

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND AWANA CLUB LEADERS

(Saturday, 4 September)

Sunday School Teachers' Retreat

1) Teachers will find time amidst their busy schedule to:

- * pray for themselves, their Sunday School children and the Sunday School ministry.
- * be refreshed by the Holy Spirit through the meditation of God's word.

2) Good weather so that teachers can spend time outdoors doing (1) and break from their usual indoor routine.

3) Great fellowship through a time of encouragement to build each other up in the Lord.

AWANA Club Leaders' Retreat

1) We thank God for the good turnout of both leaders and children at AWANA throughout the year including many newcomers.

2) Pray for a good time of bonding and fellowship, connecting over our experiences serving in the ministry and encouraging one another.

May the Lord continue to grant all teachers and leaders added strength, wisdom and grace to reach out and share God's word with the children when classes resume.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS—The Philippines

- * **Wisdom for the nation's leaders:** May the Lord grant wisdom to the government and private sector leaders as they make decisions to mitigate the spread of the virus and increase access to proper healthcare.
- * **Healing for the afflicted:** Ask the Lord to help those infected with the virus to quickly recover and be spared from the severity of the disease.
- * **Protection for front line healthcare workers:** May the Lord grant them physical strength and health to consistently serve the nation in the midst of a pandemic.

Doctrinal Christian Fellowship, Cebu

- * Uphold Rev Jonathan, who is the pastor of the church. May the Lord grant him spiritual wisdom, strength and grace as he shepherds the youths and mentors the leaders.
- * Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, thank God the youth were able to gather once a month for overnight prayer time. It has greatly encouraged them.
- * The weekly church service is done virtually. Pray for the planned skills training so that members will be equipped to use Messenger and Zoom for the activities of the church.
- * Pray for God's provision for the financial needs of the church. Giving has been negatively affected due to the pandemic.
- * The owner of the Youth Centre is considering either demolition or major renovation of the building. Should this happen, may the Lord provide another suitable place so that the ministry to the young people in universities and colleges may continue.

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House of Hope (A Christian Halfway House)

- * Uphold the staff members led by Executive Director, **Ginno Amodia**. Pray for good health, protection and perseverance to continue the ministry during these trying times.
- * Pray for the residents undergoing the rehabilitation programme. May they experience the transforming power of Jesus in enabling them to overcome their bondage to drug abuse.
- * The income for HOH has been adversely affected. Pray that their new income-generating project of water-refilling would supplement the financial needs of the ministry.

PERSONAL NEEDS

- * **Mr Bay Kang Chwee (ZMS)**: He was hospitalised on 25 August because of low blood count and weakness after his 4th cycle of chemotherapy. Thank God that he felt much better soon after immediate treatment was administered. Pray for his blood count to increase. Pray for his upcoming CT scan on 2 September, for peace and joy to receive the results. Praise God that over the course of these months, pain in his abdomen has reduced considerably, although symptoms can fluctuate and ongoing monitoring is needed.
- * **Mrs Helen Chan (ZES)**: Thank God for 3 weeks of break from treatment. This is to allow her to rest and gain strength and weight. She begins a new cycle of chemo treatment starting from 3 September. She will be given chemo drugs via infusion and oral tablets. Pray for positive response to the new treatment and for minimal side effects. May **Helen** experience the Lord's presence, strength and love in deep and enriching ways.