



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN
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“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12).

Wednesday, 5 March 2025 @7.30PM, Dunman Hall

Welcome: *I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand (Ps. 40:1-2).*

Opening Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Near the Cross)*

Pianist: Melissa Luky

Verse 1

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Chorus

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Verse 2

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me.

Chorus

Verse 3

Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Chorus

Verse 4

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Chorus

Opening Prayer : Kessler Neo

Devotion Message : *The Power Triangle: Where Joy Meets Prayer (Rom. 12:12)*
By Dcn Andrew Tan

Prayer Session : (To Break into Groups)

Closing Prayer : Kessler Neo

Fellowship over Refreshments

Prayer for the World & Singapore

Global Concerns

- Continue to pray for a lasting ceasefire and peace in the Middle East.
- Pray for Ukraine/Russia and a peaceful end to this conflict that is into its 3rd year.
- Pray for global economic, social, and political stability amid wars and rumours of war.

Gospel Ministry to the World

Pray for the Tama people in Chad.

(<https://www.joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/calendar>)

The Tama people in Chad are in the Guereda and Biltine prefectures. They also live in the Darfur region of Sudan. Many from there have fled to other parts of Sudan or into Chad. There is a heavy military presence in the region. Extreme poverty, lack of hope and alcohol dependency is a big problem for many Tama people. Farming is at a subsistence level and there is rarely enough surplus to last a second year if the rain does not come. The Tama people are virtually all Muslim. Pray for many from this people group to be touched by the love of Christ and turn to the Lord. Pray for the Lord to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as a testimony of His power and love. Pray that the Tama people will have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings. Pray for workers who are driven by the love of the Holy Spirit to go to them boldly. Pray for a movement to Christ among them to begin soon.

Singapore

- Pray for families as we live in a fast-paced society and encounter multiple stressors. May they remember to seek refuge in our Lord. May the Holy Spirit uplift those in despair and God's help be extended to those in need. Pray for family cohesion and love to be maintained amid all of life's upheavals.
- Pray for youths and young adults at school or the workplace that God's strength and wisdom will lighten their load and illuminate their minds in their journey.

Prayer for the English Presbytery (EP) and the Church at Large

English Presbytery Holy Week Convention (EP HWC) – 16 to 18 April

The 40-day Lent begins today (5 March) - Let us take this period to reflect on what Jesus did for us about 2 000 years ago.

- Pray that members of the English Presbytery churches will make it a point to attend all the 3 days of the EP HWC: 2 days (Wednesday, 16 April and Thursday, 17 April) at the ARPC@Tengah; and 1 day (Friday, 18 April) at the Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, Halls 401 and 402 (Level 4).
- Pray for the speakers; Dr Roland Chia and Pr Elena Yeo (sermonette for children), that God will speak powerfully through them.
- Pray for non-Christians who attend the EP HWC that they will be receptive to the gospel preached.
- Pray for repentance and restoration of our hearts and minds as we attend the EP HWC. Pray that all who attend will remember, proclaim and respond to the atoning death of Christ.

A&A Project

- Thank God for His leading of and providence to ORPC as we continue to work on the A&A project.
- Thank Him for providing the office space for our Admin and Pastoral staffs at the YWCA Outram. We pray for speedy renovation work at the premises and safety for the workers.
- Pray for unity and good coordination among the congregations (PPC and ORPC) as the logistics team make preparations for the move to YWCA Outram (for our church office) and Suntec Convention Hall (for our worship services).
- Pray also for God's favour as we negotiate tenancy terms with the Suntec Convention Hall.

- Pray for the fund-raising effort in support of the A&A project as we continue to work towards the fund-raising targets.

Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry

Brothers and Sisters Who Are Suffering and in Grief

Swee Bong

Swee Bong had medical consultation on Mon and a CT scan on Tues. Today, he received medical advice on addressing his defective heart valve through angioplasty. May God be with him and give his doctor the ability to conduct an accurate test and the wisdom to give sound medical advice to Swee Bong. Pray for a successful procedure and outcome.

Patrick and Sally

Pray for Patrick and Sally Tan on the passing of Patrick's sister-in-law, Bee Chau. In particular, pray for Bee Chau's husband, Kim Chye, and their children, Sharon and Shirley. May God provide comfort and love to them in their time of loss.

