# SU/FES

### PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER | January-February 2019

## **FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)**

### <u>January</u>

- 1. It's the start of a brand new year! Pray that God's wisdom, provision and protection to be over **SU's full-time staff, project staff** and **volunteers** as they begin the new 2019 programmes.
- 2. Marianne Liaw and Daniel Chow look back at the last 2 weeks of December 2018 and give thanks to God for a good and meaningful time celebrating the birth of the Saviour of the World, Jesus Christ with their family in Christ at their home church, St Mary's Cathedral, as well as with their brothers and sisters in Christ in the various outreach ministries they are involved in. Please pray that God will continue to enable them to love and serve Christ and His people wholeheartedly and faithfully in the year 2019.
- 3. Pray for the **Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) Staff** as they meet for their first staff meeting of the year today. May the Lord continue to lead and guide the team as they seek to bring God's Word to the younger generation and their families.
- 4. Marianne Liaw will be meeting up with the new committee members of 6th KL Girls' Brigade in SMK St Mary today to plan and finalize the Girls' Brigade program for the first half of 2019 which will be carried out in the school. Please pray for unity in Christ, wisdom and enthusiasm as we meet to finalize plans which will be carried out this year.
- 5. Joel Wong: "Thank God for the success of the Youth Bible Engagement Seminar (Stage 2) in Chinese in partnership with Sri Botani Presbyterian Church (Ipoh) on 6 November 2018. Around 22 youths and some adults enjoyed learning God's Word together through interactive games and learning activities. One participant who has never read the Bible before was motivated to start reading the Bible to find out more about Jesus and the gospel." Pray for more opportunities to partner with the local churches to train young leaders in Bible handling skill and sound doctrine.

- 6. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he leaves for **Hanoi (7-10 Jan)** to attend the **SU East West Asia Community Support Group meeting**. Pray for wisdom as they discuss how to develop and support SU ministries in the region.
  - **Charis Tan** thanks the Lord for His faithfulness throughout her journey of serving in SU. She is excited at what God has in store for her. Pray that she will continue doing her best in serving the Lord and walking in His ways.
- 7. Pray for **Kelly Tan** and her family as they are rejoicing and adjusting to their life with their newborn son. Also pray for both of their children to grow up learning to be obedient to Christ, loving Him with all their heart, mind and soul. May their walk in Christ be faithful and fruitful.
- 8. Chai Tze Kwang and Joel Mohan will be starting a new project where they will be walking closely with specific schools throughout the year, helping them in the planning and running of their CF. Please pray for wisdom as they approach this new project. Pray also for the schools they will be attending to, SMK USJ12 and SMKDJ. Pray for good working relationships with the teachers and for the students to be eager to serve.
- Pray for the schools in Klang as we try to work with them to help revive some
  of the CFs that have been somewhat dormant over the last few years. Joel
  Mohan will be meeting teachers and CF committees to work out a schedule
  and program for 2019.
- Timothy Cheang would like to thank God for the safe arrival of his daughter in December 2018. Please pray for strength and perseverance at home as well as in ministry.
- 11. Marianne Liaw will be meeting up and communicating with school CF teachers to find out how SU can be assisting and helping them out with their CFs this year. Please pray for safety as she travels around by public transport.
- 12. Pray for the preparation for **KL/PJ SCF Convention 2019.** Pray for the committees that they will be able to plan well in every area of the convention.
- 13. Edwin Khoo: "Pray that we will be able to recruit more SU volunteers to go to the 20+ CFs in Perak."
- 14. **Elkha Asok**: "I want to thank God for His guidance and provision in my first year in SU. As I'm stepping into my 2nd year, please uphold me in prayer that I'll continue to strive to learn more from God in spirit and in truth."

- 15. **Chai Siew Meng** gives thanks to the Lord for the new year. Pray that he will continue to seek and learn from the Lord as he serves in Scripture Union.
- 16. Jennifer Chew: "Thankful for another year and for opportunities to minister to children through camps. We partnered with two churches; in Melaka and Batu Pahat. It was an enriching time with both children and volunteers from the churches."
- 17. **Marianne Liaw** praises God that SU's resource, "Introducing Jesus" is being utilized by a few refugee schools to help their students know who Jesus is, why He came and what it means to follow Him. She thanks God for the privilege given to run a training with teachers from a refugee school late last year on how to use this resource.
- 18. Please pray for the Bible Engagement (BE) team as we seek to form BE partnerships with churches to help their members read the Bible regularly. Pray that we will be able to find like-minded partners with whom we can cooperate.
- 19. **Ministry partnerships**: Please pray for **Lue Jun Yi** and **Marianne Liaw** as they continue to meet up with those who are interested to partner with SU in youth and schools' ministry work. Pray that these meetings will be fruitful and that Gospel partnerships will be built and established to help SU reach the next generation with God's Word.
- 20. Marianne Liaw will be preaching God's Word at the New Life Restoration Centre, Cheras this morning. Pray that God will help her to speak His Word clearly, faithfully and in love so that those who hear will be built up, encouraged and strengthened in the faith.
- 21. Pray for a good time of sharing and encouragement as **Marianne Liaw** meets with fellow GB officers from the Central region for a time of prayer, praise and encouragement from God's Word today.
- 22. Timothy Cheang will be meeting with leaders of the Taman Tun Dr Ismail Gospel Centre to discuss a Bible Engagement partnership with their Youth Ministry this month.
- 23. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she makes final preparations for a GB camp she will be speaking at this weekend.

- 24. Pray for more schools, churches and centers to take up the challenge and participate in the 20th National Postal Bible Knowledge Quiz 2019. Pray also that their response will be good.
- 25. Marianne Liaw is the main speaker at the 9th KL Girls' Brigade annual boot camp in Wesley Methodist School International KL this weekend (25-27 Jan). Please pray that she will be able to proclaim the Gospel clearly and boldly, and that she will also teach God's Word clearly to the girls who will be attending the camp.
- 26. **Edwin Khoo**: "Pray for the provision of a bilingual SU staff to work effectively with Chinese speaking CFs in the Sitiawan, Taiping and Manjung area.
- 27. **Charis Tan**: "In the midst of busyness and juggling with different responsibilities I have, please pray that God will grant me wisdom, strength and grace to cope well."
- 28. Emelda Roukin: "Pray for the preparation of the Bible Engagement Training of Trainers in Kuching on 2nd March 2019. The planning is to train SU Sarawak Staff and some teachers."
- 29. Please pray for the **SU Team** as we continue to reach the next generation with God's Word and make Christ known to them.
- 30. Our **internship programme** has been well received and it has been a great blessing to both SU and the interns. Pray for the **new interns** who have recently joined and are coming in to join SU this year.
- 31. Pray for **Kelly Tan** who is on her maternity leave right now. Pray that the Lord will bless her and restore her physically, mentally and spiritually. May she find satisfaction in Christ as she continues in her role as wife, mom, and also servant of Christ.

### **February**

- I. **Edwin Khoo**: "Pray for all CF committees in Perak to carry out their new programs effectively."
- 2. **Joel Mohan**: "Pray for preparation as my home church is opening a new branch in Kota Kinabalu. Will be travelling within the next month to meet youth leaders and core leaders at new branch."
- 3. **Marianne Liaw** thanks God for the generosity of various ministry partners who willingly sponsor SU Bible study materials and resources to schools and students who are poor and in need but are keen to learn God's Word.
- 4. Charis Tan is grateful to the Lord for His open doors in connecting with different Chinese-speaking CF teachers and youth workers from Sitiawan. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in planning for trainings/events for the youth there. May Scripture Union ministry be made known to the Chinesespeaking community there as well.
- 5. **Jennifer Chew** has been caring for her dad, a stroke patient, for one and half years now and it has also taken a toll on her health. Do uphold her in prayer as she paces herself wisely and to take necessary rest.
- 6. Pray for safe travels (6-9 Feb) for Timothy Cheang and his family as they travel for a short break during the Chinese New Year holidays. Pray for safety for the baby, as well as a time for the family to bond and encourage each other.
- 7. Pray for **Lue Jun Yi** and **Marianne Liaw** as they meet with youth leaders and ministers from various churches to offer help, advice and resources which can be of assistance to them in their ministries.
- 8. **Edwin Khoo**: "Pray for SU will continue to disciple student leaders to walk closely with the Lord Jesus and shine for Him."
- 9. "We'll be celebrating Chinese New Year with the residents of Shal Home today!" Please pray for **Daniel Chow, Marianne Liaw** and the rest of the **ministry team** as they spend time teaching the residents from the Scriptures and bringing them some CNY cheer as many do not have family members to celebrate this joyous occasion with them.

- 10. Please pray that the political leaders in our nation will rule with wisdom, justice and integrity and that we will not give up praying for them. Let us always remember that God has placed them as earthly rulers over us but He is the King who has the final say in all matters.
- 11. **Elkha Asok**: "Planning for Children's Ministry has become more familiar to me now but I pray that I will also be able to know how to organize my time and be a good role model to not only the children but those around me."
- 12. Pray for the Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) Staff as they meet for their staff meeting today. Pray also for the SUPM council as they meet today too. Pray for a good working relationships between the council and staff.
- 13. Please keep Marianne Liaw and the rest of the ministry team in prayer as they conduct the GB program with the girls at SMK St Mary this afternoon.
- 14. Chew Yi Hong: "Pray for the preparations for the SU Kedah Camp, especially in finding the right speakers and volunteers. May the pre-believer campers have open hearts to receive the Gospel."
- 15. Pray that all who use the **SUFES Campsite** in **Tapah** will have a good and meaningful time. Pray for our **campsite manager**, **Dennis Lim**, and the **Orang Asli team** as they run the campsite.
- 16. Pray that God will continue to grant Marianne Liaw wisdom, love and patience as she seeks to advise, counsel and guide students and youths who approach her for help from the various schools that she teaches and preaches the Word at on a regular basis.
- 17. Pray for God's healing and strength to be upon Charis Tan. May she be able to face all challenges and continue serving God faithfully in the different SU ministries.
- 18. Pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and read God's Word daily.
- 19. Pray for the students as they study passages from the Bible for the Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz. Pray that the students will find it meaningful as they study God's Word in preparing for the quiz.

- 20. Please pray for **Marianne Liaw's** safety as she makes her way around to speaking engagements and meetings in schools and various other destinations, especially when she has to do so alone.
- 21. SU Office Staff: Uphold the office staff Chia Pek Heong, Chai Siew Meng, Esther Lee and Sharon Wong who support the ministry behind the scenes. Praise God for their dedication to SU all these years. Pray for strength, good health and the joy of serving God through SU.
- 22. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as her maternity leave is coming to an end this month. May she grow in wisdom in the Lord with good discernment and faithful obedience.
- 23. Pray for **KL/PJ SCF Convention 2019** which is taking place today. May all the programmes run smoothly. Besides learning from the sessions, may all CFs from different schools connect well with one another.
- 24. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she meets with Christian principals in various schools to encourage and support them in prayer.
- 25. **Edwin Khoo**: "Pray for God to send committed Christian teachers to spearhead CFs in Perak as some teachers are retiring in 2019 and 2020.
- 26. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she speaks at Methodist Girls' School Chapel Service on a regular basis on Tuesday mornings.
- 27. The SU Team is preparing for the upcoming camps during the March holidays. Pray for the ongoing preparation that it will be smooth. Pray that God will give the speakers wisdom as they prepare for the camps. Pray also that God will prepare the hearts of the campers as they listen to God's Word during their respective camps.
- 28. Emelda Roukin: "Pray for the preparation of the Bible Engagement Seminar at the GISM KK Youth Camp from 25-27 Mar 2019."