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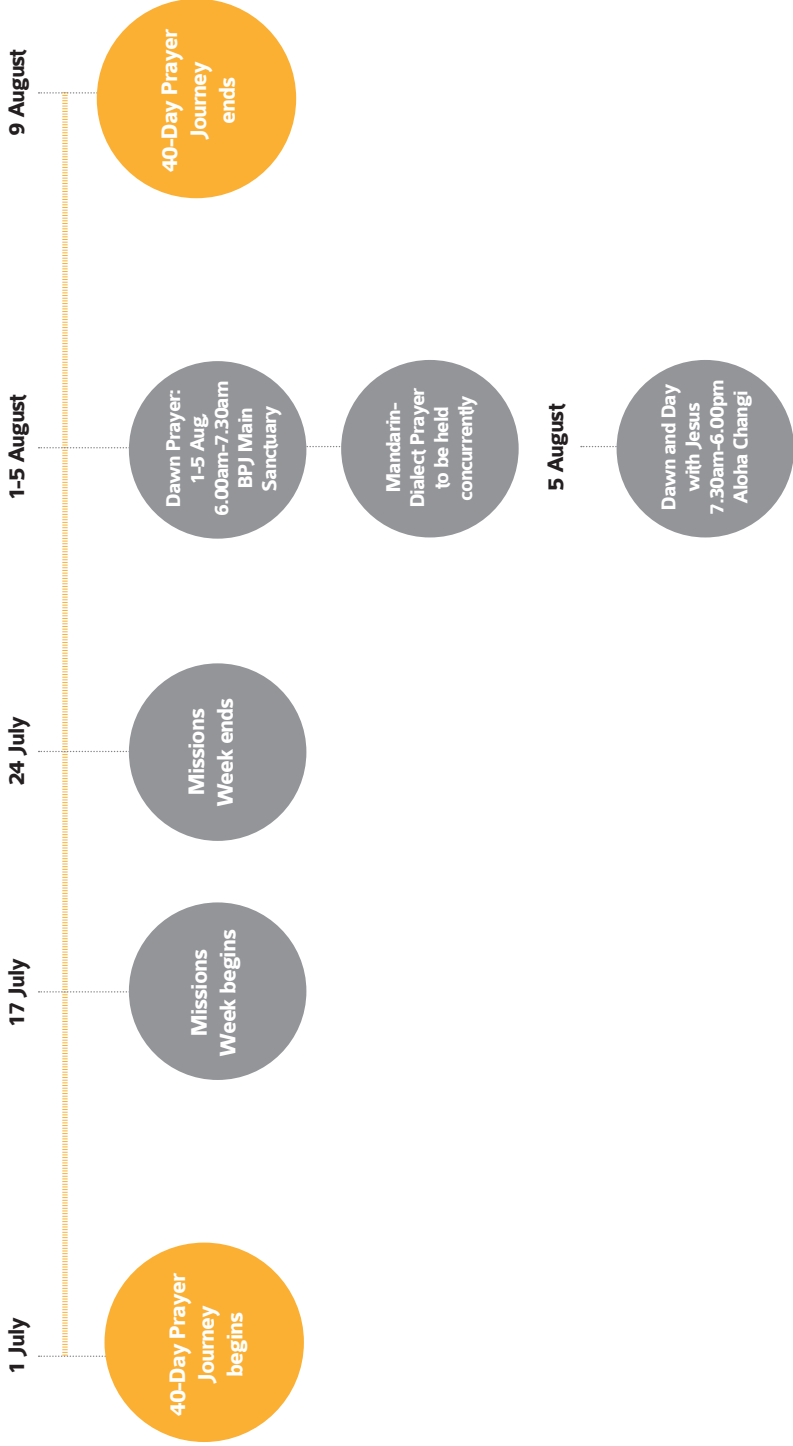


“... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

HEBREWS 10:22

40-DAY PRAYER JOURNEY

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f foreword

A CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE often begins with discipline before it becomes a delight. It might take us a lifetime to bridge this gap. But if we do not start with discipline, I am afraid we will not make any progress at all.

