

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (20-26/11)



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**

1. Pray for the preparation of our Christmas Community Care for the people in sickness and the elderly people. Pray for resources and relevant programs to share the Gospel with them.
2. Pray for the ministry sharing in the community in December so that we can connect with and serve more people.
3. Pray for the ministry plan for 2024 to promote and provide more holistic care to more people in sickness and the elderly people in our community.
4. May the Lord provide so that all our ministry program can run smoothly.

Day 3: Global Missions – Hong Kong Baptist Mission (HKBM) – Anna

1. Thanks be to God for the smooth running of the Indonesian Youth Fun Day on 29/10. Praise the Lord for listening to our prayers. The weather was good. We reached out to at least 495 Indonesian people, and we also had another 300 people joining the event as guests and volunteers.
2. On the day, some volunteers managed to pray for the Indonesian domestic helpers and shared the Gospel with them. Pray that they would experience God's love.
3. Pray for God's leading in the follow up, and we can connect and work alongside with the participating churches.
4. Praise the Lord for providing two pastors from Indonesian to join our team here at HKBM – the visa for one of them was approved. Pray that the visa for the other one will be approved soon. Pray that I can overcome the language and cross-cultural barriers to work with the two Indonesian pastors to develop this ministry.

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 **Tajikistan** which ranks **#44** 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/tajikistan/>

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 situations in Hong Kong, Taiwan and East Asia, and the island nations in the South Pacific.
- Pray for the global situations, especially in the Middle East.

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 Saviour. (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Day 7: Great Souls at Prayer 2023 (45)

O God our Lord, the rock of all of those who put their trust in You, wherever You lead we would go, for Your ways are perfect wisdom and love. Even when we walk through the dark valley, Your light can shine into our hearts and guide us safely through the night of sorrow. You are our Friend, and we need ask no more in heaven or earth; for You are the Comfort of all who trust in You, the Help and Defence of all who hope in You.

O Lord, we would be Yours; let us never fall away from You. We would accept all things without murmuring from Your hand, for whatever You do is right. Blend our wills with Yours, and then we need fear no evil nor death itself, for all things must work together for our good.

Lord, keep us in Your love and truth; comfort us with Your light; and guide us by Your Holy Spirit – 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)***