

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (04-10/03)



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 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 Gospel Celebrations to be led by the Heralders at CCBC on 23-24/3. May the Lord use these to bring 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!

(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: Global & Local Missions Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) – Gordon & Maggie

1. Thank the Lord that after months of prayer, a church in Grenoble, France, has agreed to lend us their space for our family and student gatherings every Sunday. The location is very convenient. Thank the Lord for answering our prayers and making a way for us. Pray that the Lord continues to bless the gospel work in Grenoble.
2. Pray for the development of children and family ministry in Montpellier. As we begin Sunday school for children and initiate systematic home visits, we are experiencing spiritual battles and attacks. Pray for the protection of the church, healing for the wounded members, and the thwarting of the plans of the enemy. May all the co-workers unite and overcome in the Lord.
3. Thank the Lord for Gordon's sermon at the French church in Montpellier in January. Our sister in the church helped with translation. We hope to have more collaboration in the future, aiming to strengthen the connection and cooperation between the French church and the Chinese church. Pray for the Lord's guidance as we work together to advance the gospel.

Day 3: Christians under Persecutions

Around the world, persecutions directed at Christians are becoming more blatant. Please read the 2024 World Watch List and pray earnestly for the Christians in **Pakistan** which ranks **#7** 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/pakistan/>

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

Day 4: 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!

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.*

Day 5: Great Souls at Prayer 2024 (7)

O Lord, my God! The amazing horrors of darkness were gathered around me, and covered me all over, and I saw no way to go forth; I felt the depth and extent of the misery of my fellow-creatures separated from the Divine harmony, and it was heavier than I could bear, and I was crushed down under it; I lifted up my hand, I stretched out my arm, but there was none to help me; I looked round about, and was amazed. In the depths of misery, O Lord, I remembered that you are omnipotent; that I had called you Father; and I felt that I loved you, and I was made quiet in my will, and I waited for deliverance from you. You hadn't pity upon me, when no man could help me; I saw that meekness under suffering was showed to us in the most affecting example of your son, and you taught me to follow Him, and I said, "Your will, O Father, be done!"

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)



***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)***