Newlywed

Seh Woon and Ling Wei

Give thanks to God for blessing Seh Woon and Ling Wei at their holy matrimony of last Saturday, 1 March. May their marriage always bring glory to God; joy to each other; and blessings to their families and for many generations to come.

Discipleship Group Ministry (DGM)

- Pray that DG members will experience the joy of knowing and abiding in Christ as they complete the study on 1 John in March.
- Pray that some DG members will have the opportunity to read the book of 1 John with new believers to ground them in the assurance of their salvation.
- Pray for good responses at the sign-up booth after the AM and PM services in the last two weeks of March for the study on the book of Hebrews for non-DG members/worshippers. This is in preparation for our DGs to study the book of Hebrews starting in April.
- Continue to pray for fruitful learning and sharing among the 10 participants in the monthly Tuesday night growth-group training for potential DG leaders.
- Continue to pray for those DGs looking for a place to meet at that they will find a suitable place before 1 July this year.

Prayer for the Christian Education (CE) Ministry

Children Ministry (CM)

- Thank God for the commitment of the SS teachers.
- Pray for more willing hearts to join the Children Ministry.
- Pray for open minds and boldness in making good changes for the ministry.
- Thank God for Gabriel's faithful service in Sunday school all these years and may God use him mightily in the new ministry that He has called him to serve in.

Youth Ministry (YM)

- We pray for the new year ahead as our youths begin meeting new friends at school and in their DGs, that they will contend with what it means to be a follower of Christ amid all the activities that they will participate in and find joy in developing a deeper and personal relationship with Christ.
- Pray for the planning of the Youth-Young Adult A&A Fundraising as well as the smooth execution of it. Pray also that the congregation will give generously in support of this.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

- Thank God for the Discipleship Group leaders and their commitment in serving the YAs. Pray for unity in spirit and the mind of Christ as they practise being witnesses of God's work in their lives. Pray for strength and perseverance to sustain and for the Holy Spirit to equip the leaders as they facilitate Bible Study and care for their group members.
- Thank God for blessing our YAM with 4 DGs and 7 mentors. Pray for more mentors to mentor/walk with our YAs.
- Pray that God will work in the hearts of our YAs so that they will be encouraged and challenged by His Word to reach out to and care for one another; and grow in their love for God, His Word and His people. Pray also that our YAs will enjoy walking through life together.
- Pray for more people to help reach out to those who are new at ORPC and/or inactive in the YAM.

Christian Education Programmes

Leaders' Equipping and Training (LET)

- Pray that DG Leaders will wisely delegate appropriate roles to the DG members to develop their leadership and giftings in serving the DG. Pray also that DG members will respond with zeal.
- Pray for the LET members that they will be able to apply what they have learnt.

School of Christian Ministry (SoCM)

Pray that church leaders and members will see that a structured Christian education is essential for spiritual growth, discipleship and equipping believers for ministry; and that SoCM classes are not merely for imparting knowledge, but also for integrating Christian teaching with all aspects of life.

Prayer for the Mission and Evangelism (M&E) Ministry

Evangelism Equipping (EE)

Pray for the participants at the Introductory EE (Evangelism Equipping) class of 1 March and 8 March at which they are going to learn the fundamental starting-points for sharing the gospel. Pray that they will be led to proceed further into the more comprehensive Classic EE course that will take place over 8 Thursday evenings from 13 March to 8 May. Pray that more will sign up for the Classic EE course that helps them develop their skills and build their confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus.

English Presbytery Japan Mission

- Thank God for the gospel work the EP has undertaken in Tohoku, Japan, in partnership with many pastors, missionaries, and churches. Pray for the growing partnership, that it may continue to deepen and develop, so that the gospel of Christ may reach even more Japanese people.
- Pray that God will bring the 15 EP churches in advancing this work together, through prayer, sending, mobilising, and financing, and that short-term and long-term mission workers may be raised to be involved in the cross-culture gospel work.
- Pray for the remaining planned mission trips of this year (Jun 13-23; Jul 23-Aug 3; Sep 12-22; Oct 10-20; Nov 14-24; and Dec 12-22), that God will call, equip, and provide for all teams' facilitators and members.

Prayer for the Worship Ministry

- Praise God for the various choir and music ministries that serve Him with music. Pray for them as they serve each week. Pray for them as they prepare for all the Holy Week services.
- Pray for each one of us that we will be witnesses to the world around us. Whom can we bring to the Easter service? Pray on this.

“Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when, upon his knees, he comes face to face with God.” ~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones