

“...pray continually...for this is
God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (NIV)



CHURCH-WIDE SYNCHRONISED PRAYER

Wesley Synchronised Prayer | Wed 21 October 2020

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

1. **Global Covid-19 Update:**

- Global infections cross 40 million; Onset of winter in northern hemisphere fuels surge, with 150,000 cases a day in Europe. (ST, Oct 20)
- Malaysia reports more than 800 new cases for third day (ST, Oct 20)
- Indonesia is SE Asia’s new pandemic hot spot, overtaking Philippines. (ST, Oct 16)
US seeing rise in infections in rural areas. (ST, Oct 17)

Pray for:

- Citizens to grasp that only through heeding the measures implemented can they survive Covid-19 and prevent another surge of the virus in their homeland.
- Protection for healthcare and essential workers of these countries. May they have strong immunity with adequate equipment and resources to do their job well.
- Healing for all those infected by Covid-19 and God’s comfort to be upon families who have lost their loved ones.
- The race to find an affordable and effective vaccine for the people of the world.

2. **Deadly Storms in India and Vietnam**

- At least 12 killed as heavy rain lashes southern India; more heavy rainfall expected in several Indian states. (ST, Oct 15)
- Search for missing victim continues in Vietnam.

Pray for:

- God to heal our world. Erratic climate changes to halt, as all countries seriously commit to Creation Care.
- Families who have lost everything; damaged homes, loss of land/crops and lack of clean water supplies - to remain strong and be courageous. May a spirit to survive against all odds be in them as they cling on to God. To have peace in God and a courage to rebuild their lives again.
- Deadly storms in India and Vietnam to turn its direction and head out to the open sea.
- Missing victims to be found and reunited with their families
- Revelation to scientists and engineers to discover solutions/systems to aid healing of our world.

3. Political Developments

- Anti-government protestors in Bangkok defy protest ban for the fifth day on Monday, Oct 19. (ST, Oct 20).
- 13 days to go to the US Presidential Election on Tuesday, Nov 3.

Pray for:

- Restoration of calm and civility to the nation so that families and children can experience safety and security in their homeland.
- Protest to remain peaceful, needs of citizens heard and an amicable solution found.
- Those who live in fear and poverty will find hope in God.
- The US elections to go according to what God has intended, uniting the government and citizens to a common goal of peace and harmony.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

1. Thanksgiving: Covid-19 remains under control

- Number of active cases fall below 100 for the first time on 16 Oct; 68 as at Monday Oct 19.
- 3 community care facilities remain – with 34 patients, down from more than 17,000 in May.
- The remaining 34 are in hospitals, with none in ICU.
- All imported cases so far picked up while on quarantine or stay-home notice upon arrival.

Pray for:

- Citizens to continue to be alert, embracing safe management measures against Covid-19 infection at home, at work and when outdoors.
- Those in hospital will recover and be discharged soon and dormitory residents kept safe.

2. Singapore economy shows signs of recovery in Q3

- Several sectors rebound during phased reopening. Outlook ahead remains murky. (ST, Oct 15)

Pray for:

- Wisdom to be upon our leaders to walk the nation out of the current economic crisis. Singapore's economy to revive as job opportunities open up and the right fit created and resolved for job seekers.
- Employers to have an open mind as they hire and to consider candidates with transferable skills. Jobseekers to be adaptable to learn, taking on new skills.

3. Singapore reopening its border safely

- Singapore and Hong Kong agreed to set up a bilateral Air Travel Bubble – likely the first in Asia – to revive air travel between the two aviation hubs in a safe manner. This could start in a matter of weeks. (BT, Oct 16).
- Singapore, Indonesia establish reciprocal green lane from Oct 26.
- Singapore has special travel arrangement with 8 other countries – New Zealand, Brunei, Australia (excluding Victoria), Vietnam, China, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan.

Pray for:

- Imported cases will not be missed at the checkpoints or during quarantine.
- Special travel arrangements with all 10 countries will prove to be safe
- As the nation opens up, travellers will have concern for others and not travel if they suspect they are unwell. No super spreader will enter our nation.
- All travellers will remain vigilant and careful at all times, even when on flight.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

1. **National Examinations:**

- GCE O-Level Written Examination continues till Nov 12.
- GCE A-Level Written Examination for the various languages on Oct 26-27.

Pray for:

- Those who have diligently revised to embrace confidence to do well.
- Parents to be aware of the increasing cases of depression, due to change of routine in studies (caused by the pandemic) which may sometimes result in thoughts/plans of self-harm and suicide.
- Those who are struggling with fear and insecurity will have family support.
- Students to remain in good health and have a good memory.
- Covid-19 safe management measures to be in all schools/examination venues.

2. **Dengue cases fall by 70% from July peak**

- Dengue cases fell 70% from the peak of 1,792 reported in a single week in July to 532 cases in the week to Oct 11. But Singapore is not out of the woods yet. (ST, Oct 15)
- Death toll so far in 2020 hits record high of 28 – the same number as Covid-19 death toll.

Pray for:

- Citizens will continue to be vigilant and not to breed mosquitoes at home.
- Those who are stricken by the dengue will be able to fight it and recover well.

3. **Mental Health Needs**

- Caregivers need to seek support to avoid burnout: Experts. (ST, Oct 19)

Pray for:

- Family members who have gone through anxious times of caring for their elderly /disabled loved ones, managing home and work concurrently, to find avenues to release stress to avoid a burnout.
- Support to arise from families, extended relatives, friends and the community.
- Development of interests to renew themselves and to grow in self-esteem.
- The elderly and the disabled will continue to be protected, nurtured and have good care even as family members return back to the office.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

(Wesley Methodist Church)

1. **Pray for:**

- Wesleyans to return for the weekly Holy Communion worship services at least once a month, be disciplined to attend online worship services weekly and also to attend the weekly online classes offered by our pastors.
- All pastors and staff to continue in good health as His ever-loving grace and favour flow onto them and their family. May families remain strong and united.
- Ministry will be creatively restructured to draw Wesleyan's to seek growth and renewal in the Lord.
- Ministry leaders to have discerning hearts, obedient to God's voice, with clean hands and pure hearts will choose to serve Him well.
- YM Onsite to draw youths back to the church again. May the sermon preached inspire, strengthen them in their spiritual journey with a desire to reconnect with YSG Ministry.
- Missionaries who desire to return home will receive an opportunity as travel opens up. May their ministry continue to thrive for God's glory.

2. **Share a concern and pray for one another. ■**