

April 四月

2021 Prayer Calendar 二零二一年祈禱月曆

"Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you,
"Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek." (Psalm 27:7-8)

"耶和華啊，我用聲音呼籲的時候，求你垂聽；並求你憐恤我，應允我。你說：你們當尋求我的面。
那時我心向你說：耶和華啊，你的面我正要尋求。" (詩篇27:7-8)

To Redeem the Lost and to Disciple the Saved
挽回失喪者 裝備得救者

Chinese Presbyterian Church
雪梨華人長老會
A Disciple-making Church 造就門徒的教會

1	T H U	Church-wide Ministry and Direction Jericho Road (Presbyterian Social Services) has started a Flood Appeal, the funds of which will be sent to local congregations to spend and distribute in their local areas to support those who have been affected by the floods, enabling them to show God's love through local relationships. Please pray for these efforts to rebuild lives. Donations can be made via https://jerichoroad.org.au/flood-appeal/ .
2	F R I	English Ministries Thank the Lord for the relaunch of IGNITE at the Evening Service and that the young adults will continue to worship and fellowship
3	S A T	Cantonese Ministries Gives thanks for the recommencement of PWA and Men's Fellowship back at church in March. Pray for members and leaders to grow and to learn from one another as we focus on the reading of God's words.
4	S U N	Sunday School Thank God for those who plan and run the Holiday Program, which will focus on the Easter story. Pray that the children will understand the meaning of Easter.
		Supported Missionaries

5	M O N	<p>(2) Kit Ng (Sydney)</p> <p>* Thank God for approving the university approved CBM's reaffiliation as a student club. * Ask God for: Week 1 stalls to be able to hold a stall in week 1 (starting today 1st March) to meet new and returning students and make more new contacts. * Thank God for handing out flyers at campus to reconnect with new students. So far, 13 new students have signed up. * Please pray for V" who identifies loosely as a Buddhist. She doesn't believe there is a God but believes there is a "higher power" She agreed to meet up with myself and others to look at the book of Genesis . * Pray for Catherine and A , 1st year students to grow deeper in faith and have confidence to pray and witness for Him.</p>
6	T U E	<p>Language School</p> <p>Pray that God will continue to lead and bless the second semester. Pray also that the students on vacation can review their Chinese materials and that their parents can work with and supervise them.</p>
7	W E D	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>We thank God for the number of brothers and sisters who have faithfully joined the monthly Church Combined Prayer Meeting online since the start of COVID. Please pray that, with the ease of restrictions and Lord willing, different suburban prayer fellowships can gradually resume their physical meetings.</p>
8	T H U	<p>English Ministries</p> <p>Thank God for the increase in attendees to the worship service and Sunday activities, the online streaming that reaches the vulnerable who are not able to come physically and pray that we can reach out to the elderly, sick and lonely within our congregation.</p>
9	F R I	<p>Cantonese Ministries</p> <p>Pray for more patients and families to join the Cancare meeting and for Cancare volunteers to journey with existing ones.</p>
10	S A T	<p>Mandarin Ministries</p> <p>Pray for the physical worship in church in the near future. Pray that everyone has the eagerness to come back to church to worship and to serve.</p>
11	S U N	<p>Supported Missionaries (3)) Kym & Stephanie Schwarz (Sydney)</p> <p>* Pray for God's leading hands on Kym's possible future role as he will be leaving his present role in personnel department.</p>
12	M O N	<p>National Situation</p> <p>The worst flooding in a few decades in NSW recently has caused almost 20,000 people to evacuate. Pray for the communities that have been hit the hardest: Yarras, Comboyne, Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Wingham, Kempsey and South West Rocks. Pray for strength to get through this period of isolations. Many businesses in these communities are in low-lying areas and have sustained terrible flood damage. This is compounded with the effects of COVID last year. Please uphold these communities in your prayers that they will be sustained.</p>
13	T U E	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>Pray for God's provision of more pastoral resources to care for the elderly members of all our congregations, and to shepherd people of the English ministries.</p>

14	W E D	English Ministries Pray for the growing of the small group ministry and to support the leaders of each small group
15	T H U	Mandarin Ministries Pray for the students of EMBS. Ask God to bring UNSW students to come to know Jesus through the Bible study and activities.
16	F R I	Sunday School Thank God for those faithful teachers who continue to serve onsite or online. Pray for wisdom when preparing lessons and activities. Thank God for the encouragement and sharing between teachers and the children's talk team.
17	S A T	Supported Missionaries (4) Luke Hansard (Tasmania) * Please pray for God's wisdom and blessing on our efforts to reach the new students. Numbers had decreased this year. * South Asian ministry has reduced from 60 to 40. * Please pray for Pratap, Neville, Borong, Hayley, Wei, Lin Fung, and Cheryl. Ask that just as they received Christ Jesus as Lord, that they continue to live in Him. Many of them are facing serious challenges that threaten their new lives. * Please pray for Sabin's apprenticeship; that it grows him in conviction, competency, and character. He needs to raise his remaining \$10k. * Please pray for our Day Conference on the 13th March to strengthen, encourage, equip and re-focus leaders as they take up the privilege of student ministry.
18	S U N	National & International Situations According to Open Doors, 3,530 Nigerian Christians lost their lives in 2020. There were also more than 10,000 reported cases of physical and mental abuse, leaving thousands of Nigerian Christians without a home, livelihood or emotional support. Our brothers and sisters in Nigeria are desperate for physical, emotional and spiritual support. Please pray.
19	M O N	Church-wide Ministry and Direction Thank God for the recent ACM held at the end of March which approved certain ministry initiatives and confirmed the new COM members. Pray for a unified vision among the leaders of the church.
20	T U E	Cantonese Ministries Two discipleship groups have recently completed their study. Praise God for their perseverance in the last couple of years. Please pray that they continue to grow as Christ's disciples, and also pray for the other ongoing groups.
21	W E D	Mandarin Ministries Pray for all the Mandarin Bible Study groups and fellowship groups. Pray that God will raise up more brothers and sisters to serve Him. Pray that every member not only will be rooted in His Words, together practice the discipline of discipleship, but also bear much spiritual fruits.
22	T H U	Sunday School Thank God for those children who are able to return to onsite Sunday School, and pray for those who remain at home, that they can feel connected to their classmates in some way.

23	F R I	<p>Supported Missionaries (5) Elizabeth & Murray Benn (Mongolia)</p> <p>* Pray that God would use us to bless, challenge and encourage the churches and small groups we will be speaking with in the coming months. * Pray for Jack and Jaz as they start out their married life together. Pray that their marriage will bring glory to Him. * Pray that God will continue to bring in business to Fairfield, despite our absence, the staff will be able to see His hand at work and be drawn to Him. * Pray for Keegan and Ella, particularly, as they transition to life in Australia, and then for Ella as she returns to Mongolia as an 'only child'. * Pray for wisdom, special creativity, and provision for 2021 so that we can continue to provide employment for our Fairfield team, and maintain our visa which allows us to live in Mongolia.</p>
24	S A T	<p>National & International Situations Of the 29 countries that have legalized same-sex marriage, more than half of them are in Europe. According to the Christian Post, Hungary however has passed a constitutional amendment that will preserve the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, backed by the incumbent Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Pray that more nations would be upholding marriage as a sacred union between a man and a woman according to God's plan.</p>
25	S U N	<p>English Ministries Pray for Rev. Tom Wall and family as he waits on the Lord for the next calling and direction into the next ministry</p>
26	M O N	<p>Cantonese Ministries With more Language School students who have enrolled in the Chinese classes this year, please pray for an effective way to reach out to those new parents.</p>
27	T U E	<p>English Ministries Thank the Lord for the relaunch of IGNITE at the Evening Service and that the young adults will continue to worship and fellowship</p>
28	W E D	<p>Supported Missionaries (1) Jason & Hiwin Tam (Taiwan)</p> <p>*Praise God for our time in Australia. Pray for us to settle back home quickly, and be aware of God's guiding hand as we start to face the world of Sydney and juggle reunions, rest, work and family. Pray that we continue to grow in Christ daily. *Praise God for OMF supports for Jason in his allied health profession. Pray for Jason to be faithful and diligent in all aspects of his work at First Light Care. *Pray for God to bring strong friendships into Ashar's life wherever he goes, to minimize cultural barriers and help him to connect on a deep level. *Praise God for Gus & Audrey to settle quickly in Puxin. Pray for God to lead them as they visit many places with limited rest in many ministries. Pray for Joseph & Olivia to lead Puxin church planting team with humility. *Pray for us to work through some of our experiences with someone outside of OMF, to assess our mental health check on resilience on Thursday 4 March. *Pray for Jason to preach at Praise Evangelical Free Church of Australia on Sunday 14 March. *Pray for us to share with Cantonese Student Fellowship at Chinese Presbyterian Church on Sunday 21 March, and Evangelical Free Church of Australia on Sunday 28 March. *Pray for Jason to join the Scope as part of a panel on Wednesday 31 March.</p>

29	M O N	Language School Give thanks that the first semester went very well (28/3 as the last week). Thank God for taking care of the school affairs, teaching, and lesson venues.
30	T U E	National & International Situations Though religious persecution in China and India is expected to increase in 2021, exposure to the Bible is increasing in North Korea, the world's most repressive country, according to the annual Persecution Trends survey from Release International, which is an international Christian watchdog organization for persecuted Christians. Pray for God's preservation of his faithful followers and advancement of the gospel in the most unlikely places.