



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN  
February 2025

***“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12).***

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**Wednesday, 5 February 2025 @7.30PM, Dunman Hall**

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**Welcome:** *Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Heb. 4:16).*

**Opening Hymn:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Violinist:** Chris Khoo

*Verse 1*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of God’s unchanging love!

*Verse 2*

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

*Verse 3*

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

**Opening Prayer** : Chris Khoo

**Devotion Message** : *I Need an Answer* (Job 7:11, Isa. 55:9)  
By Pr Herna Kong

**Prayer Session** : (To Break into Groups)

**Closing Prayer** : Chris Khoo

**Fellowship over Refreshments**

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## Prayer for the World & Singapore

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### Global Concerns

- Pray for the current ceasefire and peace to hold in the Middle East and bring a sense of serenity and relief to all.
- Pray for God's will to prevail in the Middle East, and Ukraine/Russia, and a peaceful end to these conflicts.
- Pray that the new administration of the US government will truly seek God's guidance and wisdom in its discharge of its responsibilities.

### Gospel Ministry to the World

- Pray for the safety and success of missionaries spreading the gospel.
- Pray for the Gujarati people of Kenya.

(<https://www.ioshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/calendar>)

The Gujarati people are the inhabitants of the state of Gujarat, western India. For most of them, Gujarati is their native language. Today, there are significant Gujarati communities in some 27 nations with a large number in Kenya and Uganda. Gujarati people who have emigrated are usually from the higher and wealthier castes and have maintained many aspects of their own culture. They are often involved in trade or operate small businesses and have little free time to attend Bible study and church services. Ask the Lord to raise up missionaries who are passionate in sharing Christ to evangelise to the Gujarati people. Pray that God will give the mission agencies wisdom, favour and strategies for reaching out to them. Pray for indigenous Christians in Kenya to share Christ with these Hindus. Pray that South Asian Christians will be bold in their witness for Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Gujarati people towards Jesus Christ and His Word. Pray for Gujarati businessmen to be evangelised to, who will in turn take the gospel to their own people.

### Singapore

- Pray for families as we celebrate the Chinese New Year - May we use this opportunity to be God's messengers to communicate the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus. May the Holy Spirit work to soften the hearts of our non-Christian friends/relatives towards Jesus. May God strengthen our will to serve Him and to fully trust Him to supply our needs and address our concerns.
- Pray for Singapore's forthcoming general election that any government elected will continue to support family values, beliefs, and practices that honour God.

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## Prayer for the Church at Large

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### A&A Project

- Thank God for His leading of and providence for ORPC as we continue to work on the A&A project.
- Pray for speedy in-principal approval of the initial concept design from the relevant authorities so that we can move forward without delay.
- Pray for good cooperation and coordination among the congregations (PPC congregation, and ORPC English and Indonesian congregations), as we plan and prepare for the move to YWCA Outram (for church office) and Suntec City Convention Centre (for worship).
- Pray for the safety of workers and a smooth renovation process at the YWCA office site as we prepare the place for our pastoral and administrative staff.
- Pray for the fund-raising work in support of the A&A project as we work on meeting the fund-raising targets.

### **Every One of Us**

- Pray that every one of us will have a great desire to know God, convinced that the greatest fulfilment of our soul is found in Him.
- Pray that we, as individuals and as a church, will forsake the illusory comforts of a lukewarm faith and join the ranks of God's soldiers to take our stand against the schemes of the devil.
- Pray for the grace of God to season our words and the mercy of God to temper our actions as we engage with a cynical, apathetic and even combative world.
- Pray for eyes and ears to discern God's rebukes where necessary, that we might repent and have a yielded heart to seek God's sovereign will.
- Pray for children and grandchildren you know who have Christian parents and/or grandparents whose hearts are far from God. Pray for them to have a personal encounter with God and for their lives to be transformed by the love of Christ.
- Pray for Christian parents whose children are living outside of God's will. Their burden is heavy; pray for fellow believers and the church to come alongside them to encourage and journey with them.

### **Church Leaders**

- Pray for our church leaders to be kept fresh and renewed in the riches of God's grace.
- Pray that they will have the wisdom to take the path that God has set forth for them in their leading of our church, in unity and love.
- Pray that they will fix their eyes on Jesus and His leading even amid difficult and challenging circumstances.
- Pray that God will raise up more church leaders who are men and women after His own heart.

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### **Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry**

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#### **Brothers and Sisters Who Are Suffering**

Pray that God's almighty power will strengthen our brothers and sisters who are suffering to endure their suffering patiently. Pray also that God's grace will enable them to see their suffering from God's perspective.

#### **Discipleship Group (DG) Ministry**

- Thank God for the fruitful time of learning and sharing among the participants at the Growth Group Leaders' training session on 3 Dec 24.
- Thank God for the completion of the study on the Book of Revelation Series in Jan.
- Pray that DG members will experience the joy of knowing and abiding in Christ as they study 1 John in Feb and Mar 2025.
- Thank God for the 9 non-DG members/worshippers who have signed up for the study on 1 John. Pray that they will benefit from the reading and studying of God's Word with a DG.
- Thank God for the past 2 Growth Group's training sessions conducted in Dec 24 and Jan 25. Continue to pray for a fruitful time of learning and sharing among the participants at the remaining 9 sessions.
- Continue to pray for those DGs looking for a place for their meeting that they will find a suitable place before 1 Jul 25.

#### **Congregational Fellowship (CF)**

Pray that our CF *Lohei* on 8 February will gather many together not only to celebrate CNY but more importantly to foster unity and harmony as ORPC prepares to move its worship services to Suntec in October this year.

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## **Prayer for the Christian Education (CE) Ministry**

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### **Youths and Young Adults**

Pray for our youths and young adults starting out this new year in schools and the workplace that they will seek and rely on God's strength and wisdom in their journey ahead.

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## **Prayer for the Mission and Evangelism (M&E) Ministry**

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Pray for the speaker who will be sharing a message of God's love to the seniors at Sarah AAC on 21 February. Pray for the emcee Eld Goh Hui Hong, as he brings birthday cheer to them through games and singing. Pray that volunteers befriending the seniors will bring joy to them and be the hands and feet of God's love. Pray that the seniors, and their spouses and helpers will remember the message of God's love for them and eventually come to know Him.

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## **Prayer for the Worship Ministry**

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### **AV Ministry**

- Thank God for all the people involved in AV. They often provide behind-the-scenes ministry that allows us to worship God together at ORPC. The AV teams are often the first to arrive and the last to leave. On most weeks, an AV team will spend between 2 and 3 hours serving. Thank the Lord for all their service.
- When everything works, we do not even notice that the various AV systems help us in our worship! But we do notice when there are problems with the systems.
  - Pray that all the equipment will continue to work well so that we can worship the Lord without distraction.
  - Pray for wisdom for the AV Teams as they deal with problems as they occur.
  - Pray for our own patience when such disruptions mar our worship.
- Background people - There are people who do tasks that allow us to worship well each week. Such people are often unrecognised for their service. Pray for these people and their work behind the scenes. May they continue to serve faithfully as they have been doing. Thank the Lord for their service. These people include
  - Those who prepare the slides (scripture, hymns, songs, etc.) each week and those who prepare the service file containing all these slides in the days before our Sunday Service.
  - Those who prepare the recordings of the service and the sermon each week that we see on our website.
  - Those who prepare the flowers each week.
  - Those who prepare and keep the communion elements each month.

“The prayer of a Christian is not an attempt to force God's hand, but a humble acknowledgement of helplessness and dependance.” ~ J.I. Packer