



ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BULLETIN  
for the Month of **DECEMBER 2021**

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

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**1 December 2021 Zoom Prayer Meeting**

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**Welcome:** *“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:41).*

**Opening Hymn:** *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

I don't know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day  
I don't borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to grey  
I don't worry o'er the future  
For I know what Jesus said  
And today I'll walk beside Him  
For He knows what is ahead

**Refrain**

*Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand*

Every step is getting brighter,  
As the golden stairs I climb;  
Every burden's getting lighter;  
Every cloud is silver lined.  
There the sun is always shining,  
There no tear will dim the eye,  
At the ending of the rainbow,  
Where the mountains touch the sky.

**Refrain**

I don't know about tomorrow  
It may bring me poverty  
But the one who feeds the sparrow  
Is the one who stands by me  
And the path that is my portion  
May be through the flame or flood  
But His presence goes before me  
And I'm covered with His blood

**Refrain**

**Opening Prayer**

**Devotion:** *A Living Prayer Life (Phil. 4:6-7)*  
By Dcn Tony Puah

**Prayer Session**

**Closing Prayer**

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## Pray for the Church at Large

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### Simple Things to Pray for During Advent

Pray for

- Peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances are.
- Confidence in God's love for us and trust in His power to work things out for the best in our lives.
- Purity so we can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.
- Openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- A genuine awareness of God's grace in our lives and the humility to extend grace to others.
- A passion to pursue holiness, righteousness and justice.
- Discernment on what God wants us to set our priorities on, and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfil His purposes in our lives.
- Freedom from all that burden us - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts from others, etc.

### Elected Deacon, Goh Hui Yeow

Thank God for the smooth election of Hui Yeow as a deacon. Pray that as he serves as a deacon, God will continue to keep him humble, faithful, diligent, and joyful to manifest Christ's love and care for His people, as serving God is a privilege given by God. Pray that God will take care of and watch over Hui Yeow and his family as he juggles work, his family, and serving God and His people at ORPC.

### Membership Sunday (5 Dec)

Thank God for the 4 baptism candidates (Alyssa Chia, Veronica Hartono, Bryan Hee and Eugene Lee); 5 confirmation candidates (Elizabeth Gan, Hun Yi, Karina Low, Luke Masillamoni and Alicia Tan); and 2 membership-transfer candidates (Dave Arumugam and Charisse Chan). Pray that God will continue to guide them in their journey of faith all through their lives so that they will grow in their knowledge of Christ and serve Him.

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## Pray for the World and Our Nation

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### The World

Pray for people going through pain, trauma or hurt to lay down their heavy burden before God, and lean into the comforting embrace of Him.

### Myanmar (Burma)

Myanmar has been plagued by civil unrest since the military coup of 1 Feb that ousted Aung San Suu Kyi and her elected government. The current pandemic worsens the situation.

The military junta have escalated attacks on healthcare workers, and the country's health system has virtually collapsed. With medication and medical oxygen not readily available, patients are not able to get the medical treatment they need.

The violent civil unrest has displaced tens of thousands of people from their homes. In fact, hundreds of thousands of people have already been displaced from their homes in the past few years.

Pray for:

- The civil unrest to come to an end with a sustainable political solution arrived at, leading to lasting peace.
- The impoverished that basic necessities will reach them.

- Protection from natural disasters on the hundreds of Rohingya people in refugee camps in Bangladesh.
- The healthcare system to be re-established.

### **Coronavirus Variant - Omicron**

A new and potentially more transmissible coronavirus variant named Omicron has been identified. There is still a lot the world does not know about it, including whether the variant is more contagious, whether it causes more severe disease or what its effects on vaccine efficacy may be.

Pray that:

- Scientists will successfully obtain accurate information quickly on this new variant so that decisive measures on a global scale can be taken to ward off any potentially serious health issues posed by it.
- The Omicron variant is not more contagious, does not cause severe disease and does not reduce vaccine efficacy.
- Singapore will successfully block this new strain from entering her shores.
- The new strain will not impede the economic recovery taking place in Singapore and the world.

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

### **Sunday School**

- Thank God that online SS is running smoothly.
- Pray that SS can smoothly transit back to onsite as planned in mid-December.
- Pray that the hearts of our children are open to receiving God's word.
- Pray for wisdom in preparation for 2022.
- Pray that SS co-workers will continue to serve in 2022.

