

CCBC PRAYER NEWSLETTER 2024 (07-13/10)



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. We do not have enough space for running simultaneous onsite gatherings. May God provide more and bigger venues for the various church ministries.

2. 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!

3. 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)

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

1. Thank God that the Mid-Autumn Festival gospel events in two cities in September were completed. Some people accepted Christ,

returned to faith, and expressed a desire to know more about Him. May God continue to guard and lead their hearts so they can keep attending our church meetings. Please pray for our follow-up and individual discipleship work for new believers.

2. Thank God several new mothers have recently started attending our Friday Bible study, bringing their children along. Currently, our meeting space is becoming insufficient, and we are also facing some challenges with staffing. Pray that the Lord will make a way for us and that the French church is willing to lend us more space.

3. Thank God that Maggie's health issues have improved. Pray that the Lord continues remembering our families and providing for their 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 **Egypt** which ranks **#38** on the list of the 50 most dangerous countries to follow Jesus.

In Egypt, most persecution happens at the community level. Christians regularly experience discrimination because they follow Jesus. Men can experience job loss or lack of employment opportunities, women can be harassed in the street, Christian children can be bullied at school and, in rare instances, mobs of Muslim extremists force Christians to flee their communities after an alleged blasphemy accusation. These incidents are most common in the Upper Egypt region, where Islamic hardliners are active, especially in rural communities.

Prayer information can be found at:
<https://www.opendoors.org.hk/en-US/persecution/countries/egypt/>

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 (38)

Our Father, grant us today a sense of Your presence to uplift us, and Your light to guide us. Give us the strength to serve You. Even more, Father, we ask for Your help and blessing in our sorrows, weakness, failures, and sins. You know that we cannot bear our burdens alone. We are just little children, and the world feels very dark, and our path very difficult when we are on our own. But we are Your little children, and we know we can come to You, our Father, to ask for Your help, to revive us, strengthen us, and give us hope. We are not ashamed of our tears, for our Lord has wept alongside us. We do not ask You to take away our sorrow, for He was made perfect through suffering; but we do ask You to be with us as You were with Him, our Father, close to Your little ones, just as He has promised us. 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)