



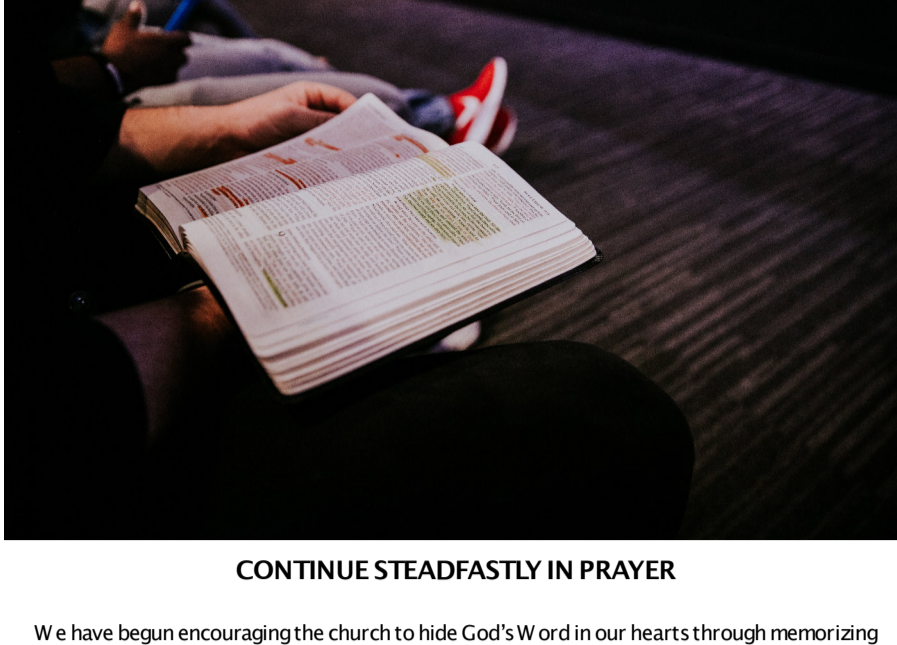
To build a God-fearing, Christ-centered and Spirit-filled Fellowship of Disciples, Committed to Worship, Prayer, Scripture, Evangelism and Church-planting, Blessing the Nations in Schools, Communities and Missions.

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COLLECT FOR 29 - 30 SEPT 2018 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and Heavenly Father, who knows what we need before we ask You, enable us to continue steadfastly in prayer with thanksgiving in our hearts. May we be strengthened in our faith and empowered by Your Holy Spirit to fulfil Your call upon our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER

We have begun encouraging the church to hide God's Word in our hearts through memorizing scripture verses. Colossians 4:2 is the memory verse for this month and it is a call to "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

To continue steadfastly in prayer is to persevere and not give up easily when we have not yet received an answer.

Jesus told a parable in Luke 18:1-7 that emphasized the need to persevere in prayer. He spoke about a widow who went to a judge who was unrighteous with a request. The judge initially refused her request but because she kept going to him and was bothering him, he gave her what she wanted. The point of the parable is that if the widow received what she wanted from an unrighteous judge through her perseverance, how much more will God who is righteous give "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night."

It is significant to note the verses that follow after Colossians 4:2. The verses speak emphatically concerning one area that we are to continue steadfastly in prayer. It is to pray that God would open the door for the gospel to be declared.

May we persevere in prayer for the proclamation of the gospel to the nations, especially where there is currently limited Christian witness.

We are also exhorted to be watchful in prayer. Firstly, we are to be watchful for what God is doing and to pray according to His purposes. Secondly, we are to be alert to our adversary, the devil, who "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8). Thirdly, we are to be watchful for the Lord to answer our prayers.

Our watchfulness and expectation will be proportionate to our level of faith.

Colossians 4:2 concludes with a stress on having a posture of thanksgiving. We are to guard against focusing on ourselves when we pray but to focus on God, and give thanks for the things He has already done or is doing in our lives.

We are to come as grateful children, praising and giving thanks to God for His mercies and grace.

May we faithfully live out the appeal of Colossians 4:2 to God's praise and glory!

Rev. Jeremy Ponniah

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 4:2

This Week's Service Order

- Praise and Worship
- Ministry of the Word
- Welcome and Announcements
- Offertory
- Intercession (Sunday only)
- Benediction

PRAYER POINTS

Monday (1/10) - COR: Praying for Unity

Ask God that Christ's High Priestly prayer in John 17 be fulfilled in COR, that we may be one and fulfil His purpose. Pray that we may be a testimony to our families, neighbours, colleagues, friends, community and the world.

Tuesday (2/10) - COR: Priests, Pastoral and Admin Staff

Pray that God will bless our Priests, Pastoral and Admin Staff with wisdom, power, love and joy of the Holy Spirit as they faithfully serve the King of Kings.

Wednesday (3/10) - Diocese: Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Pray for Revd Michael Teh, Revd Gary Chng, Revd Steven Chong and the church leaders to be blessed with the Holy Spirit and wisdom as they shepherd, lead and equip the parish to fulfil God's purpose.

Thursday (4/10) - Singapore: Pray Singapore

Pray that God will pour forth His Spirit powerfully on the "Pray Singapore" event this Saturday (7 October). Pray that we will come together to humble ourselves as ONE people, with ONE voice. And as ONE family, we will pray and honour that ONE name.

Let us pray with ONE heart and ONE hope.

Friday (5/10) - World: Philippines

Pray for the sex trade workers. Up to 100,000 children and 400,000 women are involved with many of them trafficked to other countries. The sex industry is apparently the fourth largest source of income. Pray for all involved (YWAM, Jubilee Action and others) in the rescue, rehabilitation and discipling of these tragic victims of sin. (Source: Operation World)

Saturday (6/10) - The Sick

Pray for those you know who are not well. Pray that in this difficult period, there is hope and trust in the faithfulness of God. Pray also for God's healing grace and touch.

If you have any confidential prayer requests, please email suatngoh@cor.org.sg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome Note

COR warmly welcomes Asher, a 12-year-old boy with autism, as he shares a testimony of God's faithfulness in his life. Asher has also created WordArt, a special book of art and illustrations based on God's Word. The book will be available for purchase after service.

2. COR@PRAYER

In view of the "Pray Singapore" event on the 7 Oct, there will be no prayer meeting on Tues, 2 Oct. Please remember to wear "Red" for the "Pray Singapore" event.

3. Making Sense of 377A Forum

Many of us may have wondered what the Diocesan stand on keeping Section 377A of the Penal Code meant for us. Are we supporting the criminalizing of the homosexual act or is this a statement about maintaining sexual norms in our society? Going forward, how do we as a church relate to those who are same-sex attracted with the love of Christ? We invite you to this forum to contribute your views and share your experiences. We will also hear from the Vicar and spend time in prayer to seek God's guidance in the way ahead. You may sign up to attend the forum [here](#).

Date: 20th October 2018
Time: 10.00AM - 12noon
Venue: #01-14/15

4. Olive Tree Gathering - Postponed

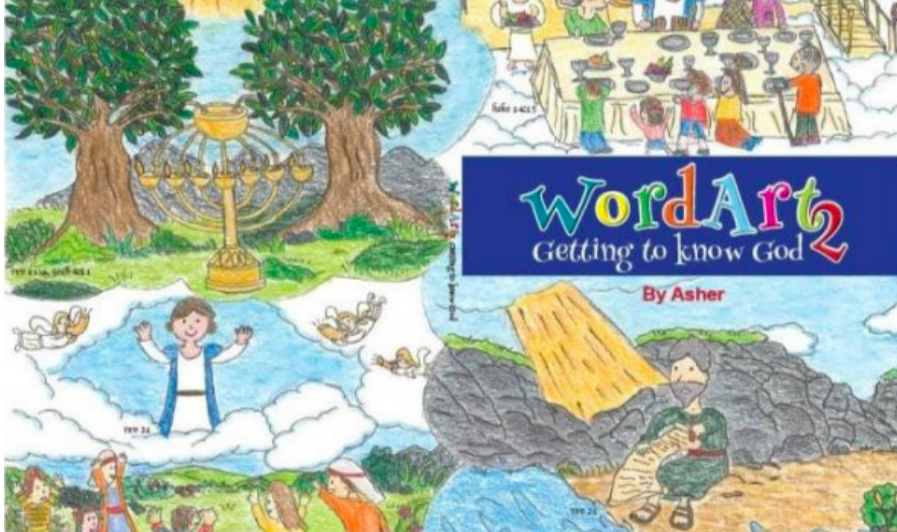
In the light of the forum on Section 377A on October 20th, the Olive Tree Gathering with Bishop Kuan on that day will be postponed to a later date. All are encouraged to attend the Section 377A forum led by Rev David Lee.

5. Children Ministry Recruitment

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help out in the Children Ministry for 2018.

Areas of focus: Teachers, Helpers, Coordinators, Administrators.
Level of Classes: Preschool (3-4 yrs old), Kindergarten (5-6 yrs old), Primary School (7-12yrs old).
For more information, please contact Jerome Foo at jeromefoo@cor.org.sg or at 62897611.

Highlights



Read more about Asher and his work with WordArt2 [here](#).

6 - 7 October
Children's Day Celebration

7 October
Pray Singapore @National Stadium
4.00pm - 7.00pm

13 October
MSS - Cell Leaders' Fellowship

18 - 21 October
Medical Mission

Sermons

This Weekend

SPS (29 Sep) - Family Service
SW S (30 Sep)
Jesus: Praying For Unity
John 17:11-23
Richard Ting

MSS (30 Sep)
Reaching Out To The Wandering
James 5:13-20
Ian Chew

Next Weekend

SPS (6 Oct)
SW S & MSS (7 Oct)
The Foreigners Among Us
Jonah 1:1-3, 2:8-9, 4:1-11
Dr Goh Wei Leong

SERVICE TIMINGS

ENGLISH CONGREGATION

Saturday Praise Service (SPS)
Sat, 4.30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Service (SWS)
Sun, 10.00am, Sanctuary

Mustard Seed Service (MSS - Youth)
Sun, 10.00am, Shaw Hall, #03-09

KINGDOM CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SAT, 4.30 PM | SUN, 10.00 AM

JOYFUL PRESCHOOLERS
3 - 4 years old
#01-16

CARING KINDEES
5 - 6 years old
#02-15

EXPLORER KIDZ, PRAISE KIDZ, FAITHFUL KIDZ
7 - 12 years old
#02-11

EXTENSION CENTRE

Century Christian Fellowship
Sun, 4.00pm
407 Jalan Kayu



CHINESE CONGREGATION

Mandarin Service
Sun, 1.45pm, Sanctuary

New Life Service (Youth)
Sun, 1.45pm, #01-14

Canto-Hokkien Service
Sun, 10.00am, #01-14

Children's Service
3 to 12 years old
Sun, 1.45pm, #01-16, #02-11