One of the transformational strategies of Covenant is “Empower Me”, where we seek to empower God’s people in their prayer life. We are determined to press on and see busy Covenanters grow in their prayer lives.

Covenant’s church board members come together every Saturday morning at 6.30am to pray and fellowship. This is a discipline not many churches have. Over the years, it has become a great delight for our leaders.

We have also kept our monthly Day of Prayer for many years now. We used to have it on a Friday night, but most of us arrived tired after a hard day’s work. Subsequently, we made a bold move to shift our time of prayer to a Saturday afternoon. Covenanters responded well to this change. More people participated. Hearts were blessed. And we rejoice at the progress.

We used to have 24-hr prayer chains on the eve of National Day, then our Dawn Prayers and 24/7 prayer chains. This year, we are led not just to have Dawn Prayer but a “Dawn and Day with Jesus” on 5 August as well. We term it as “D&D with Jesus”. We believe that if we can show you how you can spend a day with Jesus, your spiritual life would take on a new depth. It can then be a spiritual discipline you do on a regular basis. It will give you the confidence to venture into our annual 3D2N silence and solitude retreat.

Recently, I observed that God is teaching the church board to LISTEN, LEARN and then LEAD God’s people into His purposes. I believe you can do likewise. The Lord has also impressed upon me Psalm 103:7—“*He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.*” (ESV) To know His ways, we have to listen. To see His acts, we have to move out in faith. Without listening and moving out in faith, we know nothing and see nothing.

Arise, Covenanters, and be blessed!

Reverend Tan Kay Kiong

Senior Pastor Designate
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trumpet call

HEBREW 10:22

using the 40-day prayer journal

decide

to draw near to God

Prepare Your Heart:

- Tell the Lord you desire to meet Him.
- Ask Him to cleanse you from all sin and unrighteousness.
- Believe that He has forgiven you in Christ Jesus and thank Him.
- Bring before Him your open and contrite heart.
- Enter into His presence with expectancy.

Meditate Before Prayer Session:

- Hebrews 4:16
- Hebrews 11:6
- James 4:8
- Psalm 51:17
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Matthew 11:28–30

Going Through The Personal Prayer

During the 40-Day Prayer Journey, read each day's Scripture passage and reflect on God's Word and the prompters for the day. Transact with the LORD on what He is speaking to you about.

Act According To God's Word:

- Claim God's promises.
- Obey God's commands.
- Repent from sins.
- Give thanks for God's blessings.
- Pray for God's purposes to be done.

Delight in being with the LORD. He is waiting for YOU! He delights in being with you! Enjoy your time with Him! Worship and adore Him in prayer!

End your time with the LORD in prayer. Seal your transaction with the LORD with a Personal Prayer for the day.

Going Through The Watchman Prayer

Next, pray for God's people in Covenant EFC, for Singapore and for Missions with the Watchman Prayer for the day. Watchman Prayer is praying for others.

- Note the prayer focus for the day.
- Read and pray through "Our Dream", the Scripture provided and the "Three Greatest Prayer Needs".
- Pause and ask the LORD if there is another Scripture, burden or blessing He would like you to pray about.
- Follow His Spirit's leading. God's Word will authenticate the promptings you receive.

Give thanks for His presence and guidance in your prayer journey. Continue to linger in His presence and joy as you go about the day's routine.

The prayer journey will culminate with five days of **Dawn Prayer** from 1-5 Aug and **Dawn and Day with Jesus** on 5 Aug. In that week, seek the Lord and pray together with other believers, especially those in your District.

If God has revealed to you any impressions or insights during this prayer journey, please email us at 40dayprayer@cefc.org.sg and share them with us. Include your name, contact number, topic of impression/insight, CGL name, Worship Centre and indicate the date you received them.

