



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN
May 2025

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

Wednesday, 7 May 2025 @7.30PM, Dunman Hall

Welcome: *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (Jn. 11:25).*

Opening Hymn: *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Pianist: Tan En Yu

Verse 1

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be His than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Chorus

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today

Verse 2

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Chorus

Verse 3

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb
He's all that my hungering spirit needs
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

Chorus

Opening Prayer : Esther Lim

Dévotion Message : *Wake up, Lord! Why are you sleeping?* (Psalm 44:23-24)
By Eld Paul Johnson

Prayer Session : (To Break into Groups)

Closing Prayer : Esther Lim

Fellowship over Refreshments

Prayer for the World & Singapore

Global Concerns

- Continue to pray for the fragile peace in the Middle East, and for the Ukraine-Russia war to end.

- Pray for the USA and the abrupt policy changes that have been made that have affected individuals and countries. May wisdom and justice prevail according to God's will.

Gospel Ministry to the World

- Pray for the safety and success of missionaries who work to spread the gospel.
- Pray for the Yadav in Nepal.
(Adapted from <https://www.joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/calendar>)

The Yadav are a caste comprising milkmen, cowherds, farmers and labourers. Their traditional occupations are animal husbandry and the selling of animal products. Some of them are landlords. Some are businessmen, teachers, doctors, engineers or political leaders. Typically, Christians there try to convert Hindus there one at a time and include them in a church fellowship. The problem with this approach is that it isolates them from their family and often causes their family to equate following Christ with rebellion. It may be better to wait patiently for family elders to come to Christ first rather than pulling people out from their family. So, pray that Yadav family leaders will follow Christ, opening the way for entire families to follow suit. Pray that Christ will show Himself just, merciful and almighty to the Yadav, making them curious to want to know more about Him. Pray that Yadav believers will lead in drawing others to the foot of the cross by example. Ask God to give Yadav believers strength to weather the storm of persecution that new believers often face.

Prayer for the Church at Large

A&A Project

- Thank God for His leading of and providence for the A&A project. Thank Him for the successful conclusion of the sale of the church property at 33 Holland Grove Drive as part of the fund-raising effort for the A&A project.
- Thank God also for the continued support from congregation members who have pledged and transferred funds in support of the project. Pray that the \$10 million funding target will soon be reached.
- Let us all continue to pray for the Logistics and Offsite Committee as they make final plans and preparations for the relocation of the church admin and pastoral staffs to the temporary site at the YWCA Outram. Pray for the safety and protection of the workers putting in the final touches to the renovation work at the new offices.
- Pray for us as we negotiate the finer details of the tenancy agreement for the Suntec City Convention Hall facilities that will be used for Worship Services from the second week of October 2025.
- Pray for favourable response and speedy approval for the design plans submitted to the relevant authorities so that contract works may start without delay.
- Let us continue to pray for unity and a spirit of accommodation during this time of transition. Pray also for all of us to perceive the circumstance as an opportunity to reach out to the unreached as well as an opportunity to show care and love for one another.

Singapore

- Pray for all of us in our nation to be able to live healthy and stay healthy. May everyone remember to seek refuge and rest in our Lord. May the Holy Spirit uplift those in despair and God's help be extended to those in need.
- Pray for youths and young adults at school or the workplace that God's strength and wisdom will lighten their load and illuminate their minds in their journey.
- Thank God for the recent peaceful election in Singapore. Pray for cohesion and harmony between the ruling and opposition parties to work together for the good of Singapore.

- Pray that the government will continue to support values, beliefs, and practices that honour God.

Prayer for the Congregational Care (CC) Ministry

Bereavement

Pray for the family of Jane Josephine on her passing. Jane was active in the choir and in her DG. May God uphold Jane's family, especially her three children; Jessica, Karina and Ivan, providing them His comfort and assurance during their time of grief. Pray for their salvation.

Members Who Are Unwell

Irene Hoon

Pray for Irene, who had knee-cap surgery on 23 April. Pray for her full recovery and regaining of mobility, and relief of pain.

