

## CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2023 (11 - 17/12)



*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. May the Lord provide more and larger spaces for various ministries to use, as there is a shortage of meeting places.
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 that the Lord will use the service of "Melbourne Immigrant Mutual Aid Network" to serve more new immigrants and care for their needs, so that they can experience the love of the Lord.
2. May the Lord provide more people who are willing to dedicate their love and time to care for and serve the increasing number of new immigrants in the community.

**Day 3: Global Missions – Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) – Gordon & Maggie**

1. Pray for the Christmas gospel events on December 15th in Montpellier and December 16th in Grenoble. Pray for the preparation of the sermon, the preparation and rehearsal of the choir, drama, worship, and children's programs. May God keep the team unified in heart and bring brothers and sisters and seekers to the gospel events.
2. Pray for the schedules and preparation of the short-term mission team from Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Alliance Church. Pray that they can come to France safely and work well with the brothers and sisters in Montpellier and Grenoble to spread the gospel and that they can experience God throughout the trip.
3. On December 27th, we will take four students to the UK to attend COCM year-end student camp and serve in the camp. Pray for the students who need visas to successfully obtain them. Pray that they may experience God more deeply during the camp and receive spiritual renewal.
4. Pray for us to have sufficient strength and energy to complete the work in December. May God remove any attacks and disturbances from Satan.

**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 **Oman** which ranks **#47** 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/oman/>

*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 (48)**

*O Lord, the author and persuader of peace, love, and goodwill, soften our hard and steely hearts, warm our icy and frozen hearts, that we may wish well to one another, and be the true disciples of Jesus Christ. And give us grace even now to begin to show forth that heavenly life, in which there is no disagreement nor hatred, but peace and love on all hands, one towards another – Amen.*

*By that forgiving tenderness, O Lord, by which you did ever wait for me; by that tender love, whenever I wandered, you watch over me; by your infinite love, with your will that I should love you eternally; give me the love from you, that I may forgive, compassionate, love like you – 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)***