



Prayer Walk @ Fort Canning

A collaboration between
Wesley D&N Creation Care Committee
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Welcome to Prayer Walk @ Fort Canning

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; Prayer is the greater work"
Oswald Chambers

Prayer Walk @ Fort Canning is self-guided prayer walk that can be done by yourself at any time of the day.

Even as we have just celebrated National Day, we are reminded of the need to continue to pray for Singapore. Prayer Walk @ Fort Canning is an opportunity for us to combine appreciation of the flora and fauna of God's creation with intercession for the needs of our nation.

There will be a total of **10 stations** in this prayer walk and the entire duration of the prayer walk will take **45 minutes to 1 hour** walking in a contemplative pace.

Before we start, our encouragement is for you to **walk contemplatively** and **be attentive** to what God is speaking to you through His creation. Turn off your phones to avoid any un-necessary distractions.

Notice the sights, sounds and smells around you. Set aside this time as sacred even as you dedicate the duration of this prayer walk in intercession.

When you are ready, you can turn to the next page to begin the walk....

Proceed to:

Station 1: Fort Canning Gate



How to get there:

If you are driving, you can park your car at **Fort Canning Car Park A**. From the carpark, it is a short 1 - 2 minute walk to the Fort Canning Gate.



If you are taking a bus, you can take bus number **7, 14, 14e, 16, 16M, 36, 65, 77, 106, 111, 124, 162, 162M, 167, 174, 174e, 175, 190, 652, 656, 660, 663, 665, 850E, 951E, 971, 972, 972M** and alight at **Dhoby Ghaut Stn Exit B** bus stop.

From there cross the road towards the **9 Penang Road** office complex, taking the **covered linkway** up the escalator to the back exit of the complex. After that, cross the road towards **Wesley Methodist Church**, taking the pathway that goes upslope behind the church.

Follow the slope for around 5 - 10 minutes and the Fort Canning GATE should be in front of you.

If you are taking a MRT train, alight at **Dhoby Ghaut MRT station** and exit the station through **Exit B**. Walk straight towards **9 Penang Road** office complex and then follow the directions above to reach the Fort Canning Gate.

Station 1: Fort Canning Gate



"A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power"

Edwin Harvey

Pray for our educational institutes

Standing inside Fort Canning Green facing the gate, to your left is **Singapore Management University's (SMU) School of Accountancy and School of Law.**

SMU is only one of the educational institutes surrounding Wesley, with art schools such as **Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)** and **School of the Arts (SOTA)** as well as tertiary institutes such as **Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)** being a stone throw away from Wesley.

Pray for:

1. **Mental Health** - Students feeling detached and isolated due to COVID-19. Pray against bullying & suicide rates. Pray against high stress experienced by students.
2. **Leaders and teachers** - Pray for our Minister of Education Chan Chun Seng. For professors, principals, heads and teachers to have wisdom & godly values. Pray for them to be people of character that set examples for students and that they will teach wisdom rather than knowledge.
3. **Godly values** - Pray that students will learn to respect differences of others. Pray against sexual perversion and occult practices. Pray for purity.

Proceed to:

Station 2: Unity Statue



How to get there:

Follow the red brick path that leads away from Fort Canning Gate and towards the carpark.

Following the red brick path, you should see **other statues on your left side** that will indicate that you are on the right path.



Follow the red brick path for around 5 - 10 minutes till you reach the **Unity Statue**.

You can refer to the picture on the right of the statue sign to ascertain that you are at the right location.



Station 2: Unity Statue



"Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayers, God heeds prayers, God answers prayers, and God delivers by prayer"

E. M. Bounds

Pray for the Church of Singapore

The statue in front of you is titled "Unity" and is sculpted by Mr But Muchtar. This statue reminds us of the need for unity in the Body of Christ following the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (*John 17:21*).

Facing the statue, **Wesley Methodist Church** should be behind you. Wesley is not the only church around the Dhoby Ghaut area, with **Orchard Road Presbyterian Church, Church of the Sacred Heart, Singapore Life Church** and **Tamil Methodist Church** located close to Wesley.

Pray for:

1. **Leaders** - For church leaders to arise and keep the unity of the Church. Pray that the church will not compromise on God's Truth. Pray for wisdom for leaders to shepherd the flock and discernment to know what is of the Lord.
2. **The Body of Christ** - For Christians to embrace holiness and their witness to be a beacon of light. Pray that they will seek salvation of those around and a revival within the church.
3. **Churches** - To balance safety with social interaction. Pray for new churches to arise. Pray that God will make a way for the Church in the midst of wilderness (*Isaiah 43:19*) and that the churches walk in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ (*John 5:19*).