Goh Swee Bong

Give thanks to God for the successful heart-valve-replacement surgery of Brother Swee Bong on 24 April. A pacemaker has been inserted to regulate his heart functions and ensure that his heartbeat can be brought back to a normal level. As he proceeds to physiotherapy and occupational therapy, pray for his recovery and the restoration of his health.

Discipleship Group Ministry (DGM)

- Thank God for the 10 non-DG members who have completed the study on 1 John. Thank God also for the 8 people who have signed up for the study on Hebrews. Pray for them to continue participating in a DG and be blessed through study and fellowship.
- Pray for the pastors, elders, deacons and DG leaders in all our zones as they reach out to non-DG members 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 giftings 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

Children Ministry

- Thank God for the commitment of the SS teachers.
- Pray for more willing hearts to join the Children Ministry.
- Pray for more responses for the SS Summer Camp.

Youth Ministry (YM)

- Pray that God will provide the YM with rooms for the youth DG, and that it will meet the requirements for conducive Bible study. Give thanks for Ps Wei Liang, who has been tirelessly liaising with others for potential locations. Pray for God to provide the YM with the best option through Ps Wei Liang's effort.
- Pray that the next youth fundraising activity will be fruitful as the youths come together to make crafts for the A&A fundraising in June.
- Pray for Joel and Ps Wei Liang, who have been preparing to go on the mission trip to Thailand in June, that God will equip them with the necessary skills to serve and may God use them mightily to extend the work of His kingdom overseas.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

- Continue to pray for Pr Herna and Eld Koh Chuan that God will continue to grant them good health, strength, joy and perseverance as they lead and guide the YAM.
- Pray for joy, patience, and perseverance for YAM DG leaders as they care for their DG members.
- Pray for the YA DGs' transition that as they move to their respective places for their DG meeting, the DG members will be supportive and co-operative in having their DG meeting there.
- Continue to pray for the 9 mentors as they mentor their respective mentees. May their mentees have all-rounded growth. Pray for more adults to come forward to be mentors for our YAs.

Leaders' Equipping and Training (LET)

Pray that the LET will encourage, align, and empower our leaders to lead and shepherd our members amid the challenges of the A&A project.

Pray that the Growth Group training on every first Tuesday evening of the month will help sharpen the participants' Gospel Ministry convictions and equip them with the skills to disciple others through the DG Word Ministry.

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

- Pray for our church-supported mission workers (Eld Paul Johnson, Billy Seah, Fiona Tan, Rebecca Lim, Lion Soegiharto, and Woon Lee Tzu) that they may continually experience the peace and joy of Christ in their ministry.
- Pray for the 10 participants who have signed up for the Christianity Explained course that is currently running once a week until the first week of June, that they will come to understand the gospel clearly and their place in Christ or be re-affirmed in their faith.
- Thank God for the twelve respondents in our recent Easter evangelistic service. Pray for effective follow-up and spiritual deepening and growth for all of them.
- Thank God for the 10 people who have signed up for the Christianity Explained course. Pray for open hearts and minds as they seek a deeper understanding of God's truth. Pray for their time management and perseverance so that they can finish this six-week course. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and a hunger to know God. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide them to faith and in the knowledge of Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Prayer for the Worship Ministry

- Praise God for the good and successful Holy Week services of this year.
 - Many people who normally do not attend our Sunday services attended these services. May they be touched by the gospel message given to them during these services. Pray for those who responded and for their follow-up.
 - Thank God for all the people involved in these services (Choirs, Orchestra, Handbells, AV, etc.).
- Our various worship ministries will be/are cataloguing, disposing, packing, etc. their *barang-barang* as we prepare for our moving out in October 2025. Some also have to buy appropriate equipment for use after October. Pray for all who are involved in doing this.

"Prayer is not getting things from God. That is a most initial stage; prayer is getting into perfect communion with God: I tell Him what I know He knows in order that I may get to know it as He does." Oswald Chambers