CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (04 - 10/12)



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)

<u>Day 2: Local Community Missions</u> <u>CareNet</u>

- 1. Pray for the Christmas Community Care. May God use it so that we can reach out to more people in sickness, their families and elderly people with Jesus' love and hope.
- 2. Pray for God's guidance for us to develop the ministry plan for 2024 to promote and provide more holistic care to people in sickness, their families and elderly people.
- 3. Give thanks to God for the volunteers who served in CareNet this year. May God provide more to join in.
- 4. Pray for the people in sickness, their families and the elderly people whom CareNet is serving. Pray that they will experience more of God's presence, peace and strength.
- 5. Pray for CareNet's financial needs. May God prepare so that all our ministry programs can run smoothly.

<u>Day 3: Global Missions</u> – <u>FEBC (East Asia & Chi</u>nese Ministries)

- 1. Pray for FEBC broadcasts to spiritually nourish many Japanese believers who are unable to attend church because of persecution.
- 2. "Thank you FEBC for praying for my son. He has accepted Jesus as his Saviour. I know this is by the grace of God!" Listener, Korean Peninsula
- 3. Pray for North Koreans who face long and bitterly cold winters to hear the hope of Jesus through FEBC's broadcasts.
- 4. Pray for FEBC Chinese Ministry's radio programs and seven podcasts in Taiwan to reach more Taiwanese.
- 5. Pray for the Chinese Ministry team leading the new Liangyou Bible Institute a training program for church leaders in China and Hong Kong.
- 6. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136:1) Let's thank God for 2023 and seek His face into 2024!

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 **Brunei** which ranks #46 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/brunei/

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

<u>Day 5: People in Sufferings around the world</u> 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 (47)

O Lord, You ever blessed fountain of life, I praise You that You have infused into me Your own vital breath, so that I have become a living soul. It is my earnest desire that I may not only live, but grow; grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May I grow in spirituality and a heavenly disposition of mind. As You know I hunger and thirst after righteousness, make me whatever You would delight to see me. Draw on my soul, by the gentle influences of Your gracious Spirit, every trace and every feature which Your eye, O heavenly Father, may survey with pleasure, and which You may acknowledge as Your own image. I ask and hope it through Him of whose fullness we have all received – 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)