Proceed to:

Station 3: *Fort Canning Visitor Centre*



How to get there:

Follow the red brick path away from the Unity Statue till you reach **Fort Canning Car Park B** as shown in the picture below.



When you reach the carpark, leave the brick path and cross the carpark to get to the **Fort Canning Visitor Centre** (On the Google Maps app, the location of Fort Canning Visitor Centre is near the **Battlebox**)

Station 3: Fort Canning Visitor Centre



"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency.
Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice"

Billy Graham

Pray for businesses in Singapore

Facing the Fort Canning Visitor Centre, you can see on your left **Hotel Fort Canning**, with other hotels such as **Carlton Hotel**, **YWCA Fort Canning**, **YMCA @ One Orchard** and **Ji Hotel** nearby.

Hotels are not the only businesses affected by the recent pandemic, with some Singapore retailers reporting as much as a 70% drop in sales. Smaller businesses such as hawker stalls find themselves unable to continue due to the Heightened Alert measures.

Pray for:

1. **Business Owners** - To conduct their business with integrity and for them to be responsible and fair to their workers. Pray that they will abide by safety measures and not attempt to bend them to their own advantage. Pray for Christian leaders to have God-given ideas and innovations, with funding for their businesses.
2. **Businesses** - Pray for SMEs to find a way to survive the pandemic. Pray that they will help workers reskill and create new jobs. Pray that businesses will seek to produce wholesome products and to not waste food.
3. **Workers** - For economic revival to support those who have lost jobs. For wisdom for the government to help those who are jobless.

Proceed to:

Station 4: *Green Grass Patch*



How to get there:

Take the path **to the right of the Fort Canning Visitor Centre** when facing it.



Follow the path. You should see **Hotel Fort Canning to your right** to ascertain that you are on the right path.



Follow the path till you see a **staircase to your left** as shown in the picture. **Go up the staircase** to the raised clearing and the **Green Grass Patch** should be directly in front of you.



Station 4: Green Grass Patch



"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Max Lucado

Pray for families & children in Singapore

Before the pandemic, if you were here on a weekend, you would see families gathered on the grass having picnics, with parents playing with their children. However, in today's busy, stressful world, this has been less common a sight.

Today more children and teens are experiencing high amounts of stress from demands in school, with more couples, especially those recently married, getting divorces.

Pray for:

- Fathers & Mothers** - Pray for fathers to arise and be actively involved in the family. Pray for fathers to be spiritual leaders at home. Pray for parents to be spiritual role models and grounding their children in the Word of God. That parents will train their children in the way of the Lord (*Proverbs 22:6*).
- Families** - For family time to increase and be meaningful. For families to know and practice core values of Christian families. For families to pray together
- Children** - To have healthy use of social media and opportunities to connect with others. Pray for them to have mutual respect for others, not embody "cancel culture" and to be sensitive to others. Pray for mental resilience and strength.

Proceed to:

Station 5: Reservoir edge



How to get there:

Cross the clearing towards the **Old Married Soldiers' Quarters** shown in the picture at the right.



Approach the fence where the raised edge of the reservoir should be in front of you.

You have arrived!



Station 5: Reservoir edge



"If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled."

Cynthia Lewis

Pray for banks & financial institutions in Singapore

From the edge of the reservoir, you can see the Singapore skyline from the gap in the trees, with offices of banks such as **United Overseas Bank (UOB)**, **Overseas Union Bank (OUB)** being visible.

Being in the center of the city, Wesley is also surrounded by other banks and financial institutes, with examples being the **Development Bank of Singapore (DBS)**, **Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC)**, **Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS)** and **Credit Suisse**. The global financial downturn have impacted these business in one way or another.

Pray for

- Governing authorities** - Pray for MAS to set good monetary policies and govern local banks well. Pray that they protect public from scams and unscrupulous agents. Pray that they will keep Singapore's economy stable. Pray for Finance Minister Lawrence Wong. Pray for currency stability.
- Banks** - Protect banks from viruses and ransomware. Pray for wise financial management and stewardship of financial resources. For strong fraud detection. Pray that they will retrain and redeploy workers to prevent retrenchment
- Godly values** - Pray against greed in the banking industry. Pray for human touch in the midst of automation and technology advancement.

