

**Newton Life Church**  
**Monthly Prayer Guide**



**May 2020**

This copy belongs to:

## *Praying against COVID-19*

1. **For the sick and infected:** God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.
2. **For our vulnerable populations:** God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.
3. **For the young and the strong:** God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.
4. **For our local governments:** God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic.
5. **For our scientific community,** leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.
6. **For the media,** committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.
7. **For consumers of media,** looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbors. Keep us from panic.
8. **For those with mental health challenges** who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.
9. **For Christian missionaries** throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.
10. **For workers in a variety of industries** facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.
11. **For families with young children** at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.
12. **For pastors and church leaders** faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregants and love their cities well.
13. **For college and university students,** whose courses of study are changing, whose placements are canceled, whose graduation is uncertain: God, show them that while life is uncertain, their trust is in you.
14. **For Christians in every neighborhood,** community, and city: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified around the world.
15. **For frontline health care workers,** thank you for their vocational call to serve us. We also pray: God, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy.

# MEDITATION OF THE MONTH

## PSALM 127

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- <sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- <sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for He gives to His beloved sleep.
- <sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.
- <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS BEFORE PRAYER

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## 3 MAY

### ***Psalm 84:9-10***

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

## 10 MAY

### ***Psalm 84:11-12***

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

## 17 MAY

### ***Psalm 85:1-2***

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

## 24 MAY

### ***Psalm 85:3-4***

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

## 31 MAY

### ***Psalm 85:7-8***

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

# ACTS

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

(1)

Glorious Father,  
Your majestic Name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens!  
We will praise Your Name forever and ever,  
for You have all wisdom and power.  
We put our hope in You, Lord.  
You are our help and our shield.  
Our hearts rejoice in You, for we trust in Your holy Name.  
Father, You have performed many wonders for us.  
Your plans for us are too numerous to list.  
You have no equal!  
Your wonderful deeds are endless. Amen.

(2)

Abba Father, We praise You  
You are the Creator of the Universe  
The Beginning and the End  
You have create and given me life.

Dear Jesus, we praise You  
You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.  
You are my Saviour from eternal damnation.  
You are the coming King.

Sweet Spirit, we praise You  
You are my Comforter in sorrow, pain, or distress.  
You draw near to me when I draw near to you.  
You are the God who lives in me.

We praise You  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
You are the Eternal Lord.  
You are my Heavenly Father,  
You are my Redemeer  
How great are You and Your faithfulness, O Lord. Amen.

# ACTS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(1)

Forgive us, the Body of Christ, for neglecting to share the Good News with more people.  
Forgive us for being constrained by unbelief instead of being motivated by faith.  
Forgive us for gossiping, backbiting, and slandering our backslidden brothers and sisters.  
Help us to encourage them to come back to Jesus and to the family of God.

Lord, forgive me for my fear in sharing the Good News of Jesus.  
Lord, forgive me for my indifference to those who needs your salvation.  
Lord, forgive me for neglecting the spiritual needs of our family who needs You.  
Help us to have the courage to repay You our debt of love.

Precious Father, forgive the unsaved for not acknowledging You or Your Son.  
Forgive them for rejecting Your love and forgiveness.  
Forgive them for living in rebellion and ignorance of the Truth.  
Help us to pray and plead for your mercy on their souls and extend Your grace toward them. Amen.

(2)

You have given us a world of beauty,  
and we have spoilt it.  
A world to feed us,  
and so many go hungry.  
A world of riches,  
and we are unwilling to share.  
A world to care for,  
and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God,  
for those times your heart is saddened  
by our selfishness.  
For those times we have no thought  
for others, no cares but ours.

Enable us to see this world anew  
as a gift from you,  
to be shared and nurtured,  
and those who live upon it  
to be loved and cared for.

We ask this that your name may be glorified,  
through the beauty of this world,  
and the service of our lives. Amen.

# ACTS

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRIES

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#### WORD

We continue to be thankful to the Lord that all our Sunday School students are still safe and healthy through this difficult time.

#### WALK

Give thanks that God will never forsake us no matter how hard the journey appears. Give thanks that we are still able to connect with one another through technologies. During this period, may God deepen our relationship with Him, and lead us as we reclaim the family altar, building stronger families.