### **Youth Ministry**

- Pray for our youth outings this December, that they may be times of good fun and fellowship bonding for our youths.
- Thank God for the diligent and faithful ministry of our Youth Core Team and Youth Mentors throughout the year. Pray for greater partnership with parents and other significant adults in the church community for the coming year.
- Pray for our youths who are entering new academic phases and institutions in their lives. Pray that they may seek God's will for them and experience His goodness in the transitions.

### **Young Adult Ministry**

- Thank God that the YA university students will have a break this month during the December holidays. Pray that it will be a good time of rest, rejuvenation, and reflection before a new semester begins.
- As Advent and Christmas approaches, pray that the YAs will be intentional in sharing with their friends, family, and colleagues why Jesus' birth is such good news of great joy.
- Pray that the 19-year-olds would feel welcomed as they join the YA activities this month and that they would settle in quickly to YAM. Pray that the older YAs would readily welcome them, love them, and disciple them.

### **Marriage and Parenting Ministry**

- Thank God for the good execution of most of the programmes in 2021 as He guided us to overcome the various challenges in the fluid pandemic environment.
- Pray for the committee as we reflect on the learnings from 2021. Pray that we can make improvements for 2022 programmes to be intentional and helpful in growing the families in ORPC closer and stronger as a faith community through better engagement and follow-up.

### **School of Christian Ministry**

- Praise God for the many members who are eager to learn and who are attending the SoCM classes regularly.
- Pray that the classes will help to equip members to study the Bible and learn the Scriptures for themselves so that they can have a sure spiritual foundation.

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

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### **Prayer Meeting Ministry**

Pray that God will continue to put in us a heart to care for and share the burdens of our church, our country and the world, as well as a heart to care for the suffering of our fellow brothers and sisters, and peoples of the world through prayer. May ORPC be a praying church who understands God's will for the growth of His people in it.

### **Small Group (SG) Ministry**

Give thanks for the work that God has done in our hearts and lives in this past year. Give thanks also for the strengthening of relationships within the small groups and between the small group leaders. Pray that December will be a time of both rest and reflection for small group members and small group leaders alike, and a time of rededication of ourselves as individuals and as a community to discipleship. Pray for the pastors, elders, small group leaders, and ministry leaders as we prepare for changes in 2022.

### **Ministry to Women (M2W)**

Thank God for the preparation of heart for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ that God has given to ORPC's women. Pray that their participation in the Advent Bible Reading will help them live a life that constantly seeks God's presence and be ever-ready for Jesus' coming.

### **Sunshine Fellowship (SSF)**

- We thank God that December is a month filled with joy and jubilation because we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pray that we will continue to trust in God despite the pandemic and Christians all over world will take the opportunity to share the good news with the lost.
- We pray that we will love our Saviour with all our heart, mind and soul. We also pray that we will renew our commitment to our loving God and Heavenly Father in this Christmas season to live faithfully and righteously.

### **Visitation Ministry**

Pray for our brothers and sisters who are ill and suffering that God's comfort and healing hand will be on them. Pray that He will give them confidence in the power of His grace so that even if they are afraid, they will put their complete trust in His steadfast love.

- Delia Chan's Mother  
Pray for Delia's mother to be able to hold on tightly to the promise of eternal life that God has given to her ever since she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Pray for her emotional and

spiritual preparation as she waits to meet God face to face. Pray for Delia and her family that God will strengthen them as they prepare themselves to bid farewell to Delia's mother.

- **Wilfred Ling's Parents**

Wilfred's father's hip fracture is causing him a lot of pain. No operation will be done on him because of his age. In view of that, he has to live with the injury and not be able to walk again. He also feels lonely because of the COVID-19 restrictions on visitors. Pray for him to be able to endure the pain and accept his reduced mobility. Pray also that he will rely on God in his pain and suffering, and experience God's presence in his loneliness. He also has a growth in his lung, which is enlarging, and is likely to be cancerous. No treatment will be given. Pray that the enlarging growth will not cause additional discomfort or pain. Most of all, pray for his salvation.

Wilfred's mother attends ORPC online Worship Service every Sunday. Recently, she had a fall. Although her injury is not serious, it required stitches. Pray for God to heal her of her wound, and reduce her anxiety over her husband's illness.

