

# September

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> *A prayer for chaplains/ship visitors: Rise with me, Lord to face the new day. Walk with me Lord, up each gangway. Be in me, oh Lord, as I meet each one. Help me, oh Lord, to see in them, Your Son. Give me courage, oh Lord, to do what is right. For justice, oh Lord stand with me and fight. Give me peace, oh Lord, at the end of each day watch over them, Lord while they are away. Amen*
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Singapore. Toh Soon Kok, Chaplain. Pray for the formation of Singapore as a Key Port.
- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Singapore. Susan Koh, Administrator. Would the Lord fill us with wisdom as we reach out to serve seafarers, especially in the newly built Tuas mega port.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Singapore. Send the right people to fill the various roles as we expand
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Singapore. Grant us favour in God's eyes and the eyes of those in authority. May all that we do make a difference in the lives of seafarers, glorify God's name and point many more to Christ our Saviour
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong. Revd Canon Stephen Miller, Senior Chaplain. Pray that the new hotel team as well as the chaplaincy team through various trainings including the ITF 1st Responder training and SafeTALK will enable us to have a better understanding of the sacrifice and challenges facing the seafarers.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong. Revd Kim Kee Lee, Port Chaplain. Pray that all departments continue to work harmoniously to maintain the team spirit with more staff joining the ministry
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> *Hong Kong. Mr Kenneth Ng, Mr Howard Yu, Mr Christopher Tso Ship Visitors. Pray for the safety of those working on the New Building and Club House, pray for our development partners and for the success of the New Hotel*
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong. Mr Eric Lam and Mr Ken Lam who begin work this month as new ship visitors. Pray for our crew on board our launch Dayspring, for Clement and Jacky as they visit seafarers in the anchorages of Hong Kong
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Region. Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who work at sea. We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport. We recognise that they are sometimes in danger and their long absences often involve sacrifices in their family life. Help us to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Yangon, Myanmar. George Ko Ko Gyi, Country Manager. Thank God for everything he has done for us and thanks for feeding us to survive in this difficult time.
- Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Yangon, Myanmar. Mr Jeffrey Office/centre staff. Would the Lord lead us, guide us and give us wisdom to learn more about his will and to serve seafarers. Give thanks that registration process of the MtS (Yangon) organization has successfully been achieved.

Pray for Myanmar seafarers working around the world to protect them from all harm and evils.

- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Yangon, Myanmar. To protect all the people of Myanmar, especially children and pregnancies. Lord to feed all the people of Myanmar to survive daily needs in these difficult times. To cease fire around the country and to restore peace and democracy. Pray for people of Myanmar to know more about God's love and salvation.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Philippines. Lailani O. Tolentino-Rahon, Country Manager. We pray for seafarers and their families, who face unique challenges due to their work. We'd like to ask for your protection and guidance as seafarers navigate the unpredictable and treacherous oceans. May they feel your presence and be comforted in times of loneliness and danger.
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> *Philippines. Mr Neil Cabigas, Mr Ven Garferio and Mr Arnel Rebustes, project team members, We also lift up the seafarers' families, who wait anxiously for their loved ones' safe return. May they be sustained by your love and provided for during long periods of separation.*
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Philippines. We ask for your wisdom for those of us who work in the mission that we may provide competent and compassionate services to seafarers and their families, bringing hope and comfort to those in need, that we may accomplish God's will for His glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Busan South Korea. Monica Park, Chaplain. Please pray for the MtS Busan team and the management committee members of the Friends of the Flying Angel.
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Busan South Korea. Mariana Kim, Centre Manager. Please pray that God leads us and gives us his wisdom to prepare well in His Will.
- Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Tokyo Japan. Misaki Iwai, Chaplain. Pray for an increase in our access to the various parts of the port and for all the seafarers who visit Toyko.
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Yokohama Japan. Reverend Canon Andrew Dangerfield, Port Chaplain and Rector of Christ Church Yokohama: pray for a greater level of cooperation between the various charitable organizations working for seafarers in Yokohama. May our combined efforts help to support seafarers especially those experiencing difficulties and challenges.
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Kobe Japan. Revd Paul Tolhurst, Port Chaplain. Give thanks for the longstanding and on-going support of the local and provincial church - the Nippon Sei Ko Kai - for the work of the MtS throughout Japan, and for their kind financial support.
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> *Kobe Japan. Rika Kono, Administrator. Give thanks also for strong relations with port authorities, associated organizations and ecumenical partners, and pray for these to continue to flourish. Please pray for the ministry in Kobe as it changes*

*from centre-based to ship-visiting-focused, praying for Mr Guy Crumpler full time ship visitor and that together with the development of new MtS facilities; they may be suitable for the needs of seafarers of today and tomorrow.*

- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> East Asia Region. Please pray for the safe travels of all the chaplains and ship visitors in the region.
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup> East Asia Region. Please pray for the East Asia Region as we learn and grow together, for all the seafarers we serve and for all involved in the Mission to Seafarers across the region
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the work of our new Secretary General, Venerable Dr Peter Rouch as he prepares to journey out to visit the East Asia region in October
- Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Japan. Please pray for the Japan MtS Administration Committee and for the recruitment of suitable new members with relevant skills to advance the work in Japan.
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the Dean of Indonesia and for those who have worked hard to open MTS Belawan
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Kobe Japan. As the port of Kobe continues to try to define itself within Japan and the wider Asian region, ask that God blesses the city government with wisdom as they plan the way forward.
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> *Sumatra Indonesia. Please pray for the formation of a new ministry in Sumatra and for the work and training of new chaplains to minister to seafarers in Kuala Tanjung and Belawan. Please pray for Revd Josepha Tarigan and Mr Willy Purba, ship visitor.*
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Bangkok Thailand. Revd Dave Hinay Port Chaplain and Mr Koko, Ms Cici, ship visitors. Please pray for good relationship building for MTS Thailand and the ports of Bangkok, Laem Chabang and the private terminals. Pray for good access to the ports and for the work in the southern ports of Thailand.

As the Mission to Seafarers team doing their task of ship visiting, coordinating with port authorities, government agencies and shipping companies, they face challenges with some port restrictions and in dealing with seafarers and Fishermen's' cases in Thailand. They need wisdom and guidance from our Heavenly Father to work just as Christ humbled himself to serve his people. May the Holy Spirit supply their strength for body, mind and soul to keep them healthy so they can support and assist seafarers with their welfare needs.

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### EAST ASIA REGION

#### Regional Director: Rev Canon Stephen Miller

Welcome to the September 2024 edition of  
the Mission to Seafarers  
Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the work in  
the East Asia Region.

The Prayer requests have been prepared by  
the Regional Director, Rev Canon Stephen  
Miller and his team.

Canon Stephen writes:

The East Asia Region spans from Myanmar (Burma) in the west to Japan in the East. It is home to the largest labour suppliers of seafarers to the world of shipping, namely the Philippines and China also Indonesia and Myanmar. The region contains 19 of the world's top 20 container ports and supplies more than 60% of the world's seafarers. The East Asia Region covers 8 countries currently including the newly opened MTS Belawan, Sumatra, Indonesia on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. Please pray for our chaplains and ship visitors and those who run our centres in East Asia.