

教会祷告日

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LOVE WITHIN,
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七月二十一日 下午 2-5 点
21st July 2018 2-5pm
卫理公会直落亚逸礼拜堂
Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church



教会祷告日 Church Day of Prayer 2018

- 敬拜 Worship
- 感恩祷告：2017/18 年【与家人和好】的旅程
Thanksgiving Prayer for “Peace with Ourselves”
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Prayer for our Church: Love Within, Light Without
- 为 2018/19 年【与世界和好】的四音布道会祷告
Prayer for “Peace with the World” 4-Language
Evangelistic Events in 2018/19
- 立志祷告 Prayer of Dedication

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

We give thanks to You with all our hearts. We praise Your name for Your steadfast love and faithfulness, because you have exalted Your Word above all things.

On the day I called to You, You answered me, and You increased my strength of soul.

O God, Your steadfast love endures forever! We give thanks to You and praise You for all Your works.

In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen!

[Scripture reference: Psalm 138]

Thanksgiving: Peace with Ourselves

Give Thanks for Our Journey in 2017/18

- Peace with Self
- Peace with Family
- Peace with Church Family

Corporate Prayer:

Our dearest heavenly Father, thank You that by Your grace, we have been saved. When we were dead in our transgressions, You made us alive with Christ. This is not from ourselves, but a gift from You. Thank You for granting us peace with ourselves, affirming our identity in Jesus Christ as Your children, by Your grace. Thank You that we are Your handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, especially the good works of reconciliation within our families and the church over the past year. May You help us to continue towards peace with one another, and fill us with Your love, so that we may be a blessing to many more people, for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

[Scripture reference: Ephesians 2:8-10]

Praying with the Psalms

The Psalms are one of the most ancient forms of prayer. The Bible also records that Jesus Christ used the Psalms to pray.

Jesus: On the cross, he prayed Psalm 22:1 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and Psalm 31:5 “Into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Early Church: The early church fathers prayed the Psalms many times each day. In fact, in the first century, this was the only form of prayer. Up till the fifth century, the Psalms formed an important part of the morning prayers of the church. In accordance with tradition, Scripture reading in liturgical churches would include reading the Psalms. Christians would use the Psalms in both corporate worship and individual devotion.

What is special about praying with the Psalms?

1. **There is great diversity to the prayers of the Psalms.** They express thanksgiving, praise, repentance, lament, trust, etc., arising from different life situations. In this way, the Psalms serve as a prayer handbook.
2. **The prayers of the Psalms express true emotions.** The one praying does not hide his/her **feelings** from God, but speaks honestly, and **confronts one’s true self**, especially in times of trial. The deepest matters of one’s soul are poured out to God.

3. **The prayers of the Psalms are centred on God.** We do not pray for what we desire, but what God desires. The psalmist seeks to draw near to God and yearns for a deeper relationship with the Lord. We see this in David's prayers of petition and confession, as well as the expressions of trust in God from other psalmists in various situations.
4. **The prayers of the Psalms arise from the richness of God's Word.** In other words, these prayers do not grow out of our own impoverished selves, but are based upon the promises of the Bible.

We can rediscover the spiritual experience of praying with the Psalms when we practice this discipline individually or collectively.

How can we pray with the Psalms?

Individual exercises: At least 10 minutes every day

1. **Read the Bible aloud:** Read out the Scripture passage slowly and repeatedly, with care and attention, so that you understand what is being read. Reading the passage is itself a form of prayer.
2. **Meditate Silently:** Concentrate on certain passages or themes which resonate with you or touch your heart, and repeat them over in your mind, reflecting on how the passage is important to you and impacts your life.

3. **Speak with God:** Communicate with God in an honest and heartfelt manner and pray responsively to Him. Also wait upon God, listen to Him, experience His presence, and commune with Him.
4. **Respond and Commit:** Pray about what you have experienced and received from God. Make a commitment to God as a response to that which He has spoken to you.

