



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

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

4 May 2022 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7.30PM

Welcome: *"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn. 16:17).*

Opening Hymn: *The Comforter Has Come*

¹ O spread the tidings 'round
Wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes
abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the
joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

Refrain

The Comforter has come, the Comforter has
come!
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father's
promise given;
O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is
found:
The Comforter has come!

² The long, long night is past, the morning
breaks at last,
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of
the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances
fast!
The Comforter has come!

Refrain

³ Lo, the great King of kings with healing in His
wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of
triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!

Refrain

⁴ O boundless Love divine! how shall this
tongue of mine
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace
divine:
That I, a child of hell, should in His image
shine!
The Comforter has come!

Refrain

Opening Prayer: Pr Herna Kong

Devotion Message: *What Jesus Prays for Us* (Jn. 17:20-26)
By Eld Christy Or

Prayer for Growth: Resource Libraries (Christian Education Ministry)
By Gabriel Ho

Prayer Session: (Breakout Rooms)

Closing Prayer: Pr Herna Kong

Prayer for Growth – Christian Education

Resource Libraries

When the library opens in the new year, with the merged resource library.

Pray for:

- blessings for the preparations for a new merged resource library
- smooth operations as it is a start of a new phase when the 2 libraries are now run as an integrated resource centre
- with the merged database application, to resolve fast all potential initial technical problems that did not surface during initial rounds of tests and troubleshoots
- with the merger stock resources that could increase the utility and utilisation of the resources available and could meet the needs and interests of members

Prayer for the World

Global Climate Change

The global climate change affects all of us. For some, the change is gradual and not totally apparent. For others, the effects are immediate and detrimental, and sometimes disruptive to livelihoods in a matter of hours, minutes or even seconds. Environmental disasters that are the result of the global climate change have compelled millions of people to leave their homes to seek refuge elsewhere. Below are such environment disasters that struck in the recent few months.

Storm Eunice

In February 2022, Storm Eunice caused great damage in parts of Western, Central and Northern Europe. Millions of people were left without power across affected areas, and many homes were destroyed. The UK has been particularly hard hit, with 1.4 million people left without power at its peak. Several other countries were struck hard by Eunice, with winds causing most of the damage. The storms have resulted in 17 deaths and multiple injuries.

Wildfires in Argentina

In February 2022, eight separate fires in Argentina's Corrientes province have destroyed almost 1.98 million acres of land. The choking smoke made the day look like night while flames consumed the land, destroying up to 9% of a region that is dependent on agriculture. There has been a great loss of flora and fauna.

Flood in Queensland and New South Wales

The recent floods in Eastern Australia were one of the nation's worst disasters recorded. Twenty-two people lost their lives to the floods. Almost a thousand schools in South-East Queensland and the Wide Bay Burnett were forced to close because of the floods. Evacuations were carried out, and the public was advised to avoid non-essential travel within these regions. There was a shortage of food in these regions, and the ensuing supply-chain crisis affected communities in outback Queensland as well.

Cyclone Batsirai in Madagascar

Cyclone Batsirai was an intense tropical cyclone that caused great damage to Madagascar in February 2022. It caused damage to Mauritius and Réunion as well, though relatively minor. The cyclone took away 123 lives. Landslides that resulted from it disrupted power supply and communication in the affected areas. Entire towns were left in ruins, with thousands of structures damaged or destroyed. Tens of thousands of people were rendered homeless as a result of Cyclone Batsirai. In the aftermath of the cyclone, thousands of people had to be placed in temporary shelters.

In regard to the above-mentioned disasters, pray for

- Families who are starving
- The homeless
- Bountiful harvests to come again to feed the hungry, as well as to give farmers back their livelihood
- Rainfall on where it is most needed
- Healing on casualties
- Comfort on the grieving, and
- Unity of global leaders to take decisive multilateral steps to combat global warming.

Prayer for the Church at Large

Pray for Our Church Leaders

- To grow closer and closer, day by day, in their walk with the Lord
- To submit to one another in humility, and to love one another
- To have more men and women after God's own heart to join them in the Leadership Team to serve Him
- To remain steadfast always in their belief that God's ways are always best, right and perfect, and make their decisions based on His ways
- To remain respectful of pastoral authority, despite what cultural narratives would have them believe, and
- Who are pastors and lay leaders regularly, without fanfare, that God will do outrageously good things in their lives; transforming them more and more into the image of Christ; keeping them humble and unstained from the world; and granting them power by the Spirit in all their labour.

Pray for Ps Lim Chung Wei

We thank God for bringing Ps Lim Chung Wei on board our Pastoral Team. We are grateful to God for bringing on board a man whose heart has the love for God and His people. Let us pray for God to bestow grace upon grace on him, as he ministers to His people. Let us also remember his wife, Giok Hoa, and his son, Rei Hrn, in our prayer. Pray that God will grant them joy and peace, as they serve as a pillar of support to him.

Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry

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

Patricia Tan

Patricia has not recovered from the side effects of her booster dose. Her brain tumour has affected her eyesight, and caused partial memory loss. Pray that God will remove the side effects, and continue to be merciful to her, strengthening her faith in Him so that she can continue to feel His presence and love, day by day, as she waits patiently for His mercy to heal her.

Andrew Lim Hock Eng's Family

May the presence of God be felt by Andrew's family, in this difficult period of grief over his homegoing. Pray for his wife to remain steadfast in her faith, and for his children to return to the Christian faith that they once embraced.

Prayer for the Worship Ministry

Music Ministry

- Thank God for the Chancel committee members who had laboured faithfully and in unity during all the changes that had happened these past few months and before.
- Thank God for the smooth and successful recordings in February and March, for joyful collaboration between musicians and the AV team, and for God's protection in spite a few Covid infection cases.
- Pray for the support leaders as they lead and take care of ministry needs during the Music Director's extended leave.
- Pray for Dr Agnes to spend quality time with her mother and family in the Philippines.
- Thank God for present and past Youth Choir members who led the Good Friday service.
- Thank God that Youth Choir can resume onsite rehearsal last 16 April with good attendance.
- Pray for the teachers as they are divided in 2 groups to meet the onsite and online ministry. Pray for their preparation, teaching, sharing of God's word and discipling the youth leaders. Pray for more teachers to join the teaching team.
- Thank God for the young musicians who have stepped up as the group experienced COVID infection cases before the recording and services.
- Pray for the organ recruitment and training programs.
- Pray for the different groups as they slowly resume rehearsals and serving.

Audio & Video Ministry

- Pray for humility; unity; steadfastness & strength for the team to oversee the project end to end and to work closely with AV consultant.
- Pray for God to touch the heart of some congregation members to step forward to serve in this ministry as we need more crew members.

Ushering Ministry

- Thank God for four new ushers. Pray that they will find joy in serving.
- Pray that the ushers will continue to demonstrate a warm and welcoming spirit to the worshipers.

"Prayer is the song of the heart. It reaches the ear of God even if it is mingled with the cry and tumult of a thousand men." - *Kahlil Gibran*