# **Foreword**

day, the nations are at the crossroad of destiny. Effects of September 11, Iraq war, SARS, natural calamities and famines are the beginnings of birth pangs that may point to greater tribulations to come. We are reliving the days of Esther where plots are being hatched behind cloaks of darkness.

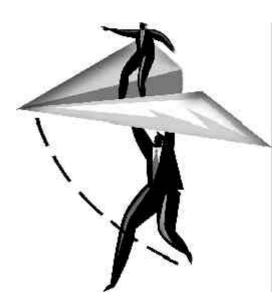
We need to have understanding of the times and to know what we ought to do so that we will not be caught unaware when Jesus returns.

- The theme this year is "ONE VOICE IN PRAYER", rightly depicting the call for unity of the Church, and for the power of agreement in prayer. Jesus declared, "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:19-20). Therefore, we urge you to commit yourself to pray in agreement with someone this season.
- The Nationwide Charity Campaign to contribute your meal savings from fasting continues in the spirit of Isaiah 58.
- The book of Esther guides us through this 40-day period. We encourage you to read it in the light of current events.
- We have included "The House of Prayer for the Nations" to pray for the top 40 countries with the highest persecution index.
- The population in Malaysia today is

- approximately 23 million. We have chosen Psalm 23 for meditation this year. If you feel led to pray for every Malaysian, one of the ways to do so is praying through the list of names in your phone directory, together with your cell groups, family members or friends, etc.
- National Prayer Conference with Cindy Jacobs and Barry Boucher has been planned for August 27-29.

(Log on to www.necf.org.my for details or call 03-7727 8227)

Let us take courage to embark on this 40-day journey of fasting and praying together. Let us see our heavenly Father accomplish His purposes here on earth as they are in heaven.



# **Proud Spirits and Humble Hearts**

NANCY Leigh Demos who wrote "Preparing for the Coming Revival: How to lead a Successful Fasting & Prayer Gathering" contrasts characteristics of proud, unbroken people who are resistant to the call of God on their lives with the qualities of broken, humble people who have experienced God's revival.

Read each item on the list as you ask God to reveal which characteristics of a proud spirit He finds in your life. Confess these to Him, then ask Him to restore the corresponding quality of a broken, humble spirit in you.

## PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE

- Focus on the failure of others
- Self-righteous; have a critical, faultfinding spirit; look at their own life/faults through a telescope but at others with a microscope
- Lookdown on others
- Independent/self-sufficient spirit
- Maintain control; must be their way
- Have to prove that they are right
- Claim rights
- Demanding spirit
- Desire to be served
- Desire for self-advancement
- Wounded when others are promoted
- "The ministry is privileged to have me."
- Think of what they can do for God
- · Feel confident in how much they know
- Self-conscious

## **HUMBLE, BROKEN PEOPLE**

- Overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need
- Compassionate; forgiving; look for the best in others
- Esteem all others better than self
- Dependent spirit; recognize need for others
- Surrender control
- Willing to yield the right to be right
- Yield rights
- Giving spirit
- Motivated to serve others
- Sense of unworthiness; thrilled to be used at all; eager for others to get credit
- Rejoice when others are lifted up and they are overlooked
- "I don't deserve to serve in this ministry."
- Know that they have nothing to offer God
- Humbled by how much they have to learn
- Not concerned with self at all

## PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE

- · Keep people at arm's length
- · Quick to blame others
- Unapproachable
- Defensive when criticized
- Concerned with being "respectable"
- Concerned with what others think
- Work to maintain image/protect reputation
- Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others
- Want to be sure nobody finds out about their sin
- Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"
- · When confessing sin, deal in generalities
- Concerned about the consequences of their sins
- Remorseful over their sin got caught/ found out
- When there is a misunderstanding or conflict, wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness
- Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor
- Don't think they have anything to repent f
- Don't think they need revival (think everybody else does)

## **HUMBLE, BROKEN PEOPLE**

- Risk getting close to others; willing to take the risk of loving intimately
- Accept personal responsibility can see where they are wrong
- "Easy to be entreated"
- Receive criticism with a humble, open heart
- Concerned with being real
- All that matters is what God knows
- Die to own reputation
- Willing to be open and transparent with others
- Willing to be exposed (once broken, they don't care who knows – nothing to lose)
- Quick to admit failure and seek forgiveness
- Deal in specifics
- Grieved over the cause or root of their sins
- Repentant over sin (forsake it)
- Take the initiative to be reconciled; see if they can get to the cross first!
- Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need for mercy
- Continual heart attitude of repentance
- Continually sense their need for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit

# How to Enjoy the 40 days

**SET** asidesignificant time to seek God in prayer and fasting. It may be half-an-hour or one hour. During that special time, practice Worshipand Word

## WORSHIP.

Play your favourite CD or tape. Sing along to the Lord.

## WORD.

Read aloud the Word according to

the passages assigned

for each day in this prayer guide.

Pray the Word! Arise in faith, and in the authority of Jesus' Name, claim the promise and power of His Word which is alive and active!

Adopt an attitude of prayer as you go about each day's duties at home, at work or at school. Apply what you learn from the Word into tangible actions.

Scale down your normal activities. Slow down. Avoid rigorous exercise such as jogging.

Besides fasting from food, fast from things that distract such as TV, movies, Internet, computer games; including

careless words.

Break fast gradually and wisely. For health reasons, you should consume small portions as you break fast, avoid chilli or acidic foods as much as possible.

# How to fast

**YOU** are free to fast however the Spirit leads you. Here are some options:

TOTAL FAST
Abstain from solid food for 24 hours. Take only water.
1-MEAL FAST
Sacrifice one full meal a day. For example: Lunch or Dinner.

Partial Fast Abstain from solid food for any extended part of the day e.g., sunrise to sundown. Take only water.

Daniel Fast Abstain from meat and other favourite delicacies. Take only small portions of fresh vegetables, fruit and juices.



"Beloved Christian! Come and give your whole heart and life to intercession, and you will know its blessedness and its power. God asks nothing less. The world needs nothing less. Christ asks nothing less. Let nothing less be what we offer to God." - Andrew Murray



# NOTES

# How to involve others

## FAMILY FAST

Agree to fast and pray as a family. Decide on the type of fast every member of your household is comfortable with. For family devotion, read and pray the Word given for the day.

## CELL GROUP FAST

Fasting together as a group is easier than doing it alone. Obtain copies of this 40-Day prayer guide from NECF. Choose a specific type of fast. Schedule a specific time each day for cell members to synchronize prayers as they fast. Gathered in ONE accord, practice the 2 Ws (Worship and Word). Yearn for personal and national revival. Cry for God's visitation in your cell group and community!

## OFFICE FAST

Inspire a few Christian colleagues to fast with you. For example, utilize tea breaks or lunch breaks in the office to fast and pray through the prayer items assigned for that day together.

# TRIPLET FAST

With the blessing of your Pastor/Care Group leader, organize Christian homemakers of your housing area into prayer and fasting triplets. Aim to meet once a week for at least an hour of praying through the 40-Day Prayer and Fast Booklet.

# **ONE VOICE in Prayer**

	PERSONAL	FAMILY/HOME	CHURCH
Wæk 1: CALL  A GLORIOUS BRIDE FOR THE KING Esther 2:2-4	21 Jul - Mon Song of Solomon 2:10-13 Recalling The Call	22 Jul – Tues Genesis 1:27-28; 12:3 Back to Genesis	23 Jul – Wed Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:20-23 Called to Oneness
Wek2:CONSECRATION PURIFICATION AND FRAGRANT OFFERING Esther 2:12-13; 15-16	28 Jul 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:9 From Distractions to Destiny	29 Jul Luke 10:41-42 From Busyness to Bible	30 Jul Ephesians 5:25-27 From Barrenness to Fruitfulness
Week 3: CHOSEN  THE FAVOR OF THE LORD Esther 2:17-18	4Aug Psalm 5:11-12 Chosen for a Purpose	5 Aug Luke 2:16-19, 49-52 Chosen to Obey	6 Aug  John 15:16  Chosen to bear  Fruit
Week 4: CONFRONTATION  THE PLOT TO  DESTROY  Esther 3:5-6	11 