The Spiritual Discipline of Praying with the Psalms – Continuing to use the Psalms in prayer

The Psalms offer the best models of prayer for the Christian. Listed below are Psalms that we can pray under different circumstances and when faced with various needs.

1. **Thanksgiving:** Psalms 65,84,92,98,103,116,145

Example: Psalm 116:12-14

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

2. **Repentance:** Psalms 6,32,38,51,102,130,143

Example: Psalm 6:1-3

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint;
heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.
My soul is in deep anguish.
How long, Lord, how long?

3. Illness: Psalms 22,32,38,39,41,77,91

Example: Psalm 39:12-13

Hear my prayer, Lord,
listen to my cry for help;
do not be deaf to my weeping.
I dwell with you as a foreigner,
a stranger, as all my ancestors were.
Look away from me, that I may enjoy life again
before I depart and am no more.

4. Fear: Psalms 3,27,46,56,112,118

Example: Psalm 56:1-4

Be merciful to me, my God,
for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
all day long they press their attack.
My adversaries pursue me all day long;
in their pride many are attacking me.
When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

5. Sorrow: Psalms 13,40,42,69

Example: Psalm 40:1-3

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.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.

6. Trust: Psalms 16,23,27,62,91,121,125,131

Example: Psalm 27:11-14

Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.
Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.
I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

7. Separation: Psalms 27,126

Example: Psalm 27:9-10

Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

Conclusion

As we make direct use of the Psalms in our prayers over days, months, and years, and practice this spiritual discipline consistently and faithfully, we will grow in spiritual maturity. Our spiritual temperaments will change, our language of prayer will be enriched, and our lives will be renewed.

Praying with Paul

Characteristics & Concerns of Paul's Prayers

- 1) Paul a **Man of Prayer**
Col.4:2-4; Rm. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 1:3.
- 2) Paul's prayer shows **dependence on God yet not losing sight of human responsibility** when he prays for spiritual transformation in believers.
 - a. By the power of the Spirit (Rm. 15:13)
 - b. According to God's grace (Eph.1:7-8)
 - c. According to will of God (Rm.15:31-32; 1 Cor. 1:8-9)
- 3) Paul's concern in prayer is to **glorify God**
 - a. God glorified (Rm. 15:6b; Php. 1:9-11; Eph.3:20-21)
- 4) Paul's concern in prayer is for **believers to be established in their Christian life.**
 - a. Spirit of wisdom & revelation to enlighten the believers to know God (Eph. 1:17-18).
 - b. Power of God to know the love of God and to be filled by the love of God (Eph.3:17-19)
 - c. Fruit bearing life, growth in knowledge of God and strengthened with power to live life pleasing to God (Col. 1:9-12)
 - d. Grow in holiness and sanctification (1 The.4:3; 1 The.5:23-24)

Examples of Using Paul's Prayers for Our Prayers

1) Praying for Ourselves

- **Colossians 3:3-17**

Scripture Passage: ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all

in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Prayer: Colossians 3:3-17

Dear Heavenly Father, we have died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God. We know that when Christ appears again we will appear with him in glory.

Help us therefore to put to death whatever belongs to our earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. We used to walk in these ways but now we rid ourselves of all such things: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language, dishonesty and lying. Help us Lord, to take off our old self with its practices and to put on the new self, that is being renewed in the image of our Creator, where there is no distinction between social class, race and religious denominations, but we are all equal in Christ.

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we therefore ask that You clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Help us, O Lord, to bear with each other and forgive one another as You had forgiven us, and over all these virtues help us to put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

We ask that the peace of Christ rule in our hearts because we as members of one body were called to peace. And for this we are thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell in us richly, that we may teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in our hearts. And help us do all things, whether in word or deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus, always giving thanks to God the Father through him.

