

Let us pray together as a church

P 40 *days of* Prayer



WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

This guide will help us pray collectively even if we pray separately in our own time and place.

We will introduce a model that can help you organize your thoughts as you pray. But note that this is only meant to serve as a guide; you may add or change the prayer items as you see fit.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN PRAY EACH DAY:

BEGIN WITH 2 MINUTES OF SILENCE.

1. PRAISE GOD:

What do you want to praise God for (i.e., His person & character)?

2. CONFESS TO GOD:

What sin do you need to ask God for forgiveness?

3. THANK GOD:

What do you want to thank God for (i.e., His goodness & blessings)?

4. ASK GOD:

Use the “Hand Prayer” Model and refer to the prayer guide on the next pages

END WITH 2 MINUTES OF SILENCE.

NOTE: Please safekeep your copy of this prayer guide for the entire duration of the campaign.

The Hand Prayer

The Bible says, *“Every day I call upon You, O Lord; I spread out my hands to You” Psalm 88:9 (ESV)*. Here’s a way to pray using your hands.

The five fingers on your left hand represent **who to pray for**. Remembering these prompts could help you organize your thoughts in prayer throughout the week.

The THUMB represents your loved ones.

If you hold your hands together in a prayer position, you’ll notice that your thumbs are closest to your heart. This is a reminder to pray for those who are closest to your heart, such as family and friends.

The INDEX FINGER represents our church.

We use the index finger to point the way, so this is a reminder to pray for those in our lives who teach and guide us. As we pray for our church, let us also pray for our pastors, teachers, and leaders.

The TALLEST FINGER represents our nation.

The Bible says we are to pray for the people who influence the world, such as those in authority. Our tallest finger can remind us to pray for the leaders of our country.

The RING FINGER represents people who need our support.

Some people believe this is our weakest finger, suggesting it’s difficult to hold anything with it. This can be a reminder to pray for those who need our extra support. This would include the sick, the poor, children, the elderly, and individuals with special needs.

The SMALL FINGER represents yourself (and your spouse).

After having prayed for others, now pray for yourself and your needs.

Monday

THUMB

Loved Ones

Parents

- Their salvation and intimacy with God
- Good health and protection
- Fruitfulness in every season of life
- To leave behind a good legacy

INDEX FINGER

Church

Christian Bible Church of the Philippines

- That we will know God, love people, & make disciples
- Love and unity among us
- That God will make us salt & light to our community

Our Pastors & Deacons

- To be intimate with God
- To be empowered leaders with humble hearts of servants
- For God's blessings upon their personal lives and ministry

TALLEST FINGER

Country

Executive Branch (President, VP, Cabinet Members)

- To rule in righteousness and with wisdom and justice
- For God's blessings and guidance upon their families
- Salvation of President Duterte and his family

RING FINGER

Need Support

People in your place of work, business, or study

(Boss/co-worker/employees, supplier/client, teacher/classmate)

People with sickness

- Healing, recovery, and God's provision
- Faith in God's sovereignty
- To receive proper treatment and medication
- Support of family

SMALL FINGER

*Yourself
+ Spouse*

Spiritual Health

- To be intimate with God
- To be Christ-like in attitudes, thoughts, and actions
- To seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness
- To be rooted in the Bible and in the discipline of prayer
- To walk by faith and in humble obedience
- For deliverance in areas of struggles and weaknesses
- For spiritual protection
- For wisdom in making plans and decisions

Tuesday

THUMB

Loved Ones

Children

- Their salvation and intimacy with God
- To grow in wisdom & stature; in favor with God & men
- To obey parents & submit to authorities
- Not to conform to the world; make a difference for Christ
- Siblings to love each other
- Present needs & future concerns (school, work, spouse)

INDEX FINGER

Church

Your Discipleship & Ministry Groups

(Life Group/Journey Group/Ministry Leaders & Volunteers)

- To be intimate with God and be faithful in ministry
- To pursue life-on-life discipleship and servant leadership
- For God's blessing in their family and work
- Pray for the people in your Life Group/friends at church

TALLEST FINGER

Country

Legislative & Judiciary Branch (Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court & Judges)

- Wisdom, honesty, faithfulness, and guidance
- Blessing to the faithful; removal of corrupt individuals
- Senate not to approve the legalization of divorce

RING FINGER

Need Support

People in prison and victims of injustice

- For the Gospel to reach them
- For justice to prevail
- God's protection & provision for their families

Victims of human trafficking and prostitution

- Hope & deliverance
- To find their identity in Christ and in God's family
- To be able to choose a life of freedom in God

SMALL FINGER

*Yourself
+ Spouse*

Singles: Healthy singleness and commitment to purity, God's will with regards to a life partner

Husband & Wife: Faithfulness and fidelity

- Husband to love his wife sacrificially like Christ, to have a servant's heart, and a leader's courage
- Wife to submit to her husband as to the Lord

Parents: To lead in wisdom and love, to be godly role models – intentionally discipling children to know, love, & obey God

Wednesday

THUMB

Loved Ones

Siblings

- Their salvation and intimacy with God
- Good health and protection
- Fruitfulness in every season of life
- Their marriages and children

INDEX FINGER

Church

Transition to the CBCP Discipleship Center

- Provision of funds for Phase 2 of our building project
- Structural completion by 4th quarter of 2018
- Wisdom, unity, and excellence for all workers
- Establishment of good systems and procedures
- Hiring of pastors & staff
- Preparedness for safety, security, and emergency situations in our new facility

TALLEST FINGER

Country

Our country's economy

- Business sector
- Better and more jobs in our country
- Improvement in the condition of the poor
- Overseas Filipino workers and their families

RING FINGER

Need Support

People with special needs

- Good health, guidance, protection, and provision
- Faith in God's sovereignty
- Support of family

Pray for someone that you know is in need

- People who need to recognize their need for God
- Those encountering challenges in life (physical, emotional, psychological, financial)
- People facing a new life stage
- Widows/widowers & orphans

SMALL FINGER

*Yourself
+ Spouse*

Work and Financial Health

- To be empowered to work faithfully and excellently
- To use our work as a platform for making disciples
- To trust God to provide for our needs
- Financial blessings
- To be good stewards of money and resources
- For God to enlarge the borders of our career and business for His glory

Thursday

THUMB

Loved Ones

In-Laws

- Their salvation and intimacy with God
- Good health and protection
- Fruitfulness in every season of life
- Blessing in their work
- To leave behind a good legacy

INDEX FINGER

Church

Alignment of all ministries to our church's vision, mission and core values

Journey Groups, Life Groups Ministry, Discipleship Trainings, Outreach Ministry, Children Ministry, Emerge Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry

TALLEST FINGER

Country

Local Government Units (Governors, Mayors, & Officials)

- To be used by God to transform our cities & communities to become more peaceful & prosperous

Military & Police

- Honesty, integrity, and excellence at work
- Protection
- Significant improvement in peace and order

RING FINGER

Need Support

People suffering from drug addiction

- To hunger for the truth
- Self-control and freedom from addiction

Victims of abuse (physical, emotional, and sexual)

- To find refuge in God
- Freedom from the past
- To know their value in God's sight

People living in poverty

- To hope in God and trust in His faithfulness
- Provision for basic needs; protection
- Opportunities for work and education

SMALL FINGER

Yourself

+ *Spouse*

Quality of life

- For physical, mental, and emotional health
- To be good stewards of our health and time

Personal

- Pray for your goals and aspirations
- Pray for reconciliation for hurting relationships

Friday

THUMB

Loved Ones

Concerns of the family

- Openness & intimacy
- Vulnerability & accountability
- Grace and reconciliation amidst each other's weaknesses
- Healthy communication

Friends

- Salvation of non-believing friends; prayer requests

INDEX FINGER

Church

Alignment of all ministries to our church's vision, mission, and core values

Dare Singles Ministry, Couples Ministry, Seniors Ministry, all CBCP Administrative Staff Workers, Worship Services, Tagalog Ministry, Praise/Choir Teams, 40 Days of Prayer Campaign

TALLEST FINGER

Country

Pressing Concerns

- Fight against drugs
- Responsible media
- Morality in our country
- Education sector
- Disaster preparedness of local government units

RING FINGER

Need Support

Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom in our world today

- Pray for the persecuted church, missionaries, & workers
- To be God's mouthpiece in other cultures & languages
- To be intimate with God, and to find strength in Him in the midst of trials
- Deliverance against evil forces that seek to hinder the expansion of His Kingdom
- For the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of the persecutors
- God's protection, blessings, and comfort upon their families

SMALL FINGER

*Yourself
+ Spouse*

Ministry

- To be good stewards of our spiritual gifts and ministry responsibilities
- Courage & opportunities to share the Gospel
- To serve faithfully & excellently in your specific ministry involvement