

May 五月

2021 Prayer Calendar 二零二一年祈禱月曆

"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." (Psalm 27:13-14)

"我若不信在活人之地得見耶和華的恩惠，就早已喪膽了。要等候耶和華！當壯膽，堅固你的心！我再說，要等候耶和華！"（詩篇27:13-14）

To Seek the Lost and to Disciple the Saved

挽回失喪者 裝備得救者

Chinese Presbyterian Church

雪梨華人長老會

A Disciple-making Church 造就門徒的教會

1	S A T	Church-wide Ministry and Direction While it is still a real struggle for all brothers and sisters to come back together for physical worship service, let's pray that wherever and however we worship, we worship God in spirit and in truth.
2	S U N	English Ministries Thank the Lord for the relaunch of IGNITE at the Evening Service and that the young adults will continue to worship and fellowship
3	M O N	Cantonese Ministries Give thanks for the new format for PWA and Men's Fellowship and it focuses more on the reading of God's words. Pray for the committees and the bible study leaders so we may cater for the needs of our seniors including the Mandarin speaking ones.
4	T U E	Sunday School Thank God for those who ran a program over the school holidays. Pray for more people to come forward now as these people are moving on and we won't have anything for next holidays.
		Supported Missionaries

5	W E D	<p>The Campbell family in Sydney Thank you for praying for our Thursday Fellowship Group. We have had students from Sydney University (USyd), University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and Notre Dame University attend. It has been great to see some of the students begin to volunteer and serve.</p> <p>We also continue to train the two interns on our team to deliver their bible talks. This has been very encouraging, watching them spend time grasping the meaning of the Bible, and moving forward to grapple with the Word before they present. Here are some personal prayer points if you have time:</p> <p>Praise to Him for helping us recover. We have a few lingering things like a strange laryngitis voice (Bec), and a bit of breathiness for Gabriel. Otherwise, the rest of the family are doing really well. For clarity and listening to the Lord's guidance about where He is leading our family</p>
6	T H U	<p>Language School Pray for God's continuous graciousness on the school affairs, teaching, and class venues during the second semester. Pray that with the Lord's protection we will do a better job in evangelism.</p>
7	F R I	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction The 128th Anniversary Combined Church Service is to be held on 30/5. We thank God for his blessings and guidance over many years. Please pray that the church remains faithful to the gospel mandate - to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everyting Jesus has commanded us. (Mt 28:19-20)</p>
8	S A T	<p>English Ministries Pray for members to return to onsite worship as fellowships and bible study groups recommence after the Easter break.</p>
9	S U N	<p>Cantonese Ministries Pray for the growth of 14 home fellowship groups in discipleship and caring for each other and newcomers.</p>
10	M O N	<p>Mandarin Ministries Pray for all the Bible study groups on Sunday and the Home Fellowship groups during the week. May God grant us the spirit that hunger and thirst for His righteousness, and encourage brothers and sisters to pursue God's words like the deer pants for streams of water.</p>
11	T U E	<p>Supported Missionaries Joann Teo at University of Melbourne AFES Pray for students to be curious about the Easter message and would seek out Christian groups on campus like CU to find out more. Pray for Ethan whom I'm going through Uncover Mark with, that Jesus would reveal himself to be God. Pray for God to use Life Explored as a means for seekers to know him and the Christian community at MUCU.</p>
		National Situation

