

“...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 | 24 November 2021

## PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

### 1. Global Covid-19 and World Situation

- **Covid-19:** Infections in 8 Indonesian cities up amid spread of Delta sub-variant. (ST 16 Nov) Beijing issues directive to curb entry into capital amid outbreak as growing Covid-19 cluster occurs. (ST 15 Nov) China limits outbound travel, cancels school classes and closes a few cultural venues to contain the outbreak. (12 Nov Reuters)
- Europe toughens rules for unvaccinated amid 4<sup>th</sup> wave of infection. Steps include lockdowns, booster shots for older people and controlled movements – to leave home for work, buying of necessities and emergencies. (ST 17 Nov)
- **Covid-19 Vaccinations:** Australia aims to have children of ages 5 to 11 vaccinated from January. (ST 15 Nov) Israel greenlights Pfizer's jab for children aged 5 to 11. (ST 16 Nov)
- **China-US Ties:** Xi warns Biden over Taiwan in virtual talks. No clear breakthroughs at virtual Xi-Biden summit. (ST 17 Nov)
- **Online misinformation** has resulted in worsening public health, a slower response to climate change and the undermining of democracy, according to a report from the Aspen Institute's Commission on Information Disorder. (ST 18 Nov)
- **Tackling climate crisis** with collective action using technology is key to tackling it, said panellists at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum. (ST 18 Nov)
- **Migrant Crisis:** Poland seeks to extend controls at Belarus border. Migrant crisis may last months with stand-off created between EU-US and Belarus-Russia. (ST 15 Nov)

#### Pray for:

- People to continue to practise good self-care, hygiene and social distancing. Unvaccinated to get vaccinated and vaccines to be safe and effective for young children.
- Strengthening of communication between China and the US. Improved, amicable discussions, with a focus on peace, composing their differences, accepting that co-existence is essential, so as to avoid a mishap or any miscalculation.
- For information disorder to be tackled with the help of the government, tech companies and community leaders acting together for a greater platform of transparency, action and to limit societal harms.
- To make adjustments to the way we live, according to technological changes, such as electrifying our motor transport, changing our power generation and decarbonising it, and also changing our industrial processes to tackle climate crisis.
- Humanitarian support and help for the thousands of migrants who are stranded or hiding along the border in freezing conditions. Provision of shelter, warmth, water and food for the refugees.

## PRAY FOR OUR NATION

### 1. Covid-19

- Growing focus on mental health at workplace as pandemic takes its toll. (ST 15 Nov)
- Singapore easing Covid-19 measures step-by-step to avoid U-turns and human cost, says PM Lee. (ST 18 Nov)
- Unvaccinated seniors remain at high risk of falling critically ill. Unvaccinated seniors continue to make up the bulk of critically ill Covid-19 patients in ICU. Slight drop in Covid-19 cases in ICU but deaths yet to subside. (ST 16 Nov)
- Singapore will not be spared the impacts of climate change, said Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu on Saturday (Nov 13). The Glasgow climate pact calls on countries to "phase down" the use of unabated coal, and urges developed nations to at least double finance for adaptation. (ST 17 Nov)
- Quarantine-free travel with Indonesia, India from Nov 29.

#### Pray for:

- Organisations to offer mental health support to employees, provide training to understand the situation, identify mental issues, and have appropriate assistance rendered.
- Wisdom for leaders as they plan for the relaxation of Covid-19 rules and measures.
- Unvaccinated seniors to be willing to receive vaccinations. Complete recovery for those infected. Protection for healthcare workers and essential staff serving the nation.
- Population to be socially responsible, follow safe management measures seriously and be personally responsible. Vigilant enforcement of Covid-19 measures to continue.
- Thanksgiving that adaptation measures, such as the building of sea walls or planting weather resilient crops, have already been done in Singapore to reduce the impacts of climate change. Singaporeans to contribute with reducing, reusing, recycling and using fewer plastic bags
- Transparency when countries report their progress in tackling climate action, and also for those who are governing carbon markets.
- Smooth VTL. Testing regimes and cross-border processes to be vigilant so that spread can be controlled or avoided.

