

## CHINESE CHRISTIAN UNION CHURCH

### DAILY PRAYER GUIDE



**January 2012**

**Please pray for 15 minutes each day  
for individuals and the church.**

- Pray for the Pastoral staff – for protection from the attacks of Satan. Pray also for their weekly messages.
- Pray for the leaders – Deacons, Trustees, Sunday School teachers and all other workers.
- Pray for one another – for protection from temptations and for our witness to others.
- Use the Prayer Guide and pray each day.
- Pray for yourself – bring all your needs before the Throne of Grace.

### **Three-year Daily Bible reading plan included**

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**JANUARY 1, SUNDAY****JOHN 8**

- “Let him who is without sin . . . throw a stone at her”. Praise God that Jesus’ masterful answer did not minimize the woman’s guilt, nor deny the Law’s sanctity. It showed the accusers that they were unfit to be her judges and executioners (8:3-11).
- Pray that we would be wise to stand in awe of the Lord, who does all things well, who accomplishes all His holy will, who never wavers for one moment, even when all around us is in turmoil.
- As the New Year begins, pray to the Lord to awaken our hearts to His love. Pray for increased hunger to spend more time in prayer, worship and God’s Word.

**JANUARY 2, MONDAY****JOHN 9**

- Praise God that the real reason the blind man suffered his affliction was ‘so that the works of God might be displayed in him’ (9:3).
- In looking for reasons and answers to our suffering, pray that our conclusions are biblical rather than be shaped by our feelings and others’ opinions.
- Pray for Pastor Andrew Lee and Gerald Huang as they begin to serve the Lord among us.

**JANUARY 3, TUESDAY****JOHN 10**

- Praise God for He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep.
- Pray that we will trust Him to care for our deepest needs.
- Pray for: Deacons (Antony Chan, Ming Leung, Roman Leung, and Nam Shiu); Titus Fellowship (E).

**JANUARY 4, WEDNESDAY****JOHN 11**

- Praise God, Jesus claimed that He is the source and power of resurrection – the one who grants eternal life (11:25), and guarantees the life of His followers. He demonstrated the truth of this claim by calling Lazarus forth from the grave (11:41-44).
- Pray that we can entrust our final destiny into the hands of Jesus without fear, for He is the one who grants us life. At Christ’s return, He will raise our lifeless bodies, reuniting them with our spirits that we might live as whole, redeemed beings in His presence forever (1 Corinthians 15:42-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- Pray for: Pastor Mark Chan; Deacons (Chen Jin, Jay Lee, Tat Tsang, and Larry Wong).

**JANUARY 5, THURSDAY****JOHN 12**

- Praise God, Jesus accepted His role and reasserted His commitment to the cross (12:27), though He was greatly troubled by the prospect of bearing the wrath of His holy Father in the place of sinners.
- Pray that we do not take lightly the wrath of God but be filled with wonder, praise and worship for the love of God, displayed in all its severity and sincerity on the cross of Christ.
- Pray for: Deacons (Gordon Chi, Dominic Ho, David Huang, Bennie Tse, and Stephen Yeh Sr.); Ambassadors (E) Winter Retreat, 1/5-8.

**JANUARY 6, FRIDAY****JOHN 13**

- Praise God for the beautiful example of the love of Jesus Christ – the washing of the disciples’ feet (13:1-17, 34-35).
- Pray that we will love one another by doing the little menial slave task for the glory of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for additional counselors and helpers for Echoes Fellowship (E) and Crusaders Fellowship (E).

**JANUARY 7, SATURDAY****JOHN 14**

- Thank the Lord for the sure promise from Jesus that He will bring all of His followers safely into His Father’s house, a house that has enough rooms for all of God’s people (14:1-4).
- Pray that we will trust in Jesus for He is the way to the Father. He is the truth whether in this world or the world to come. He is the life that is eternal (14:6).
- Pray for: Ministry Staff (Johnson Hsu, Sally Song, Erica Wang, and Yi Zhen Wang); Esther Fellowship (C).

**JANUARY 8, SUNDAY****JOHN 15**

- Praise God that those who abide in Christ have the blessings of bearing fruit (15:5), answered prayer (15:7), loving lives that glorify God (15:8) and joy (15:11).
- Pray that we will choose to abide (remain, continue) in His love (15:9).
- Pray for: Hannah Fellowship (C); Men’s Club (C); Foreign Missions Committee.

**JANUARY 9, MONDAY****JOHN 16**

- Praise God for Jesus' promise to His disciples that, when He went away, the Holy Spirit will come to them. He will convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (16:8-11).
- The Holy Spirit wants us to be like Christ, so He constantly reveals Christ to us on every page of His Word (16:12-15). Pray that God will give us a love for His Word.
- Pray for: Trustees (Jared Lee, Alex Leung, Ben Ng, and Sze Kin Wong); Pui Tak Christian School and Staff.

**JANUARY 10, TUESDAY****JOHN 17**

- Praise God that the final petition in Jesus' High Priestly Prayer was to spend eternity with His chosen people and for the permanent unveiling of His divine glory in the presence of all His disciples (17:24).
- Pray that our supreme yearning is to be with Christ (Phil. 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- Pray for: Trustees (Kin On Lau, Stephen Sit, Anthony Chan, and Ryan Zhou); Via Fellowship (E).

**JANUARY 11, WEDNESDAY****JOHN 18**

- Praise God that Pilate's role fulfilled Jesus' prediction that the Gentiles would take part in His death (18:29; Mark 10:33-34). It also guaranteed the form of execution – Roman crucifixion rather than Jewish execution by stoning (3:14; 8:28; 12:32).
- God's sovereign plan was at work in Christ's life. Pray that our trust in God will grow as we come to realize that He is involved in even the smallest detail of our lives.
- Pray for: Trustees (Andrea Eng, Barry Jeong, Victor Kwong, and Sylvia Lai); Basic Christian Beliefs Class (M).

**JANUARY 12, THURSDAY****JOHN 19**

- Praise God that Jesus' love and compassion for His widowed mother, in the midst of His excruciating pain, reflected His care for those He loved (19:26-27; 13:1; 15:9).
- Jesus continually showed His character by fulfilling the prophecies of Scriptures and being devoted to building and maintaining relationships (19:17-42). Pray that we will stay true to the Word of God and care for the needs of others.
- Pray for: Deacons Meeting tonight; Trustees (Toby Cheuk, Ted Tse, Kent Lau, and Victor Louie).

**JANUARY 13, FRIDAY****JOHN 20**

- Praise God that Jesus graciously provided the visual and tangible evidence to Thomas, so that the written report of Thomas' faith and confession will spur to conversion those who have access only to the text (20:28-29).
- When caught in an act of inadequate faith, pray that we will be quick as Thomas to admit our error.
- Pray for: Kingdom Seekers Fellowship (E); Canaan Fellowship (C); Worship Teams.

**JANUARY 14, SATURDAY****JOHN 21**

- Praise God that while Jesus gladly restored Peter who had disowned Him, He made him face his sin, declared his love and received a commission (21:15-19).
- Pray that we will love our Lord supremely with unswerving devotion.
- Pray for: Rev. Andrew Lee's Installation Service; Josiah Fellowship (C); Senior Group (M).

**JANUARY 15, SUNDAY****RUTH 1**

- Thank the Lord that Ruth was clearly a woman of faith despite her being a Gentile. She would not leave Naomi, but instead she pledged to go with Naomi to serve the only living God and to love His people (1:15-22).
- This is the same devotion we are to have to the Lord's people today. No matter our flaws, pray that we will love and serve one another.
- Pray for: Installation of Deacons and Trustees; Trustees Meeting.

**JANUARY 16, MONDAY****RUTH 2**

- Thank the Lord that when Ruth reported Boaz's generosity to her mother-in-law, Naomi began to move out of her bitterness and back toward faith (2:20-21).
- We should never underestimate the effect our generosity can have on other people. When we give to others in the name of Christ, our Lord can use it to help some become believers and others to renew their trust in Him. Pray that we will be looking for opportunities to give generously of our time and resources.
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of the day when we would live in the beloved community. Pray that the Lord help us as we work in numerous ways to create a beloved community at home and in the world.
- Pray for: Administrative Staff (Craig Wong, Joe Lee, Lorraine Lee, Jane Moy, and Iris Tung).

**JANUARY 17, TUESDAY****RUTH 3**

- Thank the Lord that God's holy people not only pray, they are also willing to be the answer of their prayers. Boaz did not just pray that Ruth would find refuge (2:12), he moved to shelter her in the Lord's name when the opportunity presented itself (3:9-10).
- Prayer is vitally important, but we must also be willing to be the answer to prayer. Pray for another's salvation but preach the Gospel to that person as well.
- Pray for: Children's Ministry Coordinators (Wendy Chan, Ivy Lee, Irene Leung, Mei Sun Shiu, Charmaine Wong, and Jane Wu); GroupOne Fellowship (C); Ethan & Annie Chan (missionaries, creative access country).

**JANUARY 18, WEDNESDAY****RUTH 4**

- Praise God that Boaz was ultimately rewarded for his selfless deed when he was included in the line of David and thus the line of Christ (4:13-22; Matthew 1:1-17). He did not know that this would be his reward when he cared for Ruth.
- We do not always know how God is going to reward us for doing what is right. Pray that we will trust God to repay us for any sacrifice we make to obey His law, whether now, in the age to come, or both.
- Pray for: Carmel Fellowship (C); Tim & Carol Wu (missionaries serving in Kaohsiung, Taiwan); Pui Tak Center and Staff.

**JANUARY 19, THURSDAY****1 SAMUEL 1**

- Thank the Lord for Hannah's prayer of unimaginable consecration and devotion to the purposes of the Lord: 'Lord, You give me a son, and I will give him to You all the days of his life' (1:11).
- Pray that we might live our lives that God would be first and foremost in ourselves and in our families.
- Pray for: Bible Study at Chinatown Elderly Apartments (C); Horizon Fellowship (E); Dan & Kathy Schneider (missionaries, creative access country).

**JANUARY 20, FRIDAY****1 SAMUEL 2**

- Praise God that Hannah's prayer of gratitude was not only focused on God's goodness in giving Samuel to her but also looked to the mercies of the Lord on the entire nation of Israel (2:5, 10).
- Pray that we would intercede with an eye as to how the answer might be used to extend God's kingdom.
- Pray for: Mandarin Small Groups (Love, Joy, Peace); Young Teens Fellowship Counselors (Matthew Chan, Anthony & Kimberly Fong).

**JANUARY 21, SATURDAY****1 SAMUEL 3**

- The severe crisis in Israel was leadership. Praise God that His response to Israel's leadership crisis was the provision of His Word (3:20-21).
- God also leads His people by His word now. God's word to us is also the word spoken by His Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2). Pray that we can be His people by hearing His Word, believe in Him and obey Him (3:10).
- Pray for: Moses Fellowship (C); Ambassadors Fellowship (E); ESL Tutoring.

**JANUARY 22, SUNDAY****1 SAMUEL 4**

- The elders treated the ark of the covenant like a good-luck charm, which would ensure them victory over the Philistines (4:3-4). Praise God, salvation depends on His initiative and sovereign grace, not on human techniques or schemes (2 Sam. 15:25).
- Pray that we realize that God would definitely not solve our problems if our lives are not yielded to Him.
- Pray for: Sunday Worship Services; Chinese New Year Outreach (M).

**JANUARY 23, MONDAY****1 SAMUEL 5**

- Praise God, He demonstrated His sovereignty in the territory of Israel's enemies, causing the Philistines to feel the weight of His hand in judgment (5:1-12).
- Pray that we will serve the one true God of Israel and have Him as Lord over our lives.
- Pray for: Yunn Fook Home Chinese New Year Outreach; Follow up of new believers.

**JANUARY 24, TUESDAY****1 SAMUEL 6**

- Praise God for He is holy (6:20). He needed to be propitiated and the Philistines needed to send something back with the ark of God to appease His wrath (6:1-3).
- Pray that we might not just understand more of God's holiness, but understand more of the beauty and cost of God's redeeming grace.
- Pray for: Physically infirmed; CCUC-West (Zhen Jun Wang; John Williams).

**JANUARY 25, WEDNESDAY****1 SAMUEL 7**

- Praise God that when the Philistines came with their weapons, Samuel cried out to the Lord and the Lord answered him (7:7-11).
- Pray that we be reminded again of the absolute crucial importance of the church prayer meeting. It is where the business of the church is done. It is where battles are fought and won at the throne of grace.
- Pray for: Pastoral Search Committee; Horizon Fellowship (E).

**JANUARY 26, THURSDAY****1 SAMUEL 8**

- Praise God for warning the Israelites about having a king (8:10-18). In wanting a king, they were rejecting God (8:7).
- History bears witness to the deadly consequences for those societies that turn from God. Pray for our politicians to submit to the Lord, and pray for a great revival in our country.
- Pray for our city and state.

**JANUARY 27, FRIDAY****1 SAMUEL 9**

- Thank the Lord that throughout his years and into old age, Samuel had sought friendship and fellowship with God. People knew him to be a prophet of the Lord. All that he said came true (9:5-10).
- Pray that our lives would so reflect Jesus that we would leave a mark of godliness as a powerful testimony to Him.
- Pray for: Jireh Fellowship (C); Kingdom Seekers Fellowship (E); Cantonese Choir.

**JANUARY 28, SATURDAY****1 SAMUEL 10**

- Praise God for giving Saul a series of signs to assure him he is the man chosen by God and to assure him of his new responsibilities (10:1-7).
- Pray that the Lord will make us aware of the signs that light our path and keep us faithful to follow His lead.
- Pray for: Deacon & Staff Summit; Joshua Fellowship

**JANUARY 29, SUNDAY****1 SAMUEL 11**

- Praise God for His Spirit came upon Saul to fill him with divine indignation and to empower him to deliver the citizens of Jabesh Gilead (11:5-11).
- Pray that our anger be righteous anger against injustice and wrong.
- Pray for: Adult Sunday School Teachers; Nursery Coordinators (Amy Lau and Amy Zheng).

**JANUARY 30, MONDAY****1 SAMUEL 12**

- Praise God that His faithfulness to His people Israel was paralleled by the faithfulness of Samuel in ministering to this people (12:1-18).
- What a gracious God we have, who disciplines us when we sin. When we sin, pray that we might once again turn to Him in faith, obedience, love and gratitude (12:19-25).
- Pray for: CCUC-South (Pastor Alan Kwok and Hazel Or); Pui Tak Bookstore

**JANUARY 31, TUESDAY****1 SAMUEL 13**

- Thank the Lord that Saul had begun his reign with humility and compassion, and he gave God the credit (11:5-13). The prophet Samuel told Saul that God would have kept the kingship in his family if he had obeyed God's command (13:13-14). But, Saul's one act of disobedience changed the course of his life. From that point on, it was a sad downhill journey.
- Pray that we will never forget that disobedience has consequences.
- Pray for: CCUC-North (Rev. Alan Chan, Rev. Ya Min Huang, and Luke Tillett); Job Seekers.

## **New Beginning**

Incomprehensible, great, and glorious God,  
I adore you and abase myself.

I approach you mindful that I am  
less than nothing,  
a creature worse than nothing.

My thoughts are not screened from your gaze.  
My secret sins blaze in the light of your countenance.

Enable me to remember that blood which cleanses  
all sin,  
to believe in that grace which subdues  
all iniquities,  
to resign myself to that agency which can  
deliver me from the bondage of corruption  
into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

You had begun a good work in me  
and can alone continue and complete it.

Give me an increasing conviction of my tendency  
to err,  
and of my exposure to sin.

Help me to feel more of the purifying, softening  
influence of religion,  
its compassion, love, pity, courtesy,  
and employ me as your instrument  
in blessing others.

Give me to distinguish  
between the mere form of godliness and its power,  
between life and a name to live,  
between guile and truth,  
between hypocrisy and a religion that will bear  
your eye.

If I am not right, set me right, keep me right;  
And may I at last come to your house in peace.

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