

CELEBRATION OF  
***Hope***

2019 Year of Prayer  
Lenten Prayer Guide

## Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Shalom! Another year had gone by and we are even closer to the event (Celebration of Hope) that God has ordained. All preparations are being done at the greatest of urgency and intensity. It is not a time to sit back thinking that all are in control. Yes, all human preparations should already be almost completed. However, we cannot be complacent and slow down. The blessings of God for us is at stake. Are we to take it lightly? Of course not! We must not miss out on the blessings that accompany His work. It will be to our benefit to take hold of the great and bountiful harvest that God had prepared for His people in Singapore.

With so much at stake we cannot relent on the most important aspect of preparation—Prayer. We must pray even harder and more earnest in beseeching prayers to God. We cannot take it for granted that it will all be smooth sailing. The enemy is not going to just give up its ground. On the contrary, the enemy will put in more firepower and effort to disrupt what God wants to do for us. It is for us to stop it in its track. Our weapon is prayer, more specifically prayer with fasting.

Not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of God. That is our war cry and that is why we need to pray and pray like never before as we draw nearer. What are we that God would even be mindful of us? It is because He loves us. His love for us is the motivation for us to respond with gusto, to trust in Him, to believe in Him.

Through the year of prayer 2018, much efforts and meetings were organised to spur us to pray and beseech God. Now, in 2019, as we come so close to the main event, we must not stop. Without the Lord there is nothing we can do. Our

strength and abilities needed to fulfill the task will need to come from the Holy Spirit. We will have to pray just to get through the day.

Lent, a long-standing tradition of the church for fasting and prayer that we may find favour with God, would be an appropriate time to cry out to God to turn Singapore towards God.

This simple prayer guide seeks to help us in our daily prayer (for the next 40 days) to beseech God with a broken and contrite heart. It is meant to supplement the Lent devotions that you are already using. It is by no means trying to supersede it.

In the spirit of Lent, it is also good for us to include fasting alongside our prayers. Fasting need not necessarily be from food. It can be fasting from worldly pleasure that draws us away from God (e.g. excessive time-consuming mobile content).

Let us, together as one, beseech God to help us fulfill the work He had put upon our shoulders with the Celebration of Hope event as a catalyst.

In His service,

Revd Barry Leong  
Prayer Convener  
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## Prayer Guide

It is always the right thing to begin our prayer with thanksgiving, just like the apostle Paul. Indeed, there are a lot to give thanks for. Let us begin.

### **Day 1:** Wednesday 6 March (Ash Wednesday)

Let us thank God for:

- The impending great and bountiful harvest of souls in our nation.
- The unity of different church groups and organisations working as one for His Kingdom work.
- Providing the necessary financial and manpower resources for the event.

### **Day 2:** Thursday 7 March

Let us thank God for:

- Making available the speakers for the various language groups for the event.
- The effort put in by individual Christians going about to do personal evangelising. May their efforts find favour with God.
- Sustaining our leaders throughout the preparation period and strengthening them for the final push.

### **Day 3:** Friday 8 March

Let us thank God for:

- The preparation thus far. There are greater challenges ahead, but we know that the Holy Spirit will be with us.
- The power of the Holy Spirit strengthening us to lift His name.

- The Holy Spirit working in the lives of those who have yet to know Him, preparing them to receive the gospel with willing hearts and accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**Day 4: Saturday 9 March**

Let us thank God for:

- The great and bountiful harvest. It is not just a harvest but a bountiful one.
- Finding us faithful to bestow such a great task to us. May we not fail Him as we humble ourselves to follow His leading.
- Giving us all a chance to show the world that we are one because we are in Christ. By working in unity, we show the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**This week's prayer we come to God in humbleness.  
We beseech God to:**

**Day 5: Monday 11 March**

- Hear our cry to give of ourselves for Kingdom work. This will include our finance, time, and other resources.
- Bring forth Christians to serve in the various areas to ensure a smooth running of the event.
- Send us out to continue to invite people to hear the word of God.

**Day 6: Tuesday 12 March**

- Continue to give wisdom to the steering committee to lead the various committees to execute the event proper.
- Protect Bishop Rennis Ponniah, chairman, and

Dr Lawrence Chia, co-chairman, as they helm the whole committee in the planning and executing the CoH event.

- Protect and give wisdom to the Executive committee and working committee that they will be able to find success in their various areas of responsibilities.

**Day 7: Wednesday 13 March**

- Protect and give wisdom to the various speakers in the different language groups as they prepare to minister in the events leading up to the main CoH event.
- Watch over the preparation and executing of the children programme during the event. The children need God too.
- Watch over and bless all volunteers ready to serve.

**Day 8: Thursday 14 March**

- Pray for the vision of CoH to continue to catch on. That the spirit of it will continue even after the event.
- Pray that the churches will continue to work as one always. Let CoH be the catalyst for the churches to find common grounds always and stay united.
- Pray that the churches will be willing troops of God, working as one united entity, for the spread of the gospel.

**Day 9: Friday 15 March**

- Pray that Christian brothers and sisters will offer up holy lives to the glory of God.
- Pray for the Lord to touch our hearts that we may offer up the necessary help and finances for the CoH event.
- Pray for Christians of the nation to be renewed in holiness.

**Day 10:** Saturday 16 March

- Pray that we will be deeply convicted of our tolerance of sin in our nation.
- Pray for all of us to know of our brokenness and the need for the Lord.
- Pray for us to be restored by the Lord so that we can bring that reconciliation to the lost.

**Day 11:** Monday 18 March

- Pray for the nation to turn from darkness to the light of the world.
- Pray for the nation to let justice and mercy to flow like rivers under God.
- Pray for the leaders of the nation to be able to stand strong and firm under pressure from without and within to uphold justice and righteousness.

**Day 12:** Tuesday 19 March

- Pray for God to forgive us of our less than desirable effort in evangelism.
- For forgiveness in our disunity.
- Pray that we may truly be one with the Lord and thereby with one another.

**Day 13:** Wednesday 20 March

- Pray for our Christian leaders of the marketplace to come full force to participate in the CoH event.
- Pray for all Christians in the marketplace to move earnestly in reaching out to those in the marketplace and public square.



- Pray for all of us to long to work in unity for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

**Day 14:** Thursday 21 March

- Beseech the Lord for the churches in Singapore to continue to work together to turn the nation towards God.
- May the revival in Singapore come in a mighty way and continues till the Lord returns.
- May a prayer movement emerge and we continue to trust in God through prayer.

**Day 15:** Friday 22 March

- Pray that our prayers and evangelism will never stop or lose momentum.
- Pray that we will be resolute in our desire to serve God in evangelism.
- May we work hard while it is still day.

**Day 16:** Saturday 23 March

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon all venues prepared for the CoH events. That all who come into those venues will feel the presence of God and be convicted to believe.
- Pray for protection of all venues and people during the CoH event. That no ill will come upon anyone during the time of the events.
- Pray for favour of the Lord to be upon all who are coming for the event.

**Day 17:** Monday 25 March

- Pray for more people to come and pray and beseech the

Lord at the Morning Prayer (6:30am to 8:30am) at Kum Yan Methodist Church.

- Pray for the continued welfare of the nation. As the nation grapples with the uncertainty of the change in leadership, pray that people will know that God is in charge and has prepared the right person to lead Singapore.
- Pray that as we enter this exciting time of God's visitation, we will be earnest to seek Him and serve Him.

**Day 18:** Tuesday 26 March

- Pray for church leaders in Singapore to be bonded in heart and spirit that we may bring the gospel to the lost.
- In that one spirit, may we all be blessed as we uphold the name of Christ.
- May we be faithful to God's calling and work in synergy to bring in the mighty harvest.

**Day 19:** Wednesday 27 March

- Pray that the Christian community may be blessed as we practice righteousness, compassion and steadfast love under the rule of God.
- Pray that we will stand firm in the way of life worthy of the gospel.
- Pray that we will be ready, in season and out of season, to stand up to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Day 20:** Thursday 28 March

- Pray that we will be more engrossed in giving than receiving.
- Pray that we will be ready to offer up our lives for Christ more than we want to keep it.

- Pray that we will want His will be done more than our own will.

**Day 21:** Friday 29 March

- Pray that we will keep ourselves spiritually fit and equipped to lead people to Christ.
- Pray that the churches will do even more to equip the flock for the work of Christ.
- Pray that many more will be added to the kingdom because of participating in the preparation.

**Day 22:** Saturday 30 March

- Pray for the church leaders and the various committee of CoH to remain strong and courageous.
- Pray for God to protect His mighty soldiers in this work.
- Pray for the health and wellbeing of the church leaders as they toil daily in the work of Christ.

**Day 23:** Monday 1 April

- We continue to pray for the Lord's provision for all the needs of the CoH event, the finance, preparation of the stadium and other locations, all other logistics.
- Continue to keep all the invited speakers in good health and spiritual wellbeing.
- May the wisdom of God be with all who are ready to minister, in various capacities, to the lost. That they may gain favour with man and God.

**Day 24:** Tuesday 2 April

- Pray that we will be in step with the Holy Spirit in His work of CoH.

- Pray that the favour of the Lord continues to be upon us as the work gains pace towards fulfilment.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for the various leaders, especially Revd Tony Yeo and Revd Lewis Lew, carrying out the operations work of the event.

