

## CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (15-21/04)



*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 development of various ministries of our church, may the Lord lead and provide all that is needed!
2. May the Lord provide more and larger spaces for various ministries to use, as there is a shortage of meeting places!
3. 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.
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

#### CareNet

1. Pray for the Sharing "Encouraging the SEN Caregivers: Teaching Skills and Activities for Children with Autism" coming up in May. May

the Lord safeguard the preparation and organisation of the speakers. May He guide us to walk alongside the caregivers more deeply, meeting their needs.

2. Pray for the recruitment of volunteers for regular visits to nursing homes. May the Lord bring in brothers & sisters to participate in the nursing home visitation work, sharing the love of the Lord Christ with the elderly.
3. Let us remember the families and elderly patients currently being followed up by CareNet. May they find strength in the Lord and experience His presence and peace. We also pray that the volunteers may have wisdom and compassion as they journey alongside them.

#### Peaceful Living

1. We thank God for His guidance in connecting with many new families in the southwest region of Melbourne. May the Lord open their hearts and lead them to accept the Gospel soon.
2. Pray that the Lord would prepare a place for us to do the work of spreading the Gospel.
3. May the Lord provide helpers ready to dedicate their love and time to care for and serve the growing community of new immigrants.

### 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 **Saudi Arabia** which ranks **#13** 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/saudi-arabia/>

*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 (13)**

*Gracious Lord, I humbly pray that You would warm my cold heart. Remove anything that hinders me from fully surrendering myself to You. Shape me according to Your likeness. Grant me the grace to obey Your commands in all things and to faithfully follow Your loving guidance. Today, help me to show kindness to others, to be gentle and selfless, mindful not to harm anyone through my words or actions, but eager to bring goodness and happiness to all.*

*O Lord, I ask for forgiveness for the sins of my temper. Forgive the hasty words and unchristian thoughts that I have had. Make me vigilant so that I may not offend with my tongue. Bestow upon me a meek and loving spirit, which You value greatly. I desire to live not for myself but for You. Protect me from sin and anything that might displease You throughout this day, all for the sake of Jesus Christ – 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)***