

“...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 | 29 June 2022

## PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

### 1. Global Covid-19

- Covid-19 flares up in Shenzhen and Macau. (ST 22 Jun) Macau shuts bars and cinemas and suspends dining-in to tame Covid-19. (ST 23 Jun) Thailand lifts mask rule and curbs on nightlife venue hours. (ST 25 Jun)
- Muted response to vaccine roll-out for American kids aged 5 and younger. (ST 23 Jun)

#### Pray for:

- Wisdom for Governments managing the Covid situation and opening their countries.
- Healthcare and frontline workers to be shielded from Covid-19.
- Safe and effective protection with no side effects from the vaccination for young children, the elderly and the vulnerable.

### 2. World Security

- Ukrainian defenders set to withdraw from Sievierodonetsk following weeks of bombardment, amid concern that troops could be surrounded. (ST 25 Jun)
- Thousands of Afghans hit by quake at risk of disease. (ST 27 Jun)
- The World Bank Group approved a \$2.3 billion program to help countries in Eastern and Southern Africa increase the resilience of the region's food systems and ability to tackle growing food insecurity, brought on by extreme weather, pest and disease outbreaks, political and market instability and war. (The World Bank 21 Jun)
- Sri Lanka's economy has collapsed, says PM. (ST 24 Jun)
- Upcoming elections in Malaysia and Indonesia. (ST 24 Jun)

#### Pray for:

- Nations to work together to seek peace negotiations to end the Russian and Ukraine war and to free up the exports of food and energy. God's intervention to stop all warfare.
- God to have mercy, and for Him to move governments and organizations to provide shelter, food and medical care for those in war/strife and earthquakes.
- Financial package by World Bank to help more people in underdeveloped countries cope with the shortage of food.
- Wisdom for Sri Lanka's government leaders to bring the country out of bankruptcy, provide for the people and to restore stability in the country.
- Smooth elections in Malaysia and Indonesia with leaders that care for the people and nation.

### 3. Climate Change

- Food security concerns as heavy rain continues to batter southern China. (ST 24 Jun)
- Floods swamp more of Bangladesh and India, with millions marooned. (ST 22 Jun)

## Pray:

- Heavy rains to stop and floods to recede in China, Bangladesh and India. Successful rescue operations to save lives and provide victims with warm shelter, food and water.
- Against water-borne diseases in flooded areas.
- A livable future for our next generation.

## 4. Afghanistan Earthquake

- Aftershock in Afghanistan leaves 1,000 dead amid calls for medical aid. Around 1000 were injured as authorities end search efforts for victims. (ST 25 Jun)

### Pray for:

- International help to carry out relief efforts. Provision of emergency shelter, food, medical aid, necessities and logistics support for affected families, the injured and healing for many who are traumatized. Pray for there to be no outbreaks of disease.

## PRAY FOR OUR NATION

### 1. Monkeypox, Covid-19 and TB Related Updates

- MOH confirms imported case of monkeypox; 13 close contacts were identified. (ST 22 Jun)
- 23% jump in local Covid-19 cases due to newer Omicron subvariants; Singapore daily Covid-19 case surge to 7,109. (ST 22 Jun)
- About 170 test positive for tuberculosis in Bukit Merah. MOH extends screening. (ST 25 Jun)

### Pray for:

- Containment of Monkeypox and TB. To be prepared for resurfacing of Covid-19.
- Travelers to be vigilant and maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.
- Protection over children, students, teachers and school staff. Schools to be alert to any resurgence in cases. Everyone to remain socially responsible.

### 2. Economic Outlook and Inflation

- \$1.5b package to help households and businesses in Singapore tackle the impending economic challenges resulting from higher global inflation. (ST 21 Jun)
- Rising food and energy prices drive Singapore's core inflation to 13-year high. (ST 24 Jun)
- Singapore banks raise interest rates on loans for HDB flats. (ST 25 Jun)

### Pray for:

- Wisdom for leaders to combat inflation and the challenges facing Singapore.
- Households to have wise spending habits, conserve energy use and avoid additional debt.
- Restoration of supply chains from alternative sources to meet Singapore's needs.
- Homeowners to cope with the raised interest rates on loans.

