



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN
APRIL 2025

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12).

Wednesday, 2 April 2025 @7.30PM, Dunman Hall

Welcome: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (Gal. 2:20).*

Opening Hymn: *Thank You for the Cross*

Pianist: Melissa Luky

Thank You for the cross, the mighty cross
That God Himself should die for such as us
And everyday we're changed into Your image,
more and more
Yes, by the cross we've truly been transformed.
(2x)

Chorus

And we're so amazed and we give You praise
That You would save us at such a cost
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For the power of the cross, for the power of
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Opening Prayer : Michelle Kho

Devotion Message : *The Call to Pray* (Jn. 17:9-10)
By Rev Edward Goh

Prayer Session : (To Break into Groups)

Closing Prayer : Michelle Kho

Fellowship over Refreshments

Prayer for the World & Singapore

Global Concerns

- Continue to pray for peace to hold in the Middle East and for a peaceful end to the Ukraine/Russia conflict.

- Pray for the USA and the policy changes being made that they will not destabilise world order.
- Pray for Myanmar where over 1 700 people have perished and thousands are missing and trapped and not accounted for because of the massive earthquake that struck on Friday, 28 March. Surrounding countries like Thailand and Yunnan have been deeply impacted by this earthquake as well, experiencing tremours and aftershocks from this massive earthquake. Pray for God's mercy on the people there. Pray that God will make clear the path for relief and medical supplies to reach the people as swiftly as possible, as the death toll is rising. The UN estimates that the death toll can reach 10 000 and even more. Pray also for God's peace to reign in the hearts of His people and for the leaders in Myanmar to continue to allow international help in this unprecedented 'nightmare', without reservation.
- Pray for us Christians that in these times of war, violence, disasters and plagues, we will hold on to the promises that our God reigns and He is the Ruler over heaven and earth, and the seas and the skies. Nothing escapes Him. He can turn this horrendous situation around as He speaks His powerful words. Speak Lord and do Your mighty work amid your people.

Gospel Ministry to the World

- Pray for the safety and success of missionaries who work to spread the gospel.
- Pray for the Bilala in Chad.

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

The Bilala live in compact villages in Chad, each run by a local chief. The chief and the village elders settle disputes among villagers and deal with outsiders. A Bilala girl will live in her mother's hut until she is ready to marry. However, a boy will move out of his mother's hut as soon as he reaches puberty and is able to build his own hut. Families arrange marriages with the consent of the young people. As far as we know, all the Bilala are Muslims. There is no gospel witness. The nearby Muslim Arab merchants, with whom they trade regularly, have strongly influenced them.

- Pray that the hearts of the Bilala will be open to Christ. Pray for a family-based movement to Christ to transform Bilala society, blessing them spiritually and economically.
- Pray for the Lord to move believers to sacrifice their lives to see the Bilala blessed by Jesus Christ, the only Saviour.
- Pray for Bilala decision-makers to open their communities to Christ's ambassadors.

Singapore

Pray for Singapore's forthcoming general election, that the government elected will continue to support values, beliefs, and practices that honour God.

Prayer for the English Presbytery (EP) and the Church at Large

English Presbytery Holy Week Convention (EP HWC) – The Meaning of the Cross (16 to 18 April)

- Pray for the preparation of our hearts and minds as we await the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Christ.
- Let us continue to pray for Dr Roland Chia as he prepares his sermon series *The Meaning of the Cross*. May the message about the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, be heard clearly and taken to heart by all who hear the message. Pray for those who respond to the gospel during this convention.
- Pray also for Pr Elena Yeo that her message will speak to all the children at this convention.

A&A Project

- Continue to thank God for His leading and providence concerning the A&A works.

- Pray for the team planning and coordinating the relocation of the pastoral and administrative offices to the temporary site at YWCA, Outram Road. Pray for wisdom and patience as they work towards meeting the needs of the two staffs.
- Pray for the technical team as they work with the multi-disciplinary team led by Formwerkz architects in finalising the design of the new facilities and in the submission of the plans to the authorities for their approval.
- Pray also for the fund-raising team as they organise various fund-raising projects. Pray that God will continue to move the hearts of our congregation to contribute towards the needs of this project.

