

# **Intercession Prayers for China, Hong Kong, and Bishop-elect Stephen Chow SJ**

## **Sunday May 23 – Pentecost**

### *Intercessions:*

1. At the start of this week of prayer for Hong Kong and China, we pray for all who live there and out of their faith in Jesus Christ, that they may be strengthened continually by the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. That the Holy Spirit that descended on the apostles this day, that same Spirit may be poured out on the Bishop elect of Hong Kong Stephen Chow and bishops, clergy and faithful of the Church in China, strengthening and inspired to bear witness to the gospel with perseverance and true faith.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

3. Pray for all those in Hong Kong and China, that the Holy Spirit can comfort them and give courage to faithfully proclaim the Good News.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

## **Monday, May 24 – Mary, Mother of the Church**

### *Intercessions:*

1. On this feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, let us pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Hong Kong and China so that they continue to profess their faith in communion with the universal Church and thus may they be faithful witnesses to Christ and his Gospel.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. That Mary, Mother of the Church, venerated in China as Our Lady of Shushan, intercede for China and Hong Kong.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

## **Tuesday, 25 May**

### ***Intercession:***

1. As we commemorate today the elevation by Our Lord of the Holy Pope Gregory VII as a faithful shepherd of the Church, we pray that his example guide the bishops of Hong Kong and China who strive to maintain communion with the Church universal and to proclaim the gospel faithfully.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. Pray for the children and young Catholics of Hong Kong and China that they have the strength and courage to grow in the love of Christ. We pray also for their families so that they faithfully transmit their faith in Christ Jesus and to his Gospel.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

## **Wednesday, May 26**

### ***Intercessions:***

1. Today we remember the life of the priest Saint Philip Neri, and we pray so that the Holy Spirit inspires men faithful to the priestly vocation to serve, faithfully the Church in Hong Kong and China. Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

2. While begging for priestly vocations in Hong Kong and China, we also pray that The Holy Spirit inspires vocations to religious life among the faithful, so that they may serve the Church in her mission to the poor and suffering of our world.

*Lord hear us, Lord hear graciously us.*

## **Thursday, May 27**

### ***Intercessions:***

1. Today we remember the life of Bishop Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and we pray through his intercession, that the Holy Spirit will raise up courageous bishops for the Catholic Church in China and Hong Kong who will guide their flocks to greater love of Christ and his Gospel.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. Pray for the life and ministry of Hong Kong and Chinese bishops, as well as the clergy and faithful of their dioceses, courage and perseverance in their afflictions and be delivered from all anxiety.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

## **Friday May 28**

### ***Intercessions:***

1. For all those in Hong Kong and China, we pray that God, in his infinite wisdom and power, reveals to all the inherent dignity of all.

*Lord, hear us, Lord graciously hear us*

2. As we continue to mark this Week of Prayer for Hong Kong and China, remember all Christians, so that Christ, our true God, grant them perseverance and courage and may they be delivered from all anxiety.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us*

## **Saturday, May 29**

### ***Intercessions:***

1. Pray for the Church in Hong Kong and China so that its bishops, its clergy, its religious and its laity may always profess true faith in Christ, and may they both have the courage and prudence to profess the love of Christ to all.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. Let us ask Saint Paul VI for his intercession to intercede for the needs of all Hong Kong and Chinese people.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us*

## **Sunday, May 30 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Proclaim the Gospel to All Nations: Proclaim the Gospel, whether in Hong Kong, China or where we live.

(Matthew 28: 19-20)

***Intercessions:***

1. As we conclude this Week of Prayer for Hong Kong and China and for the Church, we pray that all will be continually strengthened by their faith in the Most Holy Trinity.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*

2. Let us pray that the Most Holy Trinity, one God in three persons, brings together regularly the bishops, clergy and faithful of the Church in Hong Kong and China by strengthening them and by inspiring them to bear witness to the gospel with perseverance and with his deep faith.

*Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.*