12	W E D	According to the Daily Mail, Melbourne schools are under pressure to stop using the terms "mum" and "dad". Schools are instead being urged to use the word "parent" as part of an LGBT campaign claimed to improve "inclusivity". We read in Genesis 1:27, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Pray for wisdom and courage for Christians to speak up lovingly and follow unswervingly God's plan for humanity.
13	T H U	Church-wide Ministry and Direction Pray for God's provision of timely pastoral resources to care for the elderly members of all our congregations, and to shepherd people of the English as well as Mandarin ministries.
14	F R I	English Ministries Pray for the growing of the small group ministry and to support the leaders of each small group
15	S A T	Mandarin Ministries Pray for the students of EMBS. Ask God to bring UNSW students to come to know Jesus through the Bible study and activities.
16	S U N	Sunday School Thank God for those faithful teachers who continue to serve onsite or online. Pray for wisdom when preparing lessons and activities. Thank God for the encouragement and sharing between teachers and the children's talk team.
17	M O N	Supported Missionaries Sharon Law in Sydney with OMF Later this month I will meet with OMF JP and AU leaders to discuss options for ministry in the upcoming months. Please pray for the Lord's leading and that I would continue to walk faithfully during this time of uncertainty! After a number of appointments with my doctors and OMF medical advisors, praise God that I have medical clearance for the next term. Considering that health has been a big concern over the last few years, I'm very thankful! In terms of financial clearance, my support level is currently at 79%. Praise God for his generosity in providing faithful partnerships over many years. Please continue to pray with me for opportunities to share about the needs of Japan and that I would have full support pledged in the next two months so I can start the new term in June.
18	T U E	National & International Situations Asia Harvest, a ministry for the churches in China, reported that the situation for believers in China has been extremely difficult, and that there have been plans by the government to "reinterpret" the Bible so it will have "socialist characteristics". Pray for the churches in China, that they will continue to thrive amidst persecution and oppression. Pray also for the church leaders under house arrest, imprisoned or who have disappeared for provision for their immediate needs.
19	W E D	Church-wide Ministry and Direction Thank God for the Shepherd Leader Training program offered by the Christ College for our Session members. Pray that those (elders & pastors) who have signed up for it will benefit from the materials and discussion among themselves.
		Cantonese Ministries

20	T H U	Pray for different ongoing and soon-to-start courses including the Life of Christ, Adult Christian Education (Church History) and Christianity Explained so that the materials offered will help build up the spiritual lives of the participants.
21	F R I	Mandarin Ministries Ask God to prepare a suitable minister for the Mandarin Congregation.
22	S A T	Sunday School Thank God for those children who are able to return to onsite Sunday School, and pray for those who remain at home, that they can feel connected to their classmates in some way.
23	S U N	Supported Missionaries Pray that despite Covid, that God's word will continue to go out, and that He will continue to raise missionaries to cross cultural lines to bring the gospel to those who haven't heard it yet.
24	M O N	National & International Situations According to many media reports, more deaths occur in Myanmar Military Coup. It has also been reported that the Military in Myanmar has practically "brainwashed" its members, resulting in intense loyalty as well as fear of any defiance of authority. Let us pray fervently for the Military leaders now in power to cease their crackdowns and indiscriminate shooting of civilians; and Suu Kyi to be safely protected from those seeking to do her harm.
25	T U E	English Ministries Pray for return of families to onsite worship and Sunday School for Term 2, that God's Word will enrich them and the children will experience God's love.
26	W E D	Cantonese Ministries Give thanks for the Cantonese student camp with 40 people at the end of March and pray for the growth of 5 bible study groups this year.
27	T H U	Mandarin Ministries Praise God for the brothers and sisters who had been discharged from hospital recently. Pray for God's healing and pray that they can experience God's mercy, grace and restore their close relationship with God.
28	F R I	Supported Missionaries Tan family in East Asia Please PRAY for our ongoing witness to our unbelieving neighbours & friends during the remaining time we have here. Please pray for wisdom for us as to future ministry, including the decision as to whether we should start a new company. The local church we are a part of has been facing significant leadership issues for some time. Sadly, during the holidays, it was suddenly announced that the church would split into 2 independent churches from the following week. Over the last few weeks, the 2 new churches have been busy planning how to move forward, and people have had to choose which group to join. It feels like a sudden divorce, with the children needing to decide which parent to follow. It has been a tiring and emotionally-draining time for all of us, and many are feeling a lot of grief and confusion. Pray that our gracious God, who can bring beauty out of brokenness, will work in this ugly situation for His glory and the good of his people. Pray that the gospel of reconciliation & hope will heal and transform lives & relationships.

29	S A T	<p>Language School</p> <p>We are grateful that the second semester has started (25/4), and the teachers and students return to school safely.</p>
30	S U N	<p>National & International Situations</p> <p>Open Doors reported that the Islamic State (ISIL) has kidnapped and later killed a well-known Christian shop owner, Nabil Salama, committed to living for Christ in Egypt. ISIL claimed that the killing was a warning to all Egyptian Christians. Pray for God's comfort on Nabil's family at this shocking time, and that God will equip the local Christian community with strength and resilience to continue living for Christ.</p>
31	M O N	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>Pray for God's provision of timely pastoral resources to care for the elderly members of all our congregations, and to shepherd people of the English as well as Mandarin ministries.</p>