

## PREPARATORY MEDITATION

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## PRAISE & PRAYER

### Prayer *for* the Church

- Pray that all brothers and sisters may experience God's power in our lives and have spiritual growth through worship, prayer, service, and fellowship, and that we will love and reach out to our community and beyond. Pray that we stand firm and be vigilant in the midst of spiritual warfare.
- Pray for our deacon candidate, Benquan Wang; pray for his ongoing training. Also, keep his family in your prayers.
- Pray for the planning & preparation of our church retreat in May. Pray for the speakers and for our brothers and sisters to participate, learn, and bond together through the love of Christ.
- Pray for preparation for and coordination of the short-term mission trip to Fairmont, WV in June, & the youth summer mission trip to Taiwan in July.

### Prayer *for* Our Nation & the World

- Pray for the war situation between the U.S., Israel, and Iran. Pray for the thwarting of evil; pray for protection of the vulnerable, for deliverance/relief of those who're suffering.
- Pray for our nation's leaders. May the Lord grant them wisdom & discernment to rule, and care for and defend the needy and vulnerable, to maintain peace, to serve justice, and to uphold God's truth.

### Prayer *for* Other Ministries & Missionaries

- Pray for Alan & Ahna Leung; pray for their Evangelism to Muslims ministry: pray for wisdom in strategic service planning for the ministry; pray for provision for the monthly expense of our ministry facility; pray for a healthy rhythm of work and rest for both adults and kids and balance in allocating time to build strong relationships within and outside of our home

### Prayer *for* One Another

- Pray for the parents in our church that God would equip them as their children's spiritual leaders, and they can lead family worship during the week for discipleship in the Christian home.

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