

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (06-12/05)



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 and pray 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)

Day 2: Global & Local Missions **Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) – Gordon & Maggie**

1. Praise the Lord! Although there was a shortage of manpower in April, the co-workers tried their best to fill each serving role in unity. Different meetings were successfully completed. Some new people also came on Easter Sunday. May the Lord continue to lead them to come to the church to know God.
2. A new round of baptism class in Montpellier will begin in May. At the same time, several groups of family and student discipleship training are also in progress in the two cities. May God guard everyone's hearts, they can focus & persist in learning, and give us physical & spiritual strength to complete leading these courses.
3. Recently, some English-speaking international students and French-speaking second-generation young people have come to the student fellowship. They are all very open to the gospel. We have to translate for them during the Bible study meeting and sometimes we even need to arrange an English or French small group for sharing and discussion. However, at times we don't have enough people to serve in translating and leading roles. May the Lord give us wisdom to share the gospel to them, and that they can have good relationship and fellowship with the Chinese students here. Pray that God will work in their hearts so that they can accept the gospel and believe in Christ.
4. 24/5 – 14/6 We will return to the UK to attend COCM co-worker retreat camp and take some time off to meet with some co-workers and brothers and sisters, pray for safe journey and our hearts can be renewed.

Day 3: Christians under Persecutions

Around the world, persecutions directed at Christians are becoming more blatant. Over 365 million of Christians are subject to intense persecution and discrimination for their faith.

Please read the 2024 World Watch List and pray earnestly for the Christians in **Iraq** which ranks **#16** 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/iraq/>

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 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 (16)

Lord, I offer You all my sins and offences, which I have committed before You, from the day I first sinned even to this hour, and You may burn them with the fire of Your love, and do away all the stains of my sins, and cleanse my conscience from all offences, and restore to me Your grace, fully forgiving me all and admitting me mercifully to the kiss of peace. I also offer You all that is good in me, although it is very small and imperfect, so that You may amend and sanctify it, and You may make it grateful and acceptable to You, and always be perfecting it more and more, and bring me also, a slothful and unprofitable poor creature as I am, to a good blessed end – 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)*