



PRAYER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2021

OUTREACH PILLAR

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1. Pray for Gavriel as he sits for his PSLE Oral Exam in both Mandarin (12 Aug) and English (13 Aug). Pray that he will be able to read with expression and engage the examiners in good conversations. He is also sitting for his preliminary exams this month.
2. Thank God for good appraisal at work for Gracia and pray that she will continue to write meaningful stories which have impact on the readers near and far.
3. Pray for wisdom, discernment and good preparation as the EDC planning retreat for 2022 will be taking place in September.
4. Pray for everyone in the family to be in good health and well protected from the Covid-19 virus.
5. Pray that we will be good neighbours and seize opportunities to show the love of Jesus through works and words.

MISSION MINISTRY

1. Pray for Sister Pannee and her ministry in Chiang Rai, Thailand
 - Pray for construction of the church building and the funding process.
 - Pray for favourable agreement and authorization by the government to use the land on which the building of the cemetery planned to build on.
 - Pray for God's protection and mercy for the church members over the Covid Pandemic.
 - Pray for the new believers to continue to seek God and grow in faith.
2. Pray for Sean and Hooi Yin's family in Kyoto, Japan
 - Thank God that that their BGST online classes have started; pray that God will lead and guide them as they manage their studies and ministry work.
 - Pray for Sean and Hooi Yin to have creativity and open doors for them to minister to others despite the pandemic situation.
 - Pray for good time management in taking care of their children, studies and ministry work.

THAI SERVICE

1. Pray that all members will thirst for God in their personal devotion every day.
2. Pray for members who have not joined DG, the prayer group, or Bible study group. Pray that they will be able to manage their time to join for their spiritual growth and fellowship together (through Line & Zoom).
3. Pray for 'Teaching English to Thai People' as an out - reach program. Pray that the students will open their heart to the Gospel and in God's time, to receive Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

4. Pray that all members will be active to attend online service during the period of heightened alert, 22 July – 18 August.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

1. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the Evangelism Ministry core team plans for the outreach programs for the second half of the year, especially in view of the COVID-19 situation and the changing government restrictions.
2. Pray for the upcoming Alpha Marriage Course: our church married couples will sign up for the course, especially those who want to invest in their relationship or are looking for help to address specific challenges.
3. Pray for God's provisions and wisdom for the Alpha Marriage Course facilitators, to conduct the course successfully via the blended approach. Pray for favourable arrangements and provisions for the participants to be able to attend the Weekend-Away session at the offsite location on 11 September.

STREET EVANGELISM (St. E)

1. Pray for the St. E team to make use of the Online Outreach Resources on True Way website to connect with their contacts, in "walking across the room" to initiate spiritual conversation with them via phone call or text message.
2. Pray for the St. E team to share their evangelistic encounters with other worshippers so as to spur them to desire to connect with their contacts in reaching them for the Lord Jesus.
3. Pray for the hearts of the people to be open and receptive to the sharing of the St. E team. Pray that, in due time, they will give their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY – ABC/SCL CLASSES

1. Thank God for the successful commencement of the first Group-based ABC class (Part 1) via Google Hangouts on 3 June, where there were 11 participants. Thank God also for the completion of this class on 1 July.
2. Thank God for the successful commencement of the first Group-based ABC class (Part 2) via Google Hangouts on 8 July, where there were 7 participants. Pray for these 7 participants to learn and grow in their faith in Christ through the Bible Study.
3. Pray for ABC leaders to reach out to those who need the basics of the Christian faith and encourage them to consider participating in any ABC class in time to come.
4. Pray for ABC leaders to encourage those who have attended ABC class to proceed to participate in SCL class so that their faith in Christ may be further strengthened. (Note: We do not have SCL leaders at this moment.)
5. Pray for worshippers to be receptive to participating in ABC classes via virtual means if they desire to grow in their Christian faith.

FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY – BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE CLUB (BCC)

1. Pray for God's direction for the future of this BCC ministry.

2. Pray for God's provision of more students for the BCC Courses.
3. Pray for markers to prayerfully consider introducing other online sound-doctrine Bible Courses to their students to consider doing during this period of COVID-19 situation.
4. Pray for markers and students to be able to relate with each other in a deeper manner, perhaps through text messaging. In so doing, this may create an opportunity for the markers to know their students better and then, introduce them to Christ.

BOYS BRIGADE MINISTRY

1. Wisdom for the company leaders in planning and carrying out meaningful activities that have to be adjusted to meet regularly-changing Safe Management Measures.
2. Officers and Christian Primers to remain focused on the BB Mission to point our members towards Christ, even with the many restrictions on activities and inconveniences faced.
3. Character Quest Competition preparations - 20 Boys have signed up for this national bible-based competition which would be held online. Pray that God will guide the Officers who would be preparing them, especially as the topic and bible passages present a challenge to them.

PUPPET MINISTRY

1. Pray for opportunities for performance in 2022 as they have been unable to do any performances due to Covid-19.
2. Pray for wisdom as they continue to plan for the year ahead.
3. Pray that the current puppeteers will continue to serve faithfully and cheerfully when the situation gets better.

GUITAR OUTREACH MINISTRY

1. Pray for speedy resumption of their fortnightly guitar jam sessions & beginners' guitar classes.

UKULELE MINISTRY

1. Pray for effectiveness in engaging, entertaining and evangelizing the community via online programs (through zoom / Youtube postings).
2. Pray for the resumption to run the 'Play N Praise' session physically in church.

TUITION MINISTRY

1. Thank God that they have returned physically to church for tuition on Fridays. Pray that they will be able to do so till the end of the term and not stop again due to the Covid pandemic.
2. Pray that the Teacher Family Retreat on National Day can be run and the return to normal routines and activities next year.

SENIOR CARE MINISTRY

1. Pray that those who attend the fortnightly book-study via Zoom on Finishing Well (by David Wong) will learn well and be able to apply them in their life.
2. Pray for those that serve in the Meals-On-Wheel operation to be able to befriend the recipients and share Christ to them.

PRAY FOR SINGAPORE

Pray for Singapore: Christians - "To Ask Appropriately, Beautifully and Correctly."

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. James 4:1-3 ESV

Note that "You ask wrongly" is too soft a translation in ESV. The Greek language reflects as "You ask wickedly."

Ponder over these:

The major hindrance to prayer is: "the motives (desires) of our asking!" How and why do we ask God in prayer? The wicked asks wickedly! They approached prayer as a way to get things — power, pleasure, thrills, or whatever strokes their hedonism! Let us remember: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (James 2:8). Our aim should be "to shape a community of disciples who renounce the law of the jungle and live by the Law of the Kingdom (i.e. James 2:8). "The law of the jungle" is an expression that means "every man for himself", "anything goes", "survival of the strongest" and "survival of the fittest".

What we ask must serve the Kingdom of God, and not serve ourselves or self-interests! What we ask must be in line with the Will of God, and not the will of men and women! What we ask must serve to enhance and advance the Gospel of Christ and His Kingdom! Let us have the right motives in our asking. Let us remember that those who belong to Christ Jesus our Lord have constantly been crucifying the flesh with its passions and lusts (see Galatians 5:24).

Prayers:

1. Pray that the Christians will think biblically, live unselfishly, ask God humbly and attempt great things for God with the right motives to rightly represent the character of God and fulfill the Law of the Kingdom.
2. Pray for the Singapore churches to encourage more prayerfulness among their worshippers and members and to foster a community of Christ-centred love for one another and for an effective and faithful witness to the larger community of Singapore, reaching and saving the lost.
3. Pray for the Christians to look to the interests of others rather than to their own, remembering to love their neighbours as themselves (see Philippians 2:3-4 ESV).