2) Praying for Others

- **Ephesians 1:15-20**

Scripture Passage: ¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[f] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Prayer: Ephesians 1:17-19a

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you (name) spiritual wisdom and revelation in growing knowledge of him--since the eyes of your (his/her) heart have been enlightened--so that you (he/ she) may know what is the hope of God's calling, what is the wealth of God's glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the incomparable greatness of God's power toward all who believe

- **Ephesians 3:14-21**

Scripture Passage: ¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Prayer: Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that according to the wealth of his glory [the Father] may strengthen you (name) with power through his Spirit in the inner person, that Christ may dwell in your (his/her) heart through faith, so that, because you have (he/she has) been rooted and grounded in love, you (he/she), together with all the Lord's holy people, may be able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, so that you (he/she) may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

- **Colossians 1:9-14**

Scripture Passage: ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer for Ourselves: Colossians 1:9-14

Dear God, please fill us/me with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we/I may live a life worthy of You and pleasing to You in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might, that we/I may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to You our Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of Your holy people in Your kingdom of light. For You have rescued us/me from the dominion of darkness and brought us/me into the kingdom of Your Son whom You love, in whom we/I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer for Others: Colossians 1:9-14

Dear God, please fill (name) with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that (he/she) may live a life worthy of You and pleasing to You in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might, that (he/she) may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to You the Father, who has qualified (name) to share in the inheritance of Your holy people in Your kingdom of light. For You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us/me into the kingdom of Your Son whom You love, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Intercession: Our Nation

Pray for Singapore

Prayer Items:

1. Safe & Secure Nation: vigilant & alert towards threats, open and connected to regional partners
2. Vibrant Economy: Future Economy strategies, wise in use of tech and science
3. Caring Society: social mobility & inclusive, care for seniors, support for young families
4. New Generation of Leaders: just & compassionate policies, promote love and acceptance

Intercession: Our Nation

Pray for Singapore

Scripture Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Corporate Prayer:

O Lord our God, we praise You for calling us to be citizens of heaven as well as citizens of our land. We come before You to pray for our nation.

God of all power and authority, we commit to You the authorities You placed over us in this land. As our nation goes through this season of change and leadership renewal, O Lord, please show our leaders and Your people the way we should go and what we should do.

O Lord, we pray for the welfare of this city. Help us to grow in being gracious and compassionate towards each other. Help us to be peacemakers to our neighbours. Help us to be good stewards of Your resources entrusted to us in this land. As our nation seeks for prosperity and progress, help us to be a people of justice and equality. May Your name be glorified in this land. Amen.

Intercession: Our Church

Love Within, Light Without

God's Love in the Home, God's Light in the Lighthouse

Notes:

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Bahasa Indo 5th Anniv. Gospel Sunday

19 August 2018

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the preparation and the speaker for the Bahasa Indonesia 5th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Gospel Sunday on 19th August. May God enable the organising committee to serve with unity, and may God speak through the sermon on the day to lead more pre-believers to the Lord.
2. The Bahasa Indonesia service will be shifting its worship venue to Wesley Inner Hall on the 3rd floor of TA. The service timing will also be changed to 1:30pm. May the Lord help our brothers and sisters to adapt quickly to these changes and worship wholeheartedly.
3. Pray for the evangelistic outreach efforts of the Bahasa Indonesia ministry. Pray that God uses the English classes that we will start from August onwards to help many more Indonesian domestic helpers to learn basic English and hear and understand the Gospel.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Bahasa Indo 5th Anniv. Gospel Sunday

19 August 2018

Scripture Passages:

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

Corporate Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You so loved the world that You sent Your one and only Son to save us. The many Indonesians who have left their homes to be among us are, like us, people whom You love and cherish. Lord, You desire for all people to be saved and to know the truth, that no one should perish. May You grow the Bahasa Indonesia ministry in our church, and may You lead and bless the 5th anniversary Gospel Sunday and English classes starting in August, that many more of our Indonesian friends may hear the Gospel and repent before our Lord. May You help our brothers and sisters to adapt to their new worship timing and venue, that they may worship You with all their heart, and enjoy the love and warmth of Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Mandarin Gospel Camp

9–12 December 2018

Prayer Items:

1. For our members with non-believer friends and relatives
 - a) Ask God for opportunities to witness (Col. 4:3).
 - b) Ask God for boldness to witness (Acts 4:29)
 - c) Ask God for an opportunity to invite them (Luke 14:23).