Proceed to:

Station 6: *Artisan Garden*



How to get there:

Turn back and cross the clearing till you see **a set of staircase heading down** towards Fort Canning Centre.

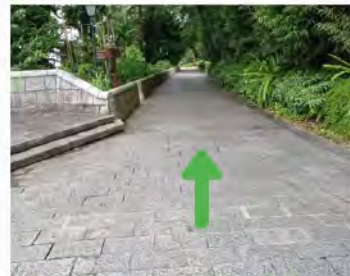
Descend the staircase towards Fort Canning Centre.



Facing Fort Canning Centre, **turn right and follow the path away from the building.**



Follow the path for 3 - 5 minutes until you reach **a staircase on your left that leads down to the Artisan Gardens.**



Descend the staircase on your left and walk straight till you reach the **Artisan Garden Trellis Gate Entrance.**



Station 6: Artisan Garden



"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

Martin Luther

Pray for nature as God's Creation

From the trellis gateway you will be able to see the entrance to the **Artisan Garden**. As you walk down the staircase, you can see signs introducing the different plants lining the garden. Besides being beautiful, many of the plants have practical or medicinal properties and are utilized in modern medicine.

Take time to read through the different plants in the garden. It is a reminder of God caring for us through His creation and just as nature takes care of Man, Man has a responsibility to steward creation, caring for it as a blessing from God and not plundering its resources for our own selfish desires.

Pray for

- 1. Changing mindsets** - Pray that God removes the blindness of believers to see the beauty of His creation and to have a burden to care for creation. Pray that we will not follow the ways of the world by buying more than we can use, recklessly throwing away food and putting business interest over the protection of the environment.
- 2. Companies & Leaders** - For companies to understand their responsibility to take care of the earth and repent over misuse of God's resources. For companies to commit to innovate and create more environmentally friendly energy sources. For world leaders to commit to sustainability plans.

Proceed to:

*Station 7: Fort Canning
Archaeological Excavation Site*



How to get there:

Follow the stairway straight down
until you reach a **crossroad**.



Take the path to your right and follow
along the red brick path. Walk for 1 - 2
minutes and the **Fort Canning
Archaeological Excavation Site**
should be in front of you.



Station 7: Fort Canning Archaeological Excavation Site



"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

Charles Spurgeon

Pray for Singapore

From this station, you can see an excavation site of what once was a prosperous trading settlement on Fort Canning, with Malayan pottery, earthenware from South Thailand and ceramics from Guangzhou being found among the artefacts uncovered.

This is a reminder of Singapore as a melting pot of different cultures, built up by immigrants from a poor fishing village to a world-class city. God has a purpose for Singapore and even as we thank God for His provision for Singapore, we are encouraged to pray for the welfare of the city (*Jeremiah 29:7*).

Pray for:

1. **Singapore's government** - Pray for leaders to be God-fearing; make policies and set boundaries that adhere to godly values. For God to restore the honor, respect and authority of our leaders. Pray for the next generation of leaders to focus on love, mutual respect, etiquette, tolerance, education and resilience.
2. **Harmony** - Pray against people who want to create disharmony and repent from pride, complacency, murmuring and complaints. To Singaporeans to be appreciative and thankful for what we have and remember God as our Provider.
3. **Destiny** - Pray for Singapore to live out our prophetic destiny that we are to be the Antioch of Asia and not to be distracted.

Proceed to:

Station 1: Registry of Marriage



How to get there:

Facing away from the site, **exit the Fort Canning Archaeological Excavation Site** by through the exit according to the picture at the right.



After exiting, **turn right and follow the path.**

Follow along the path till you see **a split in the path.**



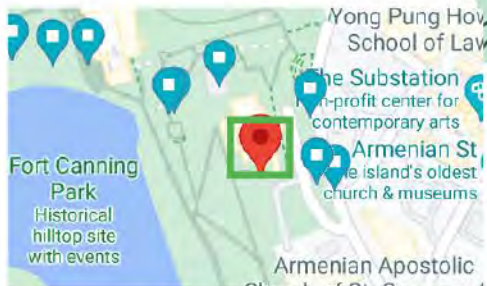
Take the path to your left.



Proceed along the path till you see **a staircase with wooden bannisters to your left leading down.** Take the staircase down and walk till you see the **Registry of Marriage** ahead of you.