- **Irene Seet**

Irene has a prolapsed disc that compresses on her L5 nerve root, causing excruciating pain. Pray that today's spine injection and surgery will successfully remove the problem and pain.

### **Thanksgiving**

- **David Aw**

Thank God for David's discharge from hospital, and the progress of his recovery from mild stroke.

- **Gordon Robinson**

Thank God for His healing of Gordon's hip. Pray for God to strengthen him further.

- **Han Xiang and Lisa; and Jung Hong and Crystal**

Thank God for giving a newborn, Baby Kayla, to Han Xiang and Lisa; and a second child, Baby Tabitha, to Jung Hong and Crystal. Pray that Kayla and Tabitha will grow healthily. Pray also for God's wisdom to be on the 2 couples to nurture their child in God's way.

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## **Pray for the Missions and Evangelism (M&E) Ministry**

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### **Local Outreach**

- Thank God for the volunteers who signed up for the Angel Tree Project by Prison Fellowship of Singapore and pray that the delivery of Christmas gifts will bring joy and peace to the families of the inmates and pray for opportunities to show love and share the gospel.

### **Overseas Missions**

- Pray for the livelihood projects at Fishport and Sunrise churches in Manila to gain traction and bring some income to the impoverished families. Pray for the pastoral team as they visit the homes of the children to conduct the children ministry and pray for opportunities for the pastors to reach out to their parents. Pray that the Christmas celebrations will be an opportunity for the pastors to share the love of Christ.
- Pray for the pastors in Myanmar as they reach out to their flock in Mandalay and Yangon, and pray for stabilisation of the political and COVID situations in Myanmar.

### **Missions Education & Training**

- Thanksgiving for the completion of Lessons on Christian Living and pray for the participants to apply the lessons to their daily Christian walk and live out their faith as disciples of Christ.

### **Supported Missionaries**

- Pray for the safe return of our supported missionaries – Billy & Fiona, Rebecca and Walter – as they plan their return to Singapore by this month.
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the recent completion of the EE Clinic with Baptist Theological Seminary students in July-Nov 2021 and pray for Lion as he attends the EE Singapore board meeting on 15 Dec and as he plans for EE clinics in 2022.
- Pray for Lee Tzu as she serves in EAST School of Theology teaching English and mentoring the students. Pray for her husband Rev Joseph Teng being cared for at All Saints Home in Jurong.
- Pray for Elder Paul Johnson serving in Wycliffe as he provides IT support to the various offices regionally. Pray that the Bible translation work will continue despite Covid challenges.

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## **Pray for Worship Ministry**

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### **This Month Special Services**

- Pray for the joy of the Lord be in the hearts of those who serve and of those who worship at this coming special services: Lesson and Carols Services; Combined Christmas Eve; Communion Service; Christmas Service; and Watch Night Service.

### **Music Ministry**

- Thank God for all who were involved in the preparations for our Advent/Christmas services. May God use these services and all the musical offerings and video presentations to help us draw closer to Him.
- Thank God for the entire music ministry team who have served faithfully this year. Pray for another year of service and faithfulness.
- Pray for a good time of bonding, sharing and fun at MMC's Christmas Zoom Party on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Pray for the Christmas Eve Combined Communion service as the different congregations gather together to worship. Pray for the preparations/volunteers needed; smooth operations during service and for the worshippers as they prepare their hearts in worship.
- Pray for grace, joy and success as the Music Ministry and AV partners go back to church for more live recording sessions in addition to home recordings for 2022.
- Pray that God will continue to bring members with musical talents and burden to join the music ministry.

### **Audio & Video Ministry**

- Thank God for patience and encouragement shown by experienced AV crew to the new ones as they serve together as part of on-job training.
- Pray that God will grant wisdom and knowledge to AV crewmembers in every technical aspect for getting the smooth running of all AV equipment for both onsite and live-streaming worship services.

### **Ushering Ministry**

- Thank God that all ushers on duty have tested negative in their self-ART and are able to serve as a result.
- Pray for good health for all ushers and that they will continue to serve even if it may be inconvenient for them to do their self-ART, and to submit the result on time before their duty.
- Pray for ushers' willingness to serve at the Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service.

*“Prayer makes a godly man, and puts within him the mind of Christ, the mind of humility, of self-surrender, of service, of pity, and of prayer. If we really pray, we will become more like God, or else we will quit praying.” – E.M. Bounds*