#### WORSHIP

During this Covid-19 pandemic, we give thanks for our faithful co-workers who has pre-recorded and produced the worship video efficiently, first in church, and then at home. We are thankful that all recordings were done smoothly and released in due time.

#### WELCOME

Give thanks that we are able to practice WELCOME at home with our family members despite not being able to gather with brothers and sisters.

#### WORK

Give thanks for the manageable transition for office staff to Work From Home.

# ACTS

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRIES

### WE

#### CHILDREN

Give thanks for the good health of children, parents, and teachers.

#### YOUTH

We give thanks that despite not being able to meet physically we are able to continue meeting and fellowshiping via zoom.

#### ADULTS – SMALL GROUP

Thank God that our church leaders have been able to focus on His guidance during this pandemic, to listen to God of love and listen to others with love, formulating appropriate responses to the challenge that confronts us.

#### SENIOR

Although Grace Fellowship and Senior Fellowship have been suspended, while staying home, we pray that our seniors will read the Bible and pray every day, listen to "The Purpose Driven Life", practise a Godly lifestyle, and exercise regularly to stay healthy.

# ACTS

## PERSONAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**PERSONAL WALK**

**FAMILY**

**WORKPLACE**

**MINISTRY**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OTHERS**

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION FOR NLC

As our worship and ministries are suspended, we will transit to online worship through family units. Please pray:

- † For the worship team led by Pastor Jocelyne in planning and transforming our weekly worship services to online.
- † For all our brothers and sisters that God will give us the discipline to adapt to a different medium and worship format.
- † For our Work team that the Lord will give them the wisdom and strength in providing all the technical support for online worship format.



**SUNDAY SERVICE @ Home**

**10:30AM**

[www.newtonlifechurch.org](http://www.newtonlifechurch.org)

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION FOR NLC

1. **WORD MINISTRY** - Pray for the Word Ministry Team to be given God's wisdom to consider effective changes needed for teaching and preaching in our church as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. **WALK MINISTRY** - Even in times of social distancing, pray that we can safely reach out in mercy and love, to be a blessing to those who are lacking, and, most importantly, to provide hope to those who are fearful.
3. **WORSHIP MINISTRY** - Pray for unity among co-workers. Pray for strength and wisdom as they adapt to working from home, accomplish their work, so that our congregations would be able to receive it on time.
4. **WELCOME MINISTRY** - Pray that we will live out the command of welcoming one another at home. Romans 15:7 ~ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
5. **WORK MINISTRY** - Pray that our work can still be carried out effectively during this period.
6. **CHILDREN MINISTRY** - Pray for the families who are adjusting to the new routine of spending most of the time together at home.
7. **YOUTH MINISTRY** - Pray that the Lord have mercy and bring an end to the pandemic soon.. May our Lord keep us safe both physically and spiritually.
8. **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY** – Pray for all pastoral mentors, SG leaders and brothers & sisters as we adapt to the new ways of gathering. And, let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, live out the mission call by putting faith into action every day.
9. **SENIOR MINISTRY** - Pray for the ministry planning. Pray for the online fellowship and prayer meetings among the co-workers. Pray for our online resources to nurture seniors' spiritual life. May God keep us physically and spiritually strong.
10. Ask God to make ways for our church leaders to interact more with our church members through phone calls and text messages, to bring us closer to each other, and to strengthen our family bonds during this stay-home period.
11. Pray for the Staff devotion cum sharing session happens every Monday. May God keep our co-workers safe and healthy, and bless their ministries from home.

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

### for Alpha journey (Season 1)

#### *Dates To Be Confirmed*

- In view of the COVID-19, Alpha Course has been postponed. Please pray that we will be able to embark on this Alpha Journey in the second half-year of 2020.
- Please continue to pray for the planning and preparation of the Alpha Course.

### for healing

- ☐ **Chan Boon Tat** Knee pain, suffered from numbness and edema in both hands due to cervical nerves compression.
- ☐ **Huang Ya Xi** Residing in nursing home.
- ☐ **Koh The Hiang** Residing in nursing home.
- ☐ **Lee Yong Huat** Suffered from Parkinson syndrome, unable to walk.
- ☐ **Lim Hong Li** Currently undergoing lung cancer treatment.
- ☐ **Low Wai Kit** Having difficulty walking, receive physiotherapy at home.
- ☐ **Tan Kim Cheng** Elderly, tube feeding, condition is stable.
- ☐ **Chan Chek Jen** Had a stroke, his right hand and right foot are weak, receiving acupuncture and physiotherapy.
- ☐ **Zhou Da Zhong** Had a stroke. Recuperating at home.
- ☐ **Chan Wah Sang** Blurred vision affects his everyday life.
- ☐ **Cao Yu Fu** He has been unwell in the past two months and admitted to the hospital several times.

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

### for healing

- ☐ **Ang Soon Geok** Residing in nursing home.
- ☐ **Chan Fong Ngan** Suffered from Spinal cord compression. Recuperating at home.
- ☐ **Chu Mary** Dialysis treatment 3 times a week, residing in nursing home.
- ☐ **Ho Ee Tian** Every night she has dialysis at home.
- ☐ **Koh Mui Cheng** Residing in nursing home. Diagnosed with dementia.
- ☐ **Koh Swee Ngee** Residing in nursing home.
- ☐ **Kua Siew Eng** Paralysed, tube feeding.
- ☐ **Lin Mei Ying** Dialysis treatment 2 times a week.
- ☐ **Lin Ming Sui** Paralysed, tube feeding.
- ☐ **Lo Njet Sioe** Suffered a stroke which caused paralysis on the left arm. Receiving physiotherapy every week.
- ☐ **Ong Pee Har** Having mobility issue, getting around in a wheelchair.
- ☐ **Phan Tin Yok** Water retention in her hands, legs and around her lungs, occasionally she has trouble breathing.
- ☐ **Teoh Ek Hui** She is recuperating in nursing home.
- ☐ **Tay Kaw Luan** Leg weakness, mobility reduced. Recuperating at home.
- ☐ **Lim Missie** Experienced memory loss recently. Pray for protection and healing from God.
- ☐ **Toh Lee Eng** Tumor marker levels go down after 6 treatment sessions.
- ☐ **Zheng Qing Fang** Her thigh bone was broken after a fall at home, underwent surgery on 10 April and is now recuperating and undergoing physiotherapy at Ang Mo Kio Community Hospital.

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

### for pre-believers & new believers

- ☐ **Liu Jin Quan** Elderly with reduced mobility. He was baptised at home on 19 April.
- ☐ **Lin Ya Hua** Impaired physical mobility due to stroke.
- ☐ **Li Ya Mei** May God remove obstacles for her that she would receive baptism soon.
- ☐ **Lin Rui De** Suffered from a stroke, paralysed. Recuperating at home, receiving physiotherapy. May God strengthen his faith.
- ☐ **Xie Ming Chu** May God strengthen his faith.
- ☐ **Wei Wen Guang** He had heard of the gospel for several times, pray that God would open his heart to believe the gospel.
- ☐ **Li Qing Wen** Pray for him to grow spiritually and to receive baptism soon.
- ☐ **Leow Kar Bou** Her mobility was affected by a fall three months ago. Taken care by her granddaughter.

### for brothers in NS

Tze Yang  
Song Yang  
Zhu Yi  
Joshua Tang

# MISSION SUPPORT

## Praying for the Unengaged & Unreached Katang people of Laos

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8*

POPULATION  
**67,000**



RELIGION  
**Spiritism 99.2%**  
**Christianity 0.08%**



PRIMARY LANGUAGE  
**Katang**

The 67,000 Katang people are dispersed over a wide-spread area of southern Laos. In some of the more remote locations, the Katang live in houses made of braided leaves. In recent decades, however, many Katang have moved down from the hills onto the plains, where they have lost much of their cultural heritage and are on the way to assimilation to Lao culture and language.

Some aspects of Katang culture that are presently under threat includes the traditional Katang longhouse. For centuries extended families of Katang have lived under one roof. When they married, the house would be extended to accommodate the new couple and any children they would later have.

The Katang, both men and women, have for centuries stretched their earlobes and inserted large bamboo tubes in for decoration. This too, is rarely seen among young Katang today.

Although most Katang have absolutely no awareness of the Gospel or the claims of Jesus Christ, there is one Katang church in Laos, with approximately 100 known believers. They have faced great opposition from local authorities, shamans and community leaders, who believe the presence of the Christians will bring a curse on the village from the spirits they have worshipped for countless generations. Most Katang are too bound by fear to consider converting to Christianity.

### THANKSGIVING

Praise God for the one Katang church. Pray for God to bless and anoint this church, rising them up to be a beacon of His light in their community.

**PRAYERS** ❖ As foreigners are not allowed into the Katang villages, pray for God to grant the Katang believers boldness to share Christ with them despite facing opposition.

❖ Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel truth to the Katang. Pray for the scripture will be translated into their language.

❖ Pray the Holy Spirit would convict the Katang of sin, that they would boldly turn away from their idols to the one true God, to find freedom and salvation in Christ.

(The Joshua Project)

# ACTS

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION PERSONAL

<b>PERSONAL WALK</b>
<b>FAMILY</b>
<b>WORKPLACE</b>
<b>MINISTRY</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>
<b>OTHERS</b>

# CLOSING REFLECTION

## 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-10

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- <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
- <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
- <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.
- <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
- <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.
- <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
- <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## Pray for my Small Group

### (Colossians 3:15-17)

*Heavenly Father, please help us to...*

1. **BE AT PEACE** – *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (v15).*  
This is more than the absence of arguing! Thank God that your small group are all “members of one body”, knit together as part of Christ’s body (v15). Yet all of us have at some point had mean thoughts, angry attitudes and bitter motives in our hearts, however well we cover them up. Repent before God, and ask that Christ’s peace would rule in your heart instead.
2. **TEACH ONE ANOTHER** – *“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach ... one another.” (v16)*  
Pray that during your small-group Bible studies, you would not only learn together, but also revel in the glorious riches of the message of Christ. Thank God that small groups also give an opportunity to learn from the wisdom of people at different life-stages. Pray that all of you would be willing to listen and learn.
3. **ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER** – *Small groups should be an environment where Christians can “admonish one another with all wisdom” (v16).*  
Pray for a group culture of intimacy and honesty; that as you share your lives together, you would hold each other accountable, lovingly point out sin, and earnestly warn one another against wrongdoing. This is hard; but pray you would love one another enough to have these difficult conversations.
4. **LOVE EACH OTHER...** – *... both in “word” and “deed” (v17).*  
Pray that you wouldn’t be a group that just meets once a week to talk about the Bible, but a group that truly loves each other with words and deeds at other times too. Then think of a way you can put this prayer point into action!
5. **BE TRULY THANKFUL** – *See verses 15, 16 and 17!*  
Paul tells the Colossians three times in as many verses to be thankful. So as you think of your small group, think of three things you can be grateful for; then thank God for them!

Taken from the book "5 Things To Pray For Your Church" by Rachel Jones.



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## 扬声歌唱

Singing Hallelujah (I Lift My Voice)

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 扬 声 歌 唱, 来 称 颂 主 圣 名, 高 举 双 手, 因  
 I lift my voice in song un- to Thy name, I lift my hands You

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 祢 慈 爱 无 限, 恳 求 圣 灵 每 天 来 充 满 我, 使 我 终  
 'er every day the same. Come fill me now, Lord Jesus let it be, Let now my

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 日 欢 呼 述 说 赞 美. 唱 哈 利 路 亚,  
 lips speak new found praise to thee, Singing Hal le lu jah,

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 哈 利 路 亚, 赞 美 敬 拜 祢 圣 名, 唱 哈 利  
 Hal le lu jah, Praise and worship to Thy name, singing Ha lle

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 lu jah Hal le lu jah, Praise and worship to Thy name.

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## 来欢呼耶稣

All Hail King Jesus

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 来 欢 呼 耶 稣, 欢 呼 以 马 内 利 万 王 之  
 All hail King Je- sus, All hail Em- mam- u- el, King of

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 王 万 主 之 主, 明 亮 晨 星, 我 要 唱 歌 赞 美  
 Kings, and Lord of Lords bright morn-ing star, And through-out e-ter-ni ty

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 祢, 永 远 赞 美 祢, 我 要 与 祢 同 作 王 直 到 永 远  
 ty, I'll sing Your prais-es, and I'll reign with You through-out e-ter-ni ty.