### 3. Timely wake-up call on workers' safety, with 27 workplace fatalities this year. (ST 27 Jun) Pray for:

- Management to be responsible to educate and implement protocols to ensure the safety of their workers.
- Welfare of their staff to be the focus, as they support the infrastructural development of our country.

### 4. Mental Health

- Obsession with grades adds to undergrads' stress levels. Report on mental health highlights the need for better and more support in institutions. (ST 22 Jun)

### Pray for:

- Youths/Undergrads to be bold to seek help when needed and to cope with stress.

- Students to enjoy the learning process and not focus on chasing grades and outdoing their peers.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

### 1. Discrimination at the workplace despite anti-discrimination laws. (ST 27 Jun)

#### Pray for:

- Sexual harassment & maternity discrimination to come to light as women recognize they do not have to suffer silently as Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (Tafep) and MOM can offer them the assistance they need.
- Respect for all people and extension of help and assistance to one other, whenever we can.

### 2. Pilot community resource library, a safe space for kids with special needs at Play.Able. (ST 27 Jun)

#### Thanksgiving for:

- A free community resource library for those with special needs or disabilities. An inclusive space for them to roam around safely, interacting freely without facing judgment.
- Provision of engagement for youths with special needs to help out in this day activity center with their caregivers.

#### Pray:

- Families to find the resources helpful for their children's growth and exposure to life.
- Parents to remain strong as they devote their life to caring for their special needs children.

### 3. DrugFree SG Pop-UP by the Central Narcotics Bureau. (ST 27 Jun) This exhibition marks International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking on 26 June every year.

#### Pray for:

- The exhibition to raise awareness about the effects and dangers of drugs on people, families and society, understand what abusers go through and how they can be supported.
- Youths to be aware of the negative, addictive effects of drugs, and to say NO! when offered.
- Liberalization of attitudes towards drugs around the world not to influence our youths as they recognize life is precious and respect the strict Misuse of Drugs Act in Singapore.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH (Wesley Methodist Church)

### 1. Weekend Worship Services:

#### Pray for:

- All pastors to follow God's direction to lead Wesley Methodist Church forward in Intentional Discipleship. Members to love Christ and one another by growing, sharing and serving Christ where the Word is intentionally practiced. Members to practice shrewd discipleship by seizing opportunities wisely, showing trustworthiness wholeheartedly and serving God wholly with their resources.
- The Lord to anoint the preachers for this weekend, **Rev Raymond Fong, Rev Adrian Ng, Dr. Tan Lai Fong, Rev Lilian Ang** as they bring the Word of God to the congregation.
- **All staff, volunteers and members of WMC** to be protected and preserved, be God- and people-focused, growing and serving together to glorify Him.
- **All Onsite Services (Traditional, P&P, MM, WFF)** to have families and children return to hear God's Word, growing their faith together.

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- Blessings as **Youth, BeTween, CM & PS Comm** explore the Word of God. Leaders and volunteers to be blessed as they serve with passion, enthusiasm and joy. Children and youths grow in faith as they entrust their lives to God.
- **P&P Service at Orchard Cineleisure** at 9.30 am & 11.30 am to receive many visitors from around the vicinity to come to know God and receive Him as their Savior.
- **40.day 2022** in July as Christians fast together for the church and themselves to recognize that **To Live is Christ**. The discipline of Prayer to be an anchor in Wesley as we recognize prayers can move mountains (Matt 17: 20-21) and that God desires an intimate relationship with His children.
- Mid-week teaching series **Overview on Romans** by Rev Raymond Fong on 30 Jun, where the book of Romans presents the basis for our faith in Christ. Members to be encouraged to embark on a journey of transforming discipleship as a community of faith.
- **Wesley Hall renovations** to go according to plan. Protection to be upon the workers, contractors and all dealing with works at the site.

## 2. Missions: (Community Tea Plantation, South Asia)

### Pray for:

- Wisdom and discernment for pastor to continue the discipleship program amid challenges
- Transformed lives for teachers & students as they attend the skills training.

## 3. Share a concern and pray for one another.