

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face  
shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up  
His countenance upon you, And give you peace.



Happy New Year

## **Closet Talk - January 2018**

1. Happy New Year! Thank God for this new year of adventure with Him.
2. The New Year is a time to reflect on our goals and plans. Take time to review your thoughts on these today and make sure God is part of that plan.
3. Pray for our Winter Camp that is happening with our After School Program at Emmanuel.
4. Pray for the Worship leaders as they prepare each week. Pray for them as they seek to lead us in celebration of the God we worship.
5. Pray for the Small groups that gather on Friday evenings. Pray for them to be focused on God's Word and His love for each of them.
6. Pray for InterVarsity as they start a new term. Pray for the gathering at the church this evening as they plan for the new school term.
7. Thank God that we have full freedom to worship God openly and without fear. May we be dedicated worshipers of God.
8. Pray for the new church board for the new year. Pray for each leader and the portfolios they are overseeing.
9. Pray for the Staff as they look at the plans for the new year, and work towards the goals set for this year.
10. Pray for the recreational activities that go on in our church each week: carpet bowling for seniors, badminton, basketball, and all the youth activities on Friday evenings.
11. Pray for the choir as they prepare for the Lenten season. Thank God for the gift of music in celebrating these special occasions.

12. Pray for the preparations for the Easter Season which begins early in the year. Pray for the planning for this most important time in the Christian Calendar.
13. Pray for the plans for our Partners in Mission, for the Nacho family and the Guthrie Family.
14. Pray for our worship services each week and for our Mandarin and English expressions of that worship.
15. Pray for the preparations of our Summer Ministry program and specific camps. The plans for our summer programs is done months in advance. Pray for these plans.
16. Pray for the Student Dinner as it begins this evening. Pray for the students that will attend that they may feel the hand of God through the love and care of the volunteers.
17. Pray for the two mid-week prayer gatherings: the Bible study and prayer in the Stevenson Room and the Mandarin Prayer meeting in the Denniss Room.
18. Pray for the Good Friends Group today as they have a week of getting to know some of their own. Thank God for this group.
19. Pray for Kathy Sugrue, our office administrator, who so effectively serves our church. Pray for all the work that flows through Kathy's hands and allows so much to happen in the life of our church.
20. Pray for our custodians as they seek to provide cleaning, set-up and security for our building. Thank God for them today.
21. Pray for the Sunday School classes that meet each week. Pray for our children and youth classes and for those that teach them.
22. Pray for our adult classes and for the new ESL Sunday morning class as it allows individuals to learn English through Bible study and the stories of the Bible.
23. Pray for the Food Market that occurs in our church Fireside lounge each Tuesday. Pray for those that need this food and that this be an encouragement to them.
24. Pray today for your own devotional time with God. In this new year, may you be committed to daily prayer and the reading of God's Word.
25. Pray for our Knitters Who Care group that gathers once a month to knit and crochet for needs in our community and elsewhere. Thank God for these women today.
26. Pray for the preparations for Chinese New Year and for the Robbie Burns dinners that are coming up soon.
27. Pray for the Emmanuel Preschool as they serve our community through the care of young children.
28. Pray for those that may visit our church for the first time today, that they may receive a welcoming spirit and openness to them. Pray for our ushers and greeters as they seek to care for people as they come.
29. Pray for the individuals in our church that are struggling financially, emotionally, or spiritually. Pray for them to find hope and strength through God and through his family.
30. Pray for the volunteers as they serve in the Student Dinner tonight. Thank God for the volunteers who so faithfully serve all day Tuesday, shopping on Monday, and then during the dinner on Tuesday evening.
31. Pray for the ongoing care of our church family through our deacons. Pray for the deacons as they serve in their various portfolios of care. Thank God for them.