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## *Koinonia Prayer Requests*

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The two countries this week we are praying for are China and Myanmar.

- China has an estimated 97.2 million Christians (and growing, in spite of the increased persecution in recent years). This year alone, the state is using Digital technology to control Christians and it is getting harder to be a Christian in China, many churches have been closed down by the state. In three years, the country has risen 26 places, reflecting a rapidly deteriorating situation for Christians.
- For Myanmar, besides the military coup the continued violence people dying on the streets, I shall be praying for the ASEAN summit that it will bring about peace. This political upheaval has magnified the vulnerabilities of Christians there. From Myanmar's population of 54.8 million, Buddhism being the majority religion, only 4.4 million are Christian. Now the military is back in power it is thought that the extremist monks who have the support of the army will strengthen the Buddhist place in Myanmar. So much to ask God for please pray for democracy to be restored in Myanmar strength for comfort and strength and healing of all believers. For wisdom, discernment and courage for believers as they seek to serve God.
- It was so good to receive the Email from Dennis and Sheila especially about their son-in-law, Grant and the excellent progress he has made, so please thank God.
- Please keep in your prayers the work in Malawi for Syford and Elizabeth, for God's clear leading in the use of their time and resources. Please thank God for the 5 men now helping Syford in the teaching ministry and also the 5 new people helping in the children's ministry; God is so good.
- Could we pray for all those folks who we have witnessed to this week, our family our friends but especially if we have spoken to strangers about Christ, like Ian and Ali did. They were going for a walk in Sandringham when they met a lady (RC) very confused in what she believed and this was only half-an-hour after asking God to use them. They witnessed to her and told her the Gospel message. So, please pray that the seed planted in her and other folk this week, would bring forth fruit to repentance and thank God for His perfect timing.
- A few of the Fellowship have mentioned the awful situation in India. Pray especially for our brothers and sisters who are suffering because of the Covid as it's horrendous. Clare says we need to petition God on their behalf to ask Him to intervene to bestow His mercy upon the Indian nation and for the gift of wisdom to be poured out upon the leaders so that they know how to deal with the situation.
- As most of you know Clare's cousin Katie successfully came through her cancer operation; thank God that His hand was on her and the hospital staff. Please continue to pray for her as she finds out about the outcome of her surgery and the stage and grade of the cancer, please let us ask God for spiritual and physical healing.
- Give thanks please for the safe arrival of Ben and Esther's baby Reuben Nathaniel.
- Diana is in a lot of pain; pray God would ease this pain and that she would get an x-ray ASAP. Please continue to pray for Eileen as her cancer treatment carries on also regarding some medical complications and Barry as he stands by her side in all this.

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- Thinking of those who are poorly that need a healing touch from the Lord; folk that need lifting up or to be encouraged, and some who just need extra strength like Vicki as she starts to look-after her Grandson (Theo) while her daughter is at work.
- Mary has mentioned that her Dad has been taken into Winchester hospital today (Thursday). No details yet so please just pray for him as he doesn't yet know Christ.
- In 2005, I had to stop running because of a bad knee, they said it was "wear 'n' tear" due to pounding the streets lol. However, I was told this week I have Arthritis in that knee; the physiotherapist is ringing me up on Friday. I am really pleased that after all this time I now know what's been wrong all these years.

As lockdown nears its end and more of us are going back to physical Church, the need for this prayer list will I think cease, please could you let me know if you disagree.

Thank you,

Billy