CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (22-28/04)



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 to prepare our hearts for revival.
- 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!

(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: Global & Local Missions</u> Hong Kong Baptist Mission (HKBM) – Anna

- 1. Thanks be to God! The House of Love and Grace has been opening every Sunday as a leisure centre and holding various interest groups for Indonesian domestic helpers since March. Currently, there are about 4-9 participants in each interest group. May God help these Indonesian domestic helpers to build a sense of belonging and bring more other Indonesian domestic helpers to join in.
- 2. Praise the Lord! An Indonesian domestic helper has completed the Baptism class and was baptised on 24/3. Pray that God will watch over her spiritual growth.
- 3. Ramadan has just ended. We had an Indonesian New Year celebration with the domestic helpers on 14/4. May God use Ice's sharing to help them know that only the Lord Jesus can forgive sins.
- 4. HKBM will hold a vision-sharing conference in Diamond Hill Baptist Church on 19/4. May God inspire more churches to collaborate in developing regional ministry centres.
- 5. Pray for the day trip to Disneyland on 21/4. 100 Indonesian domestic helpers and 15 volunteers from different churches have enrolled. May God use this event so that the volunteers can build relationships with the Indonesian domestic helpers further.
- 6. Pray for God's provision for HKBM's various financial needs!

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 Mali which ranks #14 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/mali/ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

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 the conflicts 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 (14)

Good Lord, who alone order all things well, I cast myself wholly upon Your infinite mercy; I trust You with my all, myself, and all whom I love, and all which I desire; my present and my future, my hopes and my fears, my time and my eternity, my joys and my sorrows. Deal with me as You will, and know best, only bind me safe to Your everlasting love – Amen.

O Lord, You fountain of goodness, whose tender mercies are over all Your works, and who has compassion on them that fear You, even as a father pities his children; amid the many changes and sorrows of this earthly life, grant us a patient resignation to Your will, and contentment under all the rulings of Your Providence – 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)

