CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (03 - 09/06)



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 seek god's face 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 Herald Monthly

- 1. Herald Monthly has started using its new website for the Herald Monthly AU since April this year. Pray that God will greatly use the new website to bless and build up more believers.
- 2. Pray for the sharing about the website on social platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp and Signal and via emails through the Telling Everyone strategy.
- 3. Herald Monthly is now in its 36th year of preaching the gospel through literature since its launch in March 1988, but it has been in deficit for a long time. Pray for God's provision!

<u>Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) –</u> Gordon & Maggie

- 1. Praise the Lord! Some new people 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 began 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.

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

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 **Burkina Faso** which ranks #20 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/burkina-faso/

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 (20)

O most merciful father, remember me such a frail person. Despite being work of Your hands, I feel myself powerless and cannot bear it, but because I know so well that in You all things are strengthened by Your grace, I can endure sufferings. May You give me patience! Lord, my heart is ready to receive whatever will be laid on me, which I am all willingly to take. Grant patience in my soul, so that I can often look upon the face of Christ You Son. As He suffered such terrible things in the flesh, I can endeavor to be armed with the same indomitable will.

Therefore, I commit myself to You, O Lord, for You are my strength and my refuge. Keep me, and bring me safely out of this trial at the time that shall please You – 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)