"GIVE THANKS FOR HIS PRESENCE AND GUIDANCE IN YOUR PRAYER JOURNEY. CONTINUE TO LINGER IN HIS PRESENCE AND JOY AS YOU GO ABOUT THE DAY'S ROUTINE."

a guide to fasting

(Adapted from LoveSingapore's 40-Day Prayer Guide 2008)

HOW TO FAST

You are free to fast however the Spirit leads you. Some options are:

- **Total Fast:**
Abstain from solid foods for an extended part of the day. Take only water. You may fast from sunrise to sundown or from breakfast to afternoon tea.
- **One-Meal Fast:**
Sacrifice one full meal a day.
- **Beverage Fast:**
Abstain from solid foods for 24 hours. Take only water and liquid foods, such as milk, Milo or other health beverages.
- **Daniel Fast:**
Abstain from meats and other favourite delicacies. Take only small portions of fresh vegetables, fruit and juices. You may practise this as a 40-day routine. Or as Daniel 1:12 suggests, make this a 10-day fast.
- **Esther Fast:**
Abstain from solid foods for 24 hours for 3 days (Esther 4:16).

"IS THIS NOT THE FAST WHICH I CHOOSE, TO LOOSEN THE BONDS OF WICKEDNESS, TO UNDO THE BANDS OF THE YOKE, AND TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE AND BREAK EVERY YOKE? ...



HOW TO ENJOY FASTING

- Set aside time each day to seek God in prayer and fasting. It may be half an hour, an hour, or more.
- Adopt an attitude of prayer as you go about your daily duties at home, at work or at school. Apply what you learnt in tangible actions.
- Scale down your normal activities. Avoid rigorous exercise such as rock-climbing, cycling or jogging.
- Be alert! Besides fasting from food, fast from things that distract you, such as television, the Internet, computer games; or things that destroy, such as coarse jesting or careless words.
- Break your fast gradually and wisely. For health reasons, you should consume small portions as you break fast, avoiding chilli or acidic foods as much as possible.

HOW TO INVOLVE OTHERS

Fasting together as a group is easier than doing it alone. Some options:

- **Family:**
Agree to fast and pray as a family. Decide on the type of fast your family members are comfortable with. Use this 40-Day Prayer Journal for your family devotion.
- **Covenant or Discipleship Groups:**
As a group, commit yourselves to a specific type of fast. Throughout this 40-Day Prayer Journey, yearn for personal transformation, church transformation and national transformation. Ask God to use your small group to be His mouthpiece and His outstretched hands here in Singapore and the nations.
- **Friends:**
In this city of mobile phones, keep a daily prayer appointment with a friend by phone. Send SMS reminders to pray or to share daily insights over the 40-Day Prayer Journey. At the agreed time, connect to pray!
- **Suggestion:**
From your fasting, donate the money you saved to the needy.

... IS IT NOT TO DIVIDE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY AND BRING THE HOMELESS POOR INTO THE HOUSE; WHEN YOU SEE THE NAKED, TO COVER HIM; AND NOT TO HIDE YOURSELF FROM YOUR OWN FLESH?"

ISAIAH 58:6-7

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a guide to having solitude with God

(Adapted from IDT Module 1B © 2011 Covenant EFC 2011)

WHAT SOLITUDE IS

- Keeping company with God.
- Being ALONE with God.
- Being ONE with God.
- Communing with God.
- A GIFT ... a JOY... a PRIVILEGE!

Why? Imagine ... the Almighty, Sovereign, Holy, Loving and Gracious God being with each of us, fellowshiping with us, delighting in us, alone. The Son of God obeyed the Father to suffer and die on the cross for all humanity that we might enjoy communion with God.

WHAT SOLITUDE IS NOT

- NOT firstly a place but a state of mind and heart. ¹
- NOT being a company of one.
- NOT being lonely and isolated.
- NOT a mere refrain from speech but actively listening.