Leaders' Retreat 2025 (Last Saturday, 29 March 2025)

Thank God for the fruitful time of mutual encouragement, evaluation and discussion on ministries, especially in regard to the A&A project. Pray that our pastors/elders and deacons will continue to seek dependence on God's wisdom and leading.

Membership Class (26 April – 17 May)

Give thanks to God for our Membership Class candidates who have committed themselves to Christ and our church. May God use the Membership Class to prepare their hearts to be His followers and members of the family of ORPC.

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM, 25 May)

Pray for God's wisdom as we make decisions that honour Him and serve His purpose for our church. May our decisions reflect His values, and lead to growth and unity in our congregation.

Nomination and Election of Elders and Deacons (25 May)

Pray that God will prepare and call members who seek His heart to step forward and serve His church. Let us pray that as they stand for election, God will continue to use us to encourage them as they carry out their responsibilities in the ministries that God will entrust to them, for the furtherance of His Kingdom in and through ORPC.

Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry

Bereavement

Dr Agnes Tan and Family

Pray for our Music Director, Agnes Tan, and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, the late Pastor Aie Hoo Yap Tan on 17 March 2025. May our God uphold her and her family, and provide comfort, assurance and support to them in this time of their grief. Give thanks to God also that Agnes' mother was well loved and cherished by God, and she is now resting joyfully in His arms.

Discipleship Group Ministry (DGM)

- Thank God for the 10 non-DG members who signed up and completed the study on 1 John, and 8 more who signed up for the study on Hebrew. Pray that they will continue participating in a DG and be blessed through the studies and fellowship.
- Pray for the pastors, elders, deacons and DG leaders in all our zones as they reach out to non-DG members who are cared for in their zones. Pray for all our non-DG members to be connected to our fellowship through members they know.
- Pray for DG members to actively take on supportive roles in their DGs and develop their gifts as they serve one another in the Lord.
- Continue to pray for fruitful learning and sharing among the 10 participants in the monthly Tuesday-night growth-group training for potential DG leaders.

Prayer for the Christian Education (CE) Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

- Pray for strength, joy and perseverance for our YA DG leaders as they lead and care for their DG members.
- Pray for our young adults to reach out to their fellow young adults who are new and/or inactive in the YAM.
- Pray for more mentors to mentor/walk with our young adults.

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

Easter Evangelistic Service

Pray for members who have been trained in Evangelism Equipping to be available to serve in the follow-up to the evangelistic service of 20 April. May worshippers at ORPC pray for and invite their family and friends to attend this evangelistic service to hear and receive the gospel of Christ.

Christianity Explained (CEX)

Pray that God will guide and lead those who have yet to know Him to attend the CEX course that starts in this April. Pray for open hearts and minds of the attendees to receive the truth, and come to know the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Evangelism Equipping (EE)

Pray for the four participants at the Classic EE course that is currently running on Thursday evenings till 8 May. Pray that the participants will learn the skills and gain the confidence to share the good news of Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts and inspire them to share the good news with those around them.

Synod Nepal Mission

Thank God for the gospel work in Nepal through the efforts of the Synod Nepal Mission since 2015.

- Pray for wisdom and strength for the Synod Nepal Focus Group committee in spearheading the work and mobilising the Synod churches in partnership to reach the 227 people groups in Nepal.
- Pray for Pastor Timothy (Synod-appointed mission enabler) as he works towards ordination and the setting up of a Presbyterian church in Nepal.
- Thank God for working through the medical and dental mission teams that worked tirelessly to partner the local churches in their 22-30 March mission trip. Pray for the EP Mission Conversation of 26 April, that all who attend it will be greatly encouraged by and filled with thanksgiving for God's hand of salvation working in Nepal.

Prayer for the Worship Ministry

- Easter is in April. Pray for all the forthcoming Easter-period services: Psalm Sunday, English Presbytery Holy Week Convention, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Pray for all the people involved in these services, including the adult choir and the youth worship team on Psalm Sunday. Pray that the gospel message will be clearly preached in this period.
- As we prepare for the A&A, pray for all the required preparation work and packing that will need to be done by the various worship ministries.

Prayer, in many ways, is the expression of our faith in God. ~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones