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Rev WU Wei  
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**RE: Prayers of the People from Uniting Church in Australia**

Dear Rev Wu,

God's grace and peace be with you.

On behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia, we send our greetings and prayers to the Chinese Church in support of your ministry among the people impacted by Novel Coronavirus.

The Uniting Church and its agencies offer our prayers for individuals and communities across China as an expression of our support and gratitude to those involved in the incredible emergency response.

We pray for the peace of the Lord, which surpasses all understanding, to be with you all.

May God's peace and protection be with medical staff serving in the frontline. May the Spirit of God comfort families and sustain the great commitment by government agencies and local communities working around the clock to contain the infection.

The Uniting Church is mindful of the social impacts of this incident during the Chinese New Year. In the Christmas and New Year period, the Uniting Church responded to a national crisis during the bushfires in many parts of Australia. We understand the impact of natural disaster upon people and their families during the holiday season.

We also give thanks for the church-based social services in China working together in this healing ministry. We acknowledge the Christian communities that are living out God's compassion and being a positive influence in the society. We continue to pray for Christian witness and hope that will channel courage and goodwill in the community to the common good of renewal.

UnitingWorld will correspond with the CCC and offer emergency relief as a small expression of our solidarity.

May the Spirit of God bring healing to China and sustain all people with peace throughout the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

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