

July 七月

2025 Prayer Calendar 二零二五年祈禱月曆

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:7-8)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. (1 Timothy 4:12-13)

Live out Christ daily and enjoy His kingship
每天活出基督，以王為樂

Chinese Presbyterian Church
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A Disciple-making Church 造就門徒的教會

1	T U E	Church-wide Ministry and Direction Pray for the mobilisation of members to serve in the current shortage of pastoral resources so that good mutual care, fellowship and ministries can be maintained. Pray particularly for the Mandarin congregation where the shortage is most acute.
2	W E D	Christian Workers OMF - Jason, Hiwin & Ashar Tam (Puxin, Taiwan) (1) Pray that the universal Church (in Puxin and across the globe) will live out godliness and holiness. (2) Please pray that Hiwin will continue to walk closely with the Lord each day, relying on His strength and wisdom in both ministry and personal life. Pray that she may serve others with humility, love, and joy, and that she will find times of rest and renewal in Him (3) Please also pray for a refreshing and restful vacation with Jason's parents on 30 June - 5 July.

3	T H U	Cantonese Ministries (1) The new semester at the UTS and the USyd will begin in late July and early August respectively. Pray that God will protect and bless the campus fellowships' orientation events in late July, so that they may reach out to more new students. (2) Pray that God will continue to watch over the weekly meetings and small groups of the UNSW campus fellowship this semester. May Christian students grow in their faith, and may non-believing students come to know and truly understand the Lord Jesus Christ.
4	F R I	Mandarin Ministries [Student Ministry] (1) Pray for the students at UNSW, that they may experience God's faithfulness and mercy amid their busy studies and come to know more deeply our great and loving God. Pray also for the EMBS club: ask God to help the student committee with a smooth leadership transition, as some members are graduating. May God raise up new students to join the committee so that the fellowship can continue to function well. (2) Pray for the Sunday "Benchmark" Student Fellowship: may God help everyone build meaningful relationships and grant the leaders wisdom and love as they lead Bible studies, so that the fellowship may grow and flourish.
5	S A T	Sunday School (1) Pray for those involved in the Sunday School holiday program. Give them wisdom and joy as they interact with the children. (2) Pray that the children enjoy the songs, stories and activities, and the change from regular lessons. (3) Pray that the teachers and helpers can spend the break enjoying refreshment and fellowship.
6	S U N	English Ministries (1) Pray without ceasing for our leaders within the various English ministries to be encouraged in their serving, strengthened to teach God's word, and to mutually care for each other in their common faith. (2) Give thanks for our recent emerging leaders retreat with Rev Patrick Fung and pray for continual encouragement, development and vision for exploring the pathways building up all our leaders within CPC.
7	M O N	Chinese School Thank you Lord that the Chinese School has successfully completed the second term. Pray that God would grant the staff and students a peaceful and joyful holiday.

8	T U E	<p>National & International Situations</p> <p>Pray for the Escalating Middle East Crisis</p> <p>On June 13, 2025, Israel launched surprise attacks on Iranian military and nuclear facilities. Iran retaliated by launching missiles and drones at military sites and cities in Israel, escalating the decades-long animosity between Israel and Iran. On June 22, 2025, the Iran-Israel military conflict was further aggravated when US military surprisingly attacked three nuclear facilities in Iran. On June 24, 2025, Iran retaliated by launching missiles at a US military base in Qatar.</p> <p>These military conflicts in the Middle East have been aggravating - will it stop there or escalate?</p> <p>(1) Pray for a lasting peace for all the nations involved in the conflicts in the Middle East.</p> <p>(2) Pray that the ceasefire agreement between the United States, Israel and Iran can proceed smoothly.</p> <p>(3) Pray for healing of physical and emotional wounds of soldiers and civilians.</p> <p>(4) Pray for the safe return of all the hostages.</p> <p>(5) Pray especially for the safe delivery of food and medical supplies in Gaza - enabling hospitals and medical staff to provide life-saving services to all those affected.</p> <p>(6) Pray for influential world leaders in the region to make wise decisions.</p>
9	W E D	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>Pray for the Lord's continued guidance to the Session and the congregation regarding the recruitment of the new moderator for CPC.</p>
10	T H U	<p>English Ministries</p> <p>(1) Pray for the ministry of CYA through which our youths will build a firm foundation of faith in our Lord and a strong sense of belonging to our spiritual family, also pray opportunities to witness amongst our wider friendship circles and invite them to church.</p> <p>(2) Give thanks we have finished our Term 2 series on the Vision of God's Kingdom. Pray the Lord and the teaching concerning his eternal kingdom would dwell within the minds and hearts of our Youth for Christ. Pray for a restful and joyful break for both our leaders and the youth.</p> <p>(3) Pray for our CYA Camp (11-13th July) that it would be a mutually encouraging time for all involved. Pray for our speaker John Le as he makes his final preparations and that the talks help us to focus on Jesus as the Narrow Gate. Pray for our guest speaker John Le who is currently studying at Christ college. Pray his preparations will speak God's word and that it would inspire the Youth to know Christ and live for him.</p>
11	F R I	<p>Cantonese Ministries</p> <p>May God watch over the graduates in the Student and Young Worker Fellowship who are still searching for jobs. It is especially difficult for those seeking their first job due to their non-citizen or non-permanent resident status.</p>

12	S A T	Mandarin Ministries [Small Groups Ministry] Pray for the Sunday fellowship groups and the various weekday home groups, the Dandelion Small Group, and the Zion Small Group. Ask God to help brothers and sisters commit themselves to fellowship, to build deep, meaningful relationships within their groups, and to experience the power of the Holy Spirit together through Bible study, intercession, and mutual sharing.
13	S U N	Bi-lingual Service Pray for the health of our senior brothers & sisters, including those who have been unable to attend church regularly due to physical infirmity.
14	M O N	Sunday School (1) Pray that teachers can clearly know and tell the gospel every lesson. (2) Pray that all our children understand the truths in each lesson and respond to them, not that they are just nice stories.
15	T U E	Christian Workers Wayne Tso with FOCUS at University of Newcastle (1) I still need to raise \$13,755. I'm running out of people to approach—please pray for wisdom, and that God would lead me to the right people to approach about financial support. (2) Pray that new students will keep coming to FOCUS, hear the gospel clearly, and come to know Jesus personally. (3) Ask Jesus to soften hearts of students who still have not accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and saviour. (4) Pray that international students will increasingly honour God in their thoughts, actions, and love for one another. (5) Pray for God to raise up new FOCUS leaders and strengthen our current ones in character, competence, and love.
16	W E D	Chinese School (1) May the Holy Spirit grant the teachers wisdom to plan the curriculum for the next semester, enhancing students' interest in learning Chinese. (2) Thank God that our students have enthusiastically registered to participate in the 2025 National Chinese Eisteddfod: 6 teams and 34 individuals. Pray that the teachers responsible for the recitation training have wisdom and ability, and that the students will be focused and diligent in their practice.

17	T H U	<p>National & International Situations</p> <p>Colder Winter and Flu Season May Peak Earlier This Year in Australia</p> <p>According to the ABC News on June 14, 2024, most of central and eastern Australia has shivered through the coldest first fortnight of winter in at least three years. Numerous daily temperatures were recorded as overnight lows dipped 10 degrees Celsius below the June average. In the meantime, a record number of influenza cases have been confirmed in Australia, according to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS). Australia is facing a sharp and early surge in influenza, with more than 63,000 cases already recorded, rising at their fastest pace in years. Experts have warned that flu season may peak earlier this year.</p> <p>(1) Pray for God's protection and strengthening for those people (elderly and children) vulnerable to pneumonia and influenza.</p> <p>(2) Pray for God's comfort and healing for those being affected by pneumonia and influenza.</p> <p>(3) Pray for God's protection and strengthening for hospital staff treating pneumonia and influenza.</p>
18	F R I	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>Pray that all our members will continue to grow in faithful stewardship so that the church's ministries will be adequately resourced by the Lord through them.</p>
19	S A T	<p>English Ministries</p> <p>(1) Pray for Pastor Steaven and Rev. Adam to work in close partnership so that our youths and NextGen can build relationships and synergy to the benefit of both groups.</p> <p>(2) Pray for the Youth and Young adults to be growing in their personal quiet times with the Lord and fostering close relationships with one another.</p>
20	S U N	<p>Cantonese Ministries</p> <p>(1) Pray for Pastor Dorothy's full recovery.</p> <p>(2) Pray that the Marriage Ministry would help strengthen the marital relationships within the congregation.</p>
21	M O N	<p>Mandarin Ministries</p> <p>Pray for all the preparations for the Mandarin Gospel event on September 20. May God guide the drama and worship rehearsals, and help brothers and sisters grow in faith throughout the process, building one another up in unity.</p>

22	T U E	Sunday School A man recalled he became a Christian when a five-year-old from CPC called Mertice shared the Gospel with him. At the time he was an international student and boarded with Mertice's parents. They had shared the Gospel with him, but he didn't want to know. But it was the faith of five-year-old Mertice that broke through to him. Thank God for the faith of our children and the importance of Sunday School.
23	W E D	Christian Workers Tan family in Sydney (1) Evelyn & Lee-On were speakers at a Chinese church camp on the Gold Coast in May 2025. One of the challenges faced by Mandarin-speaking churches is the cultural and language differences between the older generation who grew up in China & speak Chinese and the younger generation growing up in Australia who speak English. Please pray that this church will continue to grow, that they have good and thriving relationships with God, within families, and with one another. Pray that they will be effective in reaching out to students & migrants from China. (2) Pray for Grace serving in East Asia and her ministry to youth & families. Pray that many young people will come to know Jesus and mature in faith in him. Pray that Christian parents will be active in discipling their own children and raising them to know the Lord.
24	T H U	National & International Situations Pray for Russia/Ukraine War's Exchange of Prisoners The exchange was the result of direct talks between the two sides in Istanbul on June 2 that resulted in an agreement to exchange at least 1,200 prisoners of war on each side and to repatriate 12,000 of dead bodies of those killed in Russia's war in Ukraine. However, previous negotiations have failed to secure a ceasefire to end the war, now in its fourth year (June 24, 2025 marked the day 1,216 of Russia-Ukraine military conflicts). (1) Give thanks to God for the progress of the exchange of prisoners of war. (2) Pray for civilians who have been displaced and separated from families as they have sought safety. (3) Pray that the people on both sides find the peace and hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. (4) Pray for the leaders of the churches and missionaries in the region that God will enable them to care for their people.
25	F R I	Church-wide Ministry and Direction (1) Pray that the impetus built up from last year's church camp will continue: we will build up one another through "mentoring", passing on what the Lord has taught us at various life stages. (2) Pray for prayerful boldness to offer "mentoring" and seek "mentoring" from more mature brothers & sisters.

26	S A T	English Ministries (1) Pray for a number of young couples who are planning to enter marriage this year and those who have recently been married. Pray that they will be well prepared for their union before God, settle into this new stage of their lives and work towards the building up of godly families that glorify the Lord. (2) Pray for the small groups to continue to grow in God's word and their personal relationships with one another. Give thanks for the dedication of our small group leaders and those who open their home to demonstrate hospitality.
27	S U N	Cantonese Ministries (1) Pray that God will lead the Student and Young Worker Fellowships to move forward towards the set goals and direction in the second half of the year. (2) Pray that God will guide the Student and Young Worker Fellowships as they prepare for the gospel camp in early September. May God move the hearts of brothers and sisters, as well as non-believing friends, to attend.
28	M O N	Mandarin Ministries Pray for the Mandarin co-workers' retreat on August 1–2. May God bless and lead this retreat. Although the time is short, pray that everyone will still be able to have deep fellowship and sharing, and truly enjoy the time together. May we be renewed and strengthened in Christ, as we seek God's will together and serve the Lord and the church with one heart and mind.
29	T U E	Christian Workers Bec & Tim at UTS (1) Please pray for us as we serve the students and they make good daily decisions about honouring the Lord in all their relationships. (2) Praise God the number of Christians involved in Chopstix has grown from 19 to 35 over the semester! (3) Bec has been mentoring 4 girls most of whom are second generation Christians. Pray for these girls that they will continue to grow deep in their faith, and be challenged to grow closer to Him each day. (4) Praise the Lord that attendees at Vision Night 2025 told us that they have a much clearer picture of what is happening through the ministry. The Lord enabled us to raise sufficient funds to continue work on campus with materials, outreaches and funds towards Christian student retreats.

30	W E D	<p>National & International Situations</p> <p>Pray for Our Country - Australia</p> <p>According to the latest figures by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australia's population officially grew rapidly by 2.3 per cent to 27.1 million people in 2024 (annual net overseas migration was 509,800 people).</p> <p>(1) Pray to God for wisdom and ability for the Australian government in regard to the preparation for and execution of policies in relation to migration, housing and labour markets for the long-term benefits of the country.</p> <p>(2) Pray that people will repent and call upon the name of the Lord for a powerful national revival among our children and youth.</p> <p>(3) Pray for God's sovereignty to reign over our families, fellowships, government, education, media, work and recreation so that people will act responsibly and faithfully.</p> <p>(4) Pray for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of Truth in our schools, universities, and on every level of our educational system.</p>
31	T H U	<p>Church-wide Ministry and Direction</p> <p>Pray that the ideas brought forward at the leaders retreat will be followed up and implemented effectively.</p>