



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN  
for the Month of **APRIL 2022**

***“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12).***

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**6 April 2022 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7.30PM**

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**Welcome:** *“Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer” (Ps. 4:1).*

**Opening Hymn: *Jesus Paid It All***

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”

For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

**Refrain**

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*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
My lips shall still repeat.

**Refrain**

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow’r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

**Refrain**

**Opening Prayer:** Eld Tang Yew Chung

**Devotion Message :** *Prayer of a Faithful Savior* (Matt. 26:36-41)  
By Eld Philip Ong

**Prayer for Growth: Ministry to Women (M2W)**  
By Ong Yit Peng

## Prayer Session (Breakout Rooms)

**Closing Prayer:** Eld Tang Yew Chung

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### Prayer for Growth

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#### Ministry to Women (M2W)

- Pray that our M2W will be a platform for our ladies to seek the Lord and grow in their personal and corporate walk with Him.
- Pray that our M2W will be a safe place for our ladies to share one another's joys and struggles, and to support one another in prayer and with encouragement.

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### Prayer for the English Presbytery and Our Church at Large

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#### EP Holy Week Convention 2022 (13, 14 & 15 April) and ORPC's Good Friday Services

- Let us pray for the preparation of our hearts and minds as we await the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Christ.
- Pray for good attendance, be it in-person or online, at our 3-day EP Holy Week Convention and ORPC's Good Friday Services.
- Pray for non-Christians who attend in-person or online that they will be receptive to the Gospel preached.
- Pray for God's wisdom on Rev Chris Chia in his preparation of his sermon series based on Mark 14-16. Pray also for God's wisdom on Rev Edward Goh in his preparation of his message based on Lamentations 3:6-26.

#### Leaders' Retreat of Saturday, 23 April

Pray for God's wisdom on Rev Clive as he leads our church leaders in developing our church's vision and ministries' plans for the next 3 to 5 years. Pray also for a good time of fellowship, interactions and mutual edification among our church leaders (this is the first time they meet on-site since the COVID-19 restrictions came into effect in 2020).

#### Membership Class (April to May)

We give thanks to God for our Membership Class candidates who have committed themselves to Christ and our church. May God use the Membership Class to prepare their hearts to be His followers and members of ORPC.

#### Church Leadership

Two deacons will complete their terms in June, another in December, and 4 elders in December. Two of these 4 elders are going to retire as they will have completed 2 terms. Pray that God will strengthen the current team of leaders, and also raise up new and willing leaders to serve His church. Pray also for faith and obedience of members to step forward to serve God as church leaders - not depending on their own strength but solely on God's.

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### Prayer for the World and Singapore

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#### Russia-Ukraine War

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine entered its 39<sup>th</sup> day (as of 3 April 2022), Russian troops appeared to be regrouping and shifting their focus away from the capital, Kyiv. However, the catastrophic consequences for both countries are evident - tragic loss of lives, mass displacement of civilians, curtailment of religious freedom and violation of human rights.

Pray for repentance, grace, forgiveness and reconciliation between both countries. Pray also that the Church and believers will rise as 'Esthers' in such a time, regardless of their capacity, position or role.

### **Crisis in Sri Lanka**

On 2 April, Sri Lanka declared a 36-hour nationwide curfew, and deployed troops backed with new sweeping powers under a state of emergency to quell protests against the president, his relatives and even his most trusted shaman. The anti-government protests came about because of worsening shortages of fuel, food and medicine. The military can now arrest and indefinitely detain suspects without a warrant.

Pray for wisdom and discernment, as government and leaders of the nation work towards prioritising the wellbeing of their people so that security, stability and justice prevail.

### **Singapore**

The easing of restrictions in Singapore may cause an uptick in COVID-19 cases. While the country's healthcare system is well positioned for it, the emphasis is still on exercising individual social responsibility as the virus is unpredictable. Pray that all of us Singaporeans will continue to be socially responsible in taking safe-management measures seriously.

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## **Prayer for the Christian Education (CE) Ministry**

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- Thank God for the increased capacity for onsite worship. As we resume our Intergeneration Worship Services, pray that our youths will be encouraged to return onsite to worship with the whole church.
- Pray that in the coming few months, the MAP mentors will be able to build meaningful relationships with the couples attending this round of the Marriage Preparation Course so as to support and guide these couples in their journey ahead.

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## **Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry**

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### **Prayer for Our Brothers and Sisters Who Are Ill or in Grief**

#### *Patricia Mills-Ong*

Patricia's severe stomachache requires her to be admitted to hospital twice in this month. Pray that the result of her biopsy will be favourable.

#### *Patricia Tan*

Praise the Lord for granting Patricia strength to undergo her 5 sessions of radiotherapy for her brain tumour. Let us pray for God's peace and assurance to be with her as she rests at home awaiting God's healing of her.

#### *Gordon Robinson*

Although Gordon's memory is declining, pray that he remembers God and is aware of His presence. Pray for strength and patience for Meng as she takes care of him in the midst of her eczema.

#### *Sze Keed & Family; Janice Leong & Family; and Sharon Tan & Family*

Pray that God will continue to grant them and their family abundant grace, love and comfort during their period of grief.

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## Prayer for the Worship Ministry

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### Music Ministry

- Thank God for smooth resumption of live music and choir from 6<sup>th</sup> March and also for smooth recording projects on every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Praise the Lord that congregation is allowed to sing with mask-on during worship service starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- Pray for Chancel Choir weekly rehearsals and preparation on Sunday morning worship service and also the preparation to support the evening worship service.
- Pray for Youth and Children Choirs as they plan to return to onsite rehearsals.

### Audio & Video Ministry

- Praise God that we can move forward with AV Digitalisation project to upgrade the AV equipment, and pray for wisdom and discernment as the team engage AV consultant to work out the details.
- Pray for humility, unity, steadfastness & strength for the team to oversee the project end to end.

### Ushering Ministry

- Thank God for two worshipers from the Evening Service who have joined the ushering ministry. Pray that they will find joy in serving.
- Pray for ushers to continue serving faithfully and to find joy in the ushering ministry.
- With the easing of Safe Management Measures, pray for more ushers to be willing and ready to serve again.

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice." - Billy Graham