

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (08-14/04)



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 expansion of various ministries of our church, may the Lord lead and provide all that is needed!
2. May the Lord use the discipleship life practices in each zone this year, so that the spiritual life of brothers & sisters may be rooted and built up in Christ, with unwavering faith and a grateful heart.
3. May the Lord provide more and larger spaces for various ministries to use, as there is a shortage of meeting places!
4. Pray that the Lord will use the 'Fast and Pray' Campaign (starting on 16/4) to prepare our hearts.
5. Pray for the work of planting communities locally. May the Lord provide meeting places and raise up brothers & sisters to participate in evangelism, and lead more people to come to faith in Him!

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

Hong Kong Baptist Mission (HKBM) – Anna

1. There will be 3-4 brothers & sisters to be baptized in Grenoble on 7 April. May God prepare their hearts and strengthen their faith

so that they can testify for God. Please also pray for the faith of two PhD students who just accepted Christ, that they can faithfully follow Christ.

2. Due to work & study reasons, some brothers, sisters, and families will leave Grenoble soon. May God lead their way and prepare spiritual homes for them. May God also bring in new Christians to the fellowship so that we can serve God together.

3. For different reasons, some leading and key co-workers will temporarily leave Montpellier in April. We and some other co-workers have to take up their serving roles. Pray that God will give humble and united hearts for serving together during this period.

4. Pray for two students who just accepted Christ in Montpellier. They are eager to seek God and want to stay in Montpellier. They regard our church as their home. They are encountering difficulties in applying for schools. May God open doors for them.

Celebrate Messiah

1. Pray for Barry and his co-workers in reaching out to the Jewish people.
2. Pray for their discipleship training program for the spiritual growth of Jewish believers.
3. Pray for Tikkun Olam's work in helping the poor.

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 **Syria** which ranks **#12** 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/syria/>

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

(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.)

Day 4: Pray for 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 holiness & 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, 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)

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 (12)

Eternal and most glorious God, don't let me undervalue myself as to give away my soul. Nothing in the world is more precious than the soul.

Keep my soul, my Lord, because it belongs to You, and keep my body where my soul dwells in. You steer my boat through all its voyage, and you take special care of it when it comes to a narrow current, or to a dangerous fall of waters. You keep my body in all the ways of my life even in the straits of death. Open Your eyes wider, and expand Your Providence towards me, so that no illness or agony may shake my soul. May Lord make my bed in all my sickness, and with the support of Your hand, I may be content with any bed of Your making – 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)



***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)***