WHY IS SOLITUDE IMPORTANT?

- Solitude helps us to nurture our relationship with God.
- Solitude helps us to abide in Christ.
- Solitude develops our hunger for God's presence.

HOW DO WE HAVE SOLITUDE?

Internal factors: Our Heart

- **Submit to God**
To be contrite and vulnerable before God.
To be real without pretense (Psalm 57:17).
- **Surrender to God**
To give in to God.
To die to self in our will, wants and ways (Luke 9:23).
- **Desire God**
To know God.
To hunger for intimacy with Him (Psalm 27:4).
- **Desire to be transformed**
To be like Jesus in character, deeds and life.
To seek and set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:1–3).

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External factors: Our Action

• Step 1: A Place

Find a comfortable place where you can be still and alone with God. Do bring with you everything you need so that you will not need to get up from the place.

• Step 2: A Quietness

It takes discipline and practice to cultivate quietness. Being still is an intentional and deliberate attempt to silence the noisy workshops of our hearts. Leave your cares and worries and come before the presence of God. If there are distracting sounds, put those sounds behind you and let them dissolve into the background. If it gets too loud and distracting, do find another spot.

• Step 3: An Honest Reckoning

There will be "floating thoughts" that come into our silences (especially the things you need to do). Do write them on a piece of paper and attend to them at a later time. Tell yourself that all these can wait. Still your heart before God and seek His face. In that quietness, God longs to draw you into intimacy with Him.

• Step 4: A Praise

Start by praising God. God deserves the highest worship and adoration. Use a Praise and Worship song book and spend at least half an hour worshipping and adoring God for who He is and for what He has done.

• Step 5: A Reflection

Identify your thoughts and emotions. Those thoughts and emotions may arise from the time of praise and worship or from the beauty of creation around you. They may also be evoked in the course of the reading of the Bible, an article, a book, or from a situation in your life. Ask yourself why you are thinking and feeling this way. Reflect and ask God how He views those thoughts and feelings. Listening is key during solitude. Listening to self and, more importantly, listening to God.

• Step 6: A Meditation

Meditate on the Word of God. God speaks to you primarily through His Word. As the Lord leads you to read a Scripture passage, read it slowly, ask what each word or phrase means in the context, and read it several times over. Observe repetitions, key words, who God is, what God has done or promised to do, and what God expects us to be and to do.

¹ *Celebration of Disciplines*, by Richard J. Foster, (Harper & Row: San Francisco, 1987), p. 84.

a guide to having solitude with God (cont'd)

• **Step 7: A Prayer**

Pray for yourself in the light of God's revelation to you regarding your heart, thought, emotions and lifestyle. Pray that you will choose God, His way and His will.

Pray for others who are in similar situations, or as the Lord leads you.

• **Step 8: A Journal**

Pen down in your journal brief notes on your communion with the Lord. Record God's word to you, whether a promise, an encouraging word, a rebuke, or an assurance of forgiveness, etc. All such words are precious! Record God's faithfulness and loving-kindness to you for your remembrance and thanksgiving!

Note:

Steps 5, 6, 7 and 8 are NOT rigidly chronological. In fact, they are very fluid. You will find that these three steps interweave one another seamlessly as you commune with the Lord and Him with you.

Critical factor: Our Faith

- Believe God will show up, listen to and commune with you!
 - Lay hold of God's Word, truth and promises that He will!
- (Hebrews 4:16; 11:6; James 4:8; 1 John 5:14–15; John 10:3–4)

Solitude is NOT an option if we desire to run the long haul and finish the race. It is one of the disciplines of the inner life. And our inner life must be fed.

In fact, Jesus set us the example Himself. What more for us, His disciples! (See Matthew 4:1–11; Matthew 6:57; Luke 4:42; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12; Matthew 14:13; Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Mark 6:31; Matthew 17:1–9; Matthew 26:36–46.)

We will do well to guard against deception, distractions, disobedience, self-will, self-love and self-sufficiency as we spend time in solitude with the Lord.

Some benefits of solitude

We find fulfillment!

- Fulfillment of our *being human* in God.
- Fulfillment in our *obedience* to God.
- Fulfillment of our *heart's yearnings* for God.

This is because through solitude:

- We grow in intimacy with God.
- Intimacy with God IS the blessing!

We receive favour and blessings!

Within self

- Greater sensitivity to God.
- Greater spiritual well-being.
- Greater victory over personal strongholds.
- Greater burden to pray.

Toward others

- Increased sensitivity toward others.
- Increased compassion for others.
- Increased attentiveness and responsiveness to the needs of others.
- Increased prayer for others.

We become fruitful for Jesus! (John 15:5)

- Bear the character and life of Jesus.
- Be witnesses for Jesus.
- Bring others to Jesus.

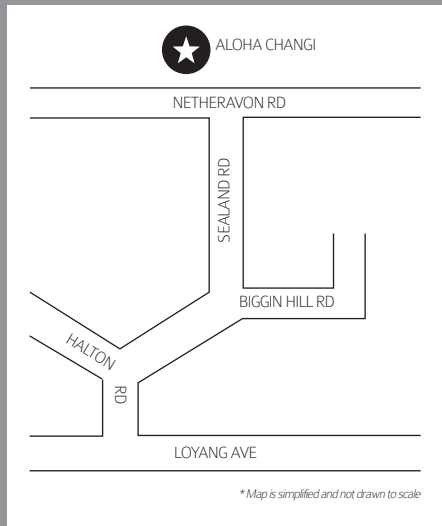
RECOMMENDED READINGS

- *Celebration of Discipline: The Discipline of Solitude*, by Richard Foster
- *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*, by Richard Foster
- *Sacred Rhythms*, by Ruth Haley Barton

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dawn and day with Jesus

COME AND SPEND
A WHOLE DAY
WITH JESUS!



*IT CAN BE DONE!
IT CAN BE ENJOYABLE!
IT CAN BE
MEANINGFUL!
IT WILL BE TIME
WELL SPENT!*

Date **Friday, 5 August 2011**
Time **7.30am to 6.00pm
(after Dawn Prayer)**
Venue **Aloha Changi**
Address **30 Netheravon Road,
Singapore 508521**

This is because it will be a time of drawing near and being with the One who loves you and delights in you—just as you are. And our perfect Father in Heaven promises that He will draw near to anyone who makes time to draw near to Him (James 4:8).

By having personal solitude with the Lord as a Covenant family together, we hope to give encouragement or assistance to participants who might need it. There will be resource materials to guide you and your District Mentors will be there to help you grow in faith, adventure and intimacy with our Lord Jesus.

So, make a date with the Lover of your soul! See you there!

*Registration is required for catering and transport.
More details will be provided at a later date.*

** See page 8 to 11 for notes on solitude.*

the mission

THEME SONG

*There's a call going out
Across the land in every nation
A call to those who swear allegiance to the cross of Christ
A call to true humility, to live our lives responsibly
To deepen our devotion to the cross at any price*

*Let us then be sober, moving only in the Spirit
As aliens and strangers in a hostile foreign land
The message we're proclaiming is repentance and forgiveness
The offer of salvation to a dying race of man*

CHORUS

*To love the Lord our God
Is the heartbeat of our mission
The spring from which our service overflows
Across the street
Or around the world
The mission's still the same
Proclaim and live the Truth
In Jesus' name*

*As a candle is consumed by the passion of the flame
Spilling light unsparingly throughout a darkened room
Let us burn to know Him deeper
Then our service flaming bright
Will radiate his passions
And blaze with holy light*

by steve green



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1-3 JULY

draw near to KNOW

“Draw near to
God and He
will draw near
to you. Cleanse
your hands, you
sinners; and purify
your hearts, you
double-minded.”

JAMES 4:8



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
4-10 JULY

draw near to
SEE

“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

JEREMIAH 17:9



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
11-17 JULY

draw near to
BE LOVED

"Greater love
has no one than
this, that one lay
down his life for
his friends."

JOHN 15:13



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
18-24 JULY

draw near to
LOVE

“Seeing the people,
He felt compassion
for them, because
they were
distressed and
dispirited like
sheep without a
shepherd.”

MATTHEW 9:36

PERSONAL PRAYER

Read

Isaiah 56:6–8

Reflect

God loves all peoples from all nations in desiring all to know and worship Him. He calls His children to love as He loves by praying for the salvation of all peoples in the world.

- Do you desire as God does for all peoples to know and worship Him? Why or why not?
- How is your love for God and the nations with regards to your prayers for their salvation?
- God promises joy to those who worship Him and pray for all nations. Would you make Him joyful?

Pray

- Praise the Lord for He loves all peoples and grants salvation to any who believes in His Son.
- Ask God for a heart to pray for the nations, beyond praying for yourself, family and friends.

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Missions need not be in a faraway country. Missions can be right in our backyards. There are 1.31 million non-resident foreigners in Singapore. (These constitute 25.7% of the total population of 5.08 million.) They can be classified into three distinct groups:

- International students—100,000 from about 120 countries (This is estimated to rise to 150,000 by 2012.)
- Foreign Talents—200,000 professionals under the P, Q and S employment passes.
- Foreign Workers—over 950,000 under work permit.

Pray

As you have already asked God for a heart to pray for the nations, now ask Him for divine appointments to connect with some of these internationals in your sphere of influence. Ask God to gather these foreigners to Himself.



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
25-31 JULY

draw near to SERVE

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

1 JOHN 3:16

PERSONAL PRAYER

Read

Luke 10:25–37

In receiving God’s love, we love Him with our ALL. In loving Him with our ALL, we love our neighbour. In loving our neighbour, we show care, compassion and kindness to them—even if they are strangers, or our enemies, or even if our own life is in danger.

Reflect

- Honestly, do you see yourself as the priest, Levite or Samaritan? Why?
- Re-read what the Samaritan did and note the extent of his compassion and kindness, e.g. sacrifice of money and time, suffering various inconveniences, and breaking of cultural taboos.

Pray

- Confess and repent as the Holy Spirit convicts you.
- Pray for a change of heart evidenced in action for yourself, then for God’s people.

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Mandarin Ministry (Bukit Panjang Centre)

Scripture

John 17:20–21

Our Dream

We dream that believers are empowered to be channels for Jesus’ mission — sent by the Father to be a blessing for humankind. In the Mandarin Ministry, our dream is focused not only on the pre-believing parents of our English-speaking members (blessing of family oneness), but also on a younger bilingual generation that might lead the future of Singapore (blessing of national unity).

We have yet to make a breakthrough in reaching the Mandarin-speaking Singaporeans. We claim Jesus’ promise: “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one ...” May the Lord continue to blaze this vision in our present generation for the future of the nation.

Three Greatest Prayer Needs

1. The Lord will raise up visionary leaders for the future of the Mandarin Ministry.
2. The Lord will empower the people in the Mandarin Ministry to make a difference in their lives regardless of social or educational status.
3. The Lord may impassion our English-speaking members to reach out to their pre-believing Mandarin-speaking F.R.A.N.S.*

**Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbours, Strangers*

PERSONAL PRAYER

Read

Luke 4:18–19, Isaiah 58:6–7 and Colossians 2:13–15

We continue Jesus’ ministry by preaching the Gospel, breaking bondages and yokes of those oppressed and setting those in captivity free in Jesus’ name. We simply enforce the victory and restoration found in Jesus alone in their lives!

Reflect

- Ponder the awesome truth that Jesus has triumphed over the enemy and all peoples can choose to be totally free from sin, death, spiritual bondages and oppression!
- How burdened are you in the salvation and freedom of these ones in bondage to sin and oppression? Jesus gave His life for us all.

Pray

- Worship God for His sovereign plan of salvation to helpless sinners.
- Commit to fast for these oppressed ones to be set free in Jesus Christ.

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Women-in-Covenant (WiC)

Scripture

Proverbs 27:17

Our Dream

We seek to disciple women to become obedient followers of Christ in every arena of life, be it as a daughter, wife, mother, sister, colleague, or neighbour.

This discipling process begins at our Women’s Breakthrough Weekend, where each heart has the opportunity to hear God’s voice individually and through a community of loving people in a safe environment. Thereafter, an eight-week Walking-in-Wholeness support group programme is available to those who need further healing in their lives.

It is our desire to see women connecting with and encouraging one another to walk their necessary journey. We desire women to be equipped, counselled, spend time in solitude and prayer, and reach out to pre-believing friends so that all may grow to embrace their God-given destiny.

Three Greatest Prayer Needs

1. Key leaders and facilitators will draw close to God daily through prayer and God’s Word.
2. Multiplication of godly leaders and facilitators for our Breakthrough Weekend; Walking-in-Wholeness; Healing, Deliverance & Spiritual Direction; and REACH events.
3. Faith to see and a heart to believe as we live our God given destiny.

*Consider fasting
and praying
through the Lunar
7th month
period*

“Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.”

TERESA OF AVILA

Mourning turns
To song of praise
Our God saves
Our God saves

WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1-7 AUGUST

draw near to
REJOICE!

"Rejoice in the
Lord always;
again I will say,
rejoice!"

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

PERSONAL PRAYER**Read****Habakkuk 3:17–19**

We can rejoice although God's promises have yet to be fulfilled in the physical realm! Even amidst suffering and loss, we can trust God, and with that trust comes great joy, not in circumstances but in God Himself. God becomes our strength!

Reflect

- Do not ponder "How can this be?" but rather, "WHO is the One who has all power and all authority to accomplish all that He declares, and who also did not spare His own Son to demonstrate His love for you."
- Journal your thoughts, feelings and responses to God.

Pray

- Praise the Lord for His power, awesome love and faithfulness.
- Rejoice in one promise yet to be fulfilled in your life and Covenant's life amidst difficulties.

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Singapore: Gate F — Family & Home

Scripture

Ephesians 5:21

Our Dream

Imagine families and homes permeated with love, respect and stability, beginning with fathers leading the family and loving their wives, and wives respecting their husbands. Marriages are Christ-centred, and family life is built on the Word of God — God's Truth. Parents will not exasperate their children while children obey their parents. The fear of God and love for God are evident within the family and overflow to the community around them and whomever they meet. Hence, the world will know that the LORD is God — He is the initiator and source of marriages and families, that we may all be blessed, accepted and loved.

Three Greatest Prayer Needs

1. Fathers will take up the mantle to lead their families as God's appointed head of the household.
2. Married couples are determined to keep their marriages undefiled.
3. Families will experience great spiritual awakening — revival of the Word, revival of worship, revival of prayer and deep personal transformation.



WEEK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8-9 AUGUST

draw near to
ARISE!

"... And I will
make you a
great nation, and
I will bless you,
and make your
name great; and
so you shall be a
blessing."

GENESIS 12:2

PERSONAL PRAYER

Read

Isaiah 60:1–3; Ephesians 5:1–21

God’s wake up call for His children is to “Arise and Shine” for Him! We need to live a life of love and bring the Light of Christ to darkened corners.

Reflect

- Is your life transformed by Christ’s light and does it reflect His love? If not, would you allow Him to do a transforming work in you?
- Would you go and shine the Light of Christ in places that the Holy Spirit leads you to?

