for what you give, and for what you withhold; for the knowledge you bestow, and for the knowledge you keep back. Amen.

I thank You, my Creator and Lord, for giving me these joys in your creation, this ecstasy over the work of your hands. I have made known the glory

of your work to men as far as my finite spirit could comprehend your infinity. If I have said anything wholly unworthy of you, or have aspired after my own glory, graciously forgive me. 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)