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## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

### 1. Vulnerable Families

- Intra-family child sex abuse cases are on the rise. Abusers may have been victims in the past, says expert. (ST 15 Nov)
- Domestic violence on minors during Covid-19 lockdowns is a "shadow pandemic". Homes have become predatory zones of physical and sexual assault, exposing children to unrelenting forms of brutality. (ST 30 Oct)

#### Pray for:

- Abusers to acknowledge their struggles, seek treatment to ensure the home is a safe place for their family. Parents, guardians, teachers, counsellors and other school personnel to be alert to physical and behavioural indicators of abuse. Teach children to speak out and seek help.
- Adults struggling with mental health issues to seek help and not hurt the ones who should be loved and protected by them. Other family members to note the change in their behaviours and encourage them to seek help.

### 2. Students Starting the School Term

#### Pray for:

- Students to look forward to the new school term/year.
- Students entering primary schools and those transitioning to secondary schools, to colleges, to polytechnics, to tertiary and other courses to embrace the challenges and exciting opportunities that the new school year brings.

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- Good friendships to form and for quick adjustments to their school environment, classmates and teachers. Enthusiasm in their studies and courage to accept new opportunities.
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## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH (Wesley Methodist Church)

### 1. Weekend Worship Services

Pray for:

- **All pastors, staff, volunteers and members of WMC** to embrace holiness in their walk with Christ, choose silence and solitude to seek His grace and strength, be intentional to discern and delight in His holy presence and to walk in purity.
- November is **Missions Awareness** month. Pray for the sermons to show believers how they can also contribute towards the Great Commission by praying alongside our mission partners.
- **WorshipFH** (Worship From Home) with online Zoom community and live-streamed Sunday services at 9.30am and 2.30pm (MM) to have the participation of church members who are unable to join the onsite services. Virtual community spirit to encourage those isolated and feeling lonely. Sermon messages to comfort and assure them of God's abiding faithfulness and love.
- **P&P Service at "The Cathay"** to have worshippers, volunteers and WMC facilities staff safe and blessed as they serve and connect with the Cathay community.
- **WFF & MM** to continue to be a blessing to the attendees, ministering to their heartfelt needs. The onsite services, though temporarily suspended, to hopefully return on 5 Dec.
- **YM Onsite** (VET) at 2 pm on Saturday. Youth Camp GPS (God's Positioning System) is on 18-20 Dec. Thanksgiving for good registration numbers and the wisdom to plan a programme to encourage youths to reconnect, recalibrate and re-orientate their life going forward into 2022.
- **CM/BeTween** to connect with their faith community through their online interactions. BeTween and CM leaders and teachers to find great joy serving together. Children to be blessed by the virtual children's church service. Devotional materials on CM website to continue to guide and grow the children in the Lord.
- **End of Year Services:** 23 Dec Carols by Candlelight, 25 Dec Christmas Day Service, 31 Dec Watchnight Service. Thanksgiving for the W&M team as they organize and plan the Hybrid Christmas services. Smooth service flow and a good clear recording of the online services. Good weather for all the Christmas services.
- Parents to watch the live streaming of WesleyMC's services with their children, setting an example of reverent honour to God. The Word heard to bring growth in their lives.
- Safety and protection for all staff recording and carrying out streaming services on weekends. God's protection and grace to be over the volunteer team.
- Worshippers to continue to observe the new normal safe community responsibilities, to ensure a protected environment for everyone. Connection, unity and a prayerful heart to envelop worshippers as they worship onsite or from home.
- Seniors aged 60 and above, who have been discouraged from serving or attending onsite services to remain in good health. To be encouraged to find ways to volunteer on Zoom and contribute to the Sunday services.

### 2. Missions: Leow Theng Huat (Lecturer-Trinity Theological College faculty)

- God's strength & wisdom as Theng Huat prepares for a challenging semester
- Good health, strength & wisdom for Theng Huat's parents & parents-in-law

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

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