2. For non-believers attending the camp
 - a) Ask God to open their spiritual eyes and give them ears to hear (Matt. 13:15).
 - b) Ask God to give them faith to believe (Acts 20:21).
 - c) Ask God to give them the will to respond (Rom. 10:9).

3. For everyone involved in making the camp happen
 - a) Ask the Lord to help all of us work heartily for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord we will receive the inheritance as our reward. May we all confess to the Lord that we are serving the Lord Christ with the goal of pleasing Him, and not other people (Col. 3:23-24).

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Mandarin Gospel Camp

9–12 December 2018

Scripture Passages:

³⁶ When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **Matthew 9:36**

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9**

Corporate Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are the Saviour of the whole world, and Your eyes are ever upon the harassed and the helpless. You have saved us and called us to spread the Gospel of salvation to all of humanity. Lord, we entrust the Gospel Camp this December into Your hands. We ask that You take care of the health of our speaker, and grant wisdom to the organising committee to handle the challenges that come their way. We pray that You move us to actively invite our pre-believing family and friends to join this Gospel camp, and soften the hearts of all pre-believers at the camp, that many more people may believe in their heart and declare with their mouth that Jesus is Lord. Thank you Lord! In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

English Gospel Rally

14, 18, 19, 21 April 2019

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for our IDMC programme currently going on, that our members (especially passive ones) would be involved in every process of this disciple making process. We pray that our members will eventually become maturing disciples in the world, living out the true values of an authentic, bold and courageous disciple making.
2. Pray that Alpha course may be a channel to bring more pre-believers to saving faith in Christ and build towards the evangelistic outreach programme during Holy Week 2019.
3. Pray for our evangelistic outreach events during Holy Week 2019 where Bishop Emeritus Robert Solomon will preach a series of Gospel sermons. We pray that our loved ones, relatives and friends will respond to our personal invitation to these special services. Pray that the various aspects of the programme, including the Gospel sermons, the children's evangelistic programme, and the stations of the cross, may serve to advance the Gospel in the hearts of members and pre-believers.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

English Gospel Rally

14, 18, 19, 21 April 2019

Scripture Passage: Luke 9:23

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Corporate Prayer:

Heavenly Father, may Your Spirit stir the hearts of our English congregation members and the whole church, so that we awaken to the importance of becoming Christ’s disciples. Help us to willingly take up the cross and live a life of love towards God and other people, always following and modelling Christ. Please grant wisdom to the organising committee, that all the plans they make may lead to lives transformed and prepare our members to becoming God-honouring disciples. Empower our members to share the Gospel and to be disciple-makers. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Hokkien Gospel Rally

4 August 2019

Prayer Items:

- 1 . Thank God that Bishop Chong Chin Chung has agreed to speak at the Gospel rally, and singer Ms Pan Xiuqiong has also agreed to sing and share her testimony. May the Lord use them to spread His Gospel and testify to His love.
- 2 . Pray that the Lord enables us to serve as a united team to organise the Gospel rally, so that the necessary plans and arrangements are put in place for all aspects of the programme.
- 3 . May God galvanise all members of our church to make every effort to invite pre-believing family members and friends for the rally.

Intercession: Evangelistic Events 2018/19

Hokkien Gospel Rally

4 August 2019

Scripture Passage: Luke 10:1-2

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Corporate Prayer:

Dear God, may You open the door of salvation, as we share the Gospel message to the Hokkien-speaking people. We know that the fields are ripe for harvest but the workers are few. Would You send us out into Your harvest field, to be prepared to share our testimonies with gentleness and respect and to eventually invite them to the Hokkien Gospel Rally. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.