CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (29/07 - 04/08)



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 for the gospel events and outreach of all our zones. May we experience more of our Lord's grace this year, and lead more people to come to faith in Him!
- 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!
- 6. Pray for our pastors, leaders & helpers who are serving diligently in various ministries. May God guard them and their families, keep them well and increase their wisdom, faith & perseverance.

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

Peaceful Living

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord for His guidance in starting a gospel hub in Werribee to reach out to the non-believers in the neighbourhood. May God open their hearts and enlighten them so that they can accept the gospel and receive eternal hope.
- 2. Pray that God will use Alpha Course to inspire new friends to think about God & life; and to answer questions they may have about Christianity so that they will come to faith in Him soon.
- 3. Give thanks to the Lord for bringing brothers and sisters to join the Community Mission Team to spread the gospel. Pray for good co-operation; division of work; understanding and mutual support among the team members.

CareNet

- 1. Pray for the speaker and the preparations of "Encouraging SEN Caregivers (2)" on 26/7. Pray for the Lord's guidance as CareNet continues to support and encourage SEN caregivers.
- 2. Pray for the participants who are taking part in the "Care Group Facilitator Training". Pray that they will be able to apply their skills and ideas they have learnt to their care groups.
- 3. Pray for the preparations of the nursing home visits in mid-September. Pray for the recruitment and training of the visitation team. May the Lord would prepare the team and bless each team member involved. Pray for wisdom in preparing suitable activities including games, songs and messages to share the love of our Lord Jesus.

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 **Central African Republic** which ranks #28 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/central-african-republic/

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:

- 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 (28)

O Lord, of Your tender love, prepare a place for You in my heart. Empty my heart of every feeling, thought, emotion, desire, purpose, anxiety, hope, fear, which may interfere with Your love. Open my whole heart to receive You; let nothing shut You out, nothing be shut to You. You alone can fit my heart for You; cleanse it wholly by Your Spirit, that it may wholly love You; be wholly filled with You; wholly enlightened and warmed by You; that You may dwell in it forever, and it may love You with Your own love in it everlastingly – 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)