Pray

- You would respond to God’s call by saying “Here I am; send Me!”

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Singapore: Antioch Of Asia

Scripture

Acts 11:19–27

Our Dream

That the Church in Singapore will fulfil her God-given destiny as a centre of Christian witness to the nations, especially in Asia. That the Church will be united in praying for the nations; growing in God’s Word; obeying the Holy Spirit’s direction in sharing the Good News; supporting missions; sending missionaries and blessing the other nations in one accord, so that we will see the LORD turning the hearts of many to Jesus for His glory.

Three Greatest Prayer Needs

1. The Church in Singapore will embrace and fulfill her destiny as a centre of Christian witness to the nations, especially in Asia.
2. Hearts to be filled with compassion for the lost.
3. Churches in Singapore will be united in praying for and reaching the nations for Christ through growth in God’s Word and obedience to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

my child,

You may not know me,
but I know everything about you.

Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up.

Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways.

Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered.

Matthew 10:29–31

For you were made in my image.

Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being.

Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring.

Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived.

Jeremiah 1:4–5

I chose you when I planned creation.

Ephesians 1:11–12

You were not a mistake,
for all your days are written in my book.

Psalm 139:15–16

I determined the exact time of your birth
and where you would live.

Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born.

Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented
by those who don't know me.

John 8:41–44

I am not distant and angry, but am
the complete expression of love.

1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.

1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child
and I am your Father.

1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly
father ever could.

Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father.

Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes
from my hand.

James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.

Matthew 6:31–33

My plan for your future has always
been filled with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love.

Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are countless
as the sand on the seashore.

Psalms 139:17–18

And I rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you.

Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession.

Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you
with all my heart and all my soul.

Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great and marvelous things.

Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your heart,
you will find me.

Deuteronomy 4:29

Delight in me and I will give you
the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires.

Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you
than you could possibly imagine.

Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager.

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

I am also the Father who comforts you
in all your troubles.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4

When you are brokenhearted,
I am close to you.

Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb,
I have carried you close to my heart.

Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away
every tear from your eyes.

Revelation 21:3–4

And I'll take away all the pain
you have suffered on this earth.

Revelation 21:3–4

I am your Father, and I love you
even as I love my son, Jesus.

John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed.

John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being.

Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you,
not against you.

Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19

His death was the ultimate expression
of my love for you.

1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved
that I might gain your love.

Romans 8:31–32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus,
you receive me.

1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you
from my love again.

Romans 8:38–39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party
heaven has ever seen.

Luke 15:7

I have always been Father, and
will always be Father.

Ephesians 3:14–15

My question is...
Will you be my child?

John 1:12–13

I am waiting for you.

Luke 15:11–32

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Almighty God**

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missions week

17–24 July



highlights

Sunday, 17 and 24 July: Missions Sundays

- Speakers: SP Edmund Chan and Elder Tan Lian Seng, Missions Director

Monday-Thursday, 18–21 July: Missions Evening Talks

8.00pm–10.00pm @ BPJ Centre

- 18 July: Business as Missions—Successes and Failures in Asia
Speaker: Mats Tunehag
- 19 July: Loving International Students—Culture and Challenges:
Speaker: Lisman Komaladi
- 20 July: Traffic Jams & Teenage Blues—Bringing the Gospel to Urban Families
Speaker: Dr Tan Lai Yong
- 21 July: Full/Part-Time Opportunities in East Asia, Indochina and SE Asia
Speakers: Region Coordinators (Ps Glen, PSB, and Andy Lew)

Saturday, 23 July: Covenant Family Missions Evening Evening (Billingual)

7.00pm–9.00pm @ WDL Main Sanctuary

- Speaker: Dr Tan Lai Yong

This is the first time the Youths, the Mandarin & Dialect Ministries and English congregation are coming together to celebrate Missions as a Covenant family! A special children's programme for P1-4 will be anchored by YWAM.

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