Station 8: Registry of Marriage



"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer"

Beth Moore

Pray for marriages in Singapore

From here you are able to see the entrance towards the **Registry of Marriage (ROM)**. This is a place that anyone who is seeking to be married in Singapore must visit. It is a place of joy and anticipation for a future married life.

However, there has been a drop in marriages in Singapore over the past decade, with the situation now being exacerbated by restrictions due to the pandemic. For some it is a decision to withhold marriage till financial stability, for some it is a reluctance in the commitment of matrimony, and for others marriage is only something they are willing to go into later in life.

Pray for

- 1. Commitment to spouses** - Pray for Christian couples to be committed to their spouses and remembering their marriage covenant vows. Pray against living of separate lives after marriage and pray for spouses to be willing to forgive one another. For Christian marriages to be a relationship model of Christ and His Church.
- 2. Inter-generational relationships** - For Christian marriages to be role models for children. For in-laws to be understanding, helpful and giving, remembering the biblical commandment for a husband to leave his parents and cleave with his wife as one flesh (*Genesis 2:24*)
- 3. Family structure** - For godly family structures to be restored and maintained.

Proceed to:

Station 1: Fort Canning Entrance



How to get there:

Circumvent the building till you reach the **front porch of the Registry of Marriage**.

Take the path on the right away from the Registry of Marriage.

Follow along the raised pathway on the left and walk down away from the Registry of Marriage.



Follow the pathway for 1 - 2 minutes and you will reach the **Fort Canning Entrance**.

Station 1: Entrance of Fort Canning



"Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day"

Joyce Meyer

Pray for the Singaporean government

We are now at the entrance of Fort Canning Park and are close to City Hall. City Hall used to be Singapore's city center in the past, with many government buildings located in the district.

From here, you are able to walk to the Singapore River to see the **Parliament of Singapore** where ministers and members debate and decide on important policies in Singapore. The **Supreme Court of Singapore** building is also a stone's throw away and safeguards Singapore's justice system. While unseen, these are important to the nation's security and stability, safeguarding the well-being of Singaporeans.

Pray for

1. **Ministers** - Pray for Singapore's ministers to be aligned to God's laws. That God will reveal Himself to our leaders and provide Godly wisdom for all their tasks. Pray for God to sustain and refresh our ministers and for godly advisors and civil servants to assist them in their tasks. Pray for leaders who are shrewd as serpents but innocent as doves (*Matthew 10:16*).
2. **The COVID-19 challenge** - Pray for the government and people to have patience when managing the effects of COVID-19 on the economy and nation. Pray for herd immunity when more are vaccinated and pray against side-effects of vaccination.
3. **New leaders** - For God to raise new leaders who seek His heart in righteousness.

Proceed to:

Station 10: Workers Dormitory



How to get there:

Walk around the barrier at the Fort Canning Entrance and **walk along the path with leaf imprints.**

Proceed along the path for 3 - 5 minutes and you will see the **Workers Dormitory on your right.**



Station 10: Workers Dormitory



"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."
Søren Kierkegaard

Pray for our Foreign Workers

We are nearly at the end of our prayer walk and even as we head back to our first station, you should be able to see a **Workers Dormitory** helping to build an extension of the SMU campus.

Singapore has approximately 1.3 million foreign workers, forming a quarter of Singapore's population. These foreign workers build our offices and homes but often live in cramped quarters, are poorly provided for in terms of food and wages, and face discrimination from many Singaporeans. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many of the countries our foreign worker friends are from, with those in Singapore willing to work to provide for their families but worried about their families back at home.

Pray for

1. **Employers** - Pray for employers to respect and treat our foreign workers well, take care of their health and not discriminate against them. For employers to grant off-days, provide good and safe living conditions, transportation and medical care.
2. **Workers** - Pray that they are able to break out of the poverty cycle and know how to manage their finances well. For them to see the goodness of God through the people who reach out to them and come to the saving knowledge of God.
3. **Family back home** - Pray for the health and safety of their families back home. Protect their marriages, children, assets and property from disasters.

Congratulations!

You have completed

Prayer Walk @ Fort Canning

We hope that you have enjoyed the short time of prayer while immersing yourself in the wonder and beauty of God's creation right here in the nature of Fort Canning Park.

You may continue your walk around Fort Canning Park while remaining in a prayerful posture or you may choose to leave the park.

Before you proceed, give thanks to God for blessing us with nature and praise Him for this time of prayer.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."

2 Thessalonians 3:16

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

Mother Theresa

When you are ready, you can turn to the next page to begin