#### **Day 25:** Wednesday 3 April

- Pray for our brother Paul Samuel as he leads the Infrastructure and Operations Planning Committee. The work is overwhelming and tedious. May the wisdom and strength of the Lord be with him!
- Pray for sharpness of mind and eye to manage every detail without missing them out.
- Pray for peace and strength for the committee members to deal with the challenges.

#### **Day 26:** Thursday 4 April

- Pray for the continual generosity of the people to continue to fill up the needs for the event. May the financial and manpower needs for the event be quickly fulfilled.
- We pray for the people trained (Project Andrew) to lead others to Christ. May they put their training to great use.

#### **Day 27:** Friday 5 April

- Pray that the churches in Singapore will be renewed, revived and reformed as they engage in this event.
- Pray that the churches in Singapore will be ready to receive the power from on high as the Spirit of God moves mightily among them.
- Pray that the spirit will not be quenched because of

lack of spiritual sensitivity to know the leading of God in this movement.

**Day 28:** Saturday 6 April

- Pray for members within the churches to be able to flow with the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the shaking of the churches to come out of slumber and wake up to the time of harvest.
- Pray for readiness to jump up and grab the opportunities for harvest.

**Next week we will be entering Holy Week. It is good for us this week to return to thanksgiving before we enter the final week of Lent.**

Let us thank God for:

**Day 29:** Monday 8 April

- His favour in renewing and revival of the Church in Singapore.
- His pleasure to prepare a bountiful harvest for us.
- His initiative for us to respond and be blessed doing so.

**Day 30:** Tuesday 9 April

- The church in prayer with one voice for His work.
- The stirring of the hearts of Christians as we respond as one body to His work.
- The opening of the way forward when we deal with secular authorities.

### **Day 31:** Wednesday 10 April

- Strengthening our faith by providing a venue that seems unlikely in the beginning.
- Further encouragement for our faith by the favour of secular authorities.
- Even further assurance of our faith when senior leadership of different church groups felt the same vision and choose to work together.

### **Day 32:** Thursday 11 April

- Stable and safe nation that we can freely worship our God without fear.
- Strong and fair government that deals with us justly.
- Sensible and spiritual church leadership that is willing to meet up with the challenges of getting the Lord's work done.

### **Day 33:** Friday 12 April

- Trusting us with His great work of spreading the gospel to the ends of the world.
- Believing in us to work together to carry out the CoH event.
- Having faith in us to humble ourselves to follow His leading without question or complaint.

### **Day 34:** Saturday 13 April

- Allowing us into partnership with the Holy Spirit in this great work.
- Guiding us every step of the way even before we can see what is happening ahead.
- Protecting us from falling as we trust in Him and Him alone.

**As we enter Holy Week, we want to know that Christ bear the cross for us and the world. It is for us to emulate Him to bear the cross.**

**Day 35:** Monday 15 April

Pray that:

- We will wholeheartedly praise God, not because others are doing it, but we want to do it.
- Others will want to praise God too because of what the joy they see in our lives.
- The nation of Singapore will come to know God and praise Him in one voice.

**Day 36:** Tuesday 16 April

Pray that:

- We will face up to the challenges of being criticised and reviled because of our faith.
- We will have wisdom from on high to deal with the questions that are thrown our way.
- We will deal with the revilers with love and thus win them over.

**Day 37:** Wednesday 17 April

Pray that:

- As the events for the Celebration of Hope happens, we will earnestly beseech God to touch the hearts of all those we invited.
- We will keep very close to God while we journey and soldier on in life.
- We will re-look at our priorities in life and align it with God's.

### **Day 38:** Thursday 18 April (Maundy Thursday)

Our Lord humbled himself to serve others, that we may also serve. Pray that:

- We truly live out the meaning of “came to serve and not to be served.”
- We will understand that serving others does not mean that we have lost our status and pride. Instead we gained more by serving others.
- We serve out of love and passion for the lost, not for the sake of numbers.

### **Day 39:** Friday 19 April (Good Friday)

As Jesus hang on the cross to wash away our sins; may we be willing to die to ourselves that others may also find eternal life. Pray that:

- We will die to our own insecurity, shyness or whatever reasons that will stop us from sharing the gospel to others.
- We will have the resolve to keep “knocking” on the hearts of those who have yet to know Christ.
- We will die to ourselves by putting aside the desires of the world in order that some may be saved.

### **Day 40:** Saturday 20 April

As Christ descended to bring the gospel to those awaiting, we also pray that we will go out into the world with the gospel. Pray that:

- We will be strong and courageous to share our testimonies about God to others.
- We will make the effort to invite our friends and loved ones to the Celebration of Hope right from the onset.



- We will always be passionate about bringing the gospel to the lost.



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