



# **PRAYER CALENDAR**

## **MAY 2022**

### **OUTREACH PILLAR**

#### **Ps Lee Kien Seng**

1. Give thanks to God that Ps Kien Seng's left foot (previously down with cellulitis) has completely recovered and he doesn't feel anymore pain while he jogs.
2. Pray for Joel and Gracia as they will be getting married on 7 May. Thank God for seeing them through all their preparations in spite of the uncertainties arising from Covid restrictions. Pray that the solemnisation service as well as their marriage ahead will bring glory to God.
3. Pray for Gavriel as he sits for another round of Weighted Assessments. Pray for wisdom to revise what he has been taught.

#### **Ps Edwin Wong**

1. Pray for God's provision as Ps Edwin makes plans for his sabbatical in the latter half of the year. Pray that it will be a refreshing time as he is given the opportunity to rest in the Lord and also learn from others during his studies.
2. Thank God for sustaining Sharon in her part-time studies in the midst of her various responsibilities. Pray that the modules can provide insights for her to help her students in their learning challenges.

#### **Ps George Ang**

1. Pray for Ps George and his family to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for him and Joyce to serve with the joy of the Lord, to share with the compassion of Christ and to speak with the grace of Christ.
3. Pray for Joash to have delight, determination, discernment, diligence and discipline in his academic studies, and in his preparation for A-Level this year. Pray for him to grow in Christ and glow for Christ.

#### **Ps Suet Fong**

1. Pray for my dad to grow and persevere in faith. Pray for salvation for my other family members.
2. Pray for healing, restoration, and salvation grace for my younger brother who has suffered a haemorrhagic stroke. Pray for strength for everyone in the family to support my brother in his recovery journey.

#### **MISSION MINISTRY**

1. Clara Koh (Local missionary "Mission Mobiliser with Operation Mobilisation as 1 April 2022)

- Pray for quick adjustment to her workload, as well as quick learning so that she can help to lighten her team's burden.
- Pray for the salvation of her grandma, who has heard the Gospel but is not interested in the faith.

## 2. Pannee Chia (Missionary in Thailand, Huay Kang Church)

- Pray for the baptised members of the church that their faith in God will grow fervently.
- Pray that the Covid situation will be in control so that worshippers will not fear coming to church to worship together.
- Pray for the preparation of the consecration ceremony of the church building.
- Pray for good health and protection as she serves.

## **THAI SERVICE**

1. Pray that all members and worshippers will thirst for God in their daily personal devotion.
2. Pray that all will have strong faith and love for God and they will come for worship every Sunday.
3. Pray for 6 new members of Thai service will continue to come to worship regularly and join DG.
4. Pray that God will provide 2 more teachers for Thai service Sunday school.
5. Pray that the Thai ladies who join the English classes will open their heart to seek to know God more and come to experience God's love as they trust in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

## **EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

1. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the Evangelism Ministry concludes this year's Alpha Course. Pray that the participants will develop a lifelong trust and relationship with the Triune God.
2. Pray for the upcoming Mother's Day event (organised with Esther SAC) that will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.
3. Pray for the planned Parent's Day outing (organised with Esther SAC) to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Pray for good support and participation from volunteers as well as good organisation and safety for the trippers.
4. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the Core Team plans for other outreach programs for the second half of the year.

## **STREET EVANGELISM (St. E)**

1. Pray that SE will be able to resume in the month of June.
2. Pray for God's provision of sufficient SE members (hopefully to have at least 4 people) to participate in this event every 2nd Saturday afternoon of the month for about an hour.
3. Pray for people's hearts to be open and receptive to the SE team's sharing.
4. Pray that, in due time, the hearers will give their hearts to the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus.

## **FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY – ABC/SCL CLASSES**

1. Pray for God's provision of more ABC leaders (hopefully to have at least 3 people) to serve in this ministry, especially Group-based ABC classes.
2. Pray for ABC leaders to reach out to those who need to be grounded in the basics of the Christian faith and encourage them to consider participating in any ABC class.
3. 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.

4. Pray that ABC participants will be enthusiastic to learn God's Word and lean on God to help them appropriate God's truth into their lives.

### **FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY – BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE CLUB (BCC)**

1. Pray for God's direction for the future of this ministry.
2. Pray for God's provision of more students to enroll for the BCC Course lessons.
3. Pray that this ministry can be resumed in the month of June.
4. Pray for markers to prayerfully consider introducing other online sound-doctrine Bible Courses to their students to consider doing during this COVID-19 situation.
5. 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 introduce them to Christ.

### **BOYS BRIGADE MINISTRY**

1. Thank God for his faithfulness and provision as we were able to conduct the recent Enrolment Service in church and manage to raise sufficient funds for our on-going training sessions and activities. Pray that God will continue to open doors for us to sow into the lives of the boys and enable our Officers, teachers and volunteers to influence them positively for the Gospel.
2. Thank God that many of our Sec 4 boys have shown themselves to be responsible and exemplary to their juniors. Pray that they will continue to be wise and disciplined in their time management and not be anxious in their preparation for 'O' levels.
3. Pray for a smooth transition and strong partnership as our Acting Captain and new office bearers continue in the good work of their predecessors. Pray for God's grace to abound as they depend upon God and give of themselves in nurturing the boys in their character development and leadership qualities.

### **GUITAR OUTREACH MINISTRY**

1. Thank God that they are able to resume the fortnightly guitar jam, starting 28th April.
2. Pray that the jammer's enthusiasm and interests will remain high when we resume.
3. Pray that our ministry volunteers will continue to stay and serve with a high level of commitment and energy as in the past.
4. Pray for the smooth running and management of the jam sessions especially in ways that will meet all COVID 19 safety management measures.

### **UKULELE MINISTRY**

1. Pray for the monthly Inter-church Praise and Worship Jam that attendees will be drawn closer to God thru strumming and singing along spiritual and gospel songs. Pray also for good interaction and fellowship among the attendees from different churches and denominations.

### **TUITION MINISTRY**

1. Pray for creative ways to publicize the tuition ministry to the newly moved-in residents opposite the church.
2. Pray for creative programs for the students during the June holiday.

## SENIOR CARE MINISTRY

1. Pray for good partnership with Esther Active Aging Centre (new name for SAC) as they have new boundaries, direction and goals issued by the authority.
2. Pray for the volunteers of the Meals On Wheel operation that they will develop friendship with the recipients and have a heart to reach out to them.

## PRAY FOR SINGAPORE

**Pray for Singapore: Christians - “To understand what confession really means and be willing to confess before God and confide in Him.”**

Read and Ponder: James 5:16 ESV, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Reference: 2 Peter 3:8-13; Ephesians 5:15-17.

### Food for Thought:

Community Life is important and useful here! Most of us have been taught to confess our sins *privately* to God. Personally, I believe that it is healthy to confess your sins to a few close and trusted friends who are Christians. In your Discipleship Group (DG), depending on the closeness of the group, some may find it comfortable to confess certain sins to that group. In such an environment, the DG leader has to emphasise that whatever is shared within the DG has to be kept “*within these four walls.*”

Thomas Dewar said that *confession is good for the soul but bad for the reputation.* That’s true in a herd, where one man’s confession is another man’s gossip. In contrast, James envisions a community where it is safe to be transparent and vulnerable. In a DG, where the DG leader opens up to confess sins in his life, it gives the opportunity for his DG members to share freely and comfortably. The key word here is: “Authenticity.” Confession is essential for healing and forgiveness to take place in a Community setting.

I like what Dietrich Bonhoeffer shared in Life Together: “*As the open confession of my sins to a brother insures me against self-deception, so, too, the assurance of forgiveness becomes fully certain to me only when it is spoken by a brother in the name of God. Mutual brotherly confession is given to us by God in order that we may be sure of divine forgiveness.*”

### Prayers:

1. God’s Grace. Pray that Christians will extend God’s grace to one another. Pray also that there will not be any critical spirit among us but that of “confiding and comforting.” Pray also that the Christian Community will provide the room and space for confession to take place in order for healing and forgiveness to be a reality.
2. God’s Love. Pray that every local church will become an oasis of hope where those who are trapped by certain sins such as same-sex attraction and pornography addiction, etc. feel safe to confess and come home to God and His family. Pray for pastors and church leaders in Singapore that God will provide them with confidants with whom they can be real, share their highs and lows and confess their darkest secrets and deepest fears. Pray that they will have an inner circle which is committed to journey with them for the long haul. Pray for the Christian Community in Singapore to exercise God’s love to and for one another displaying the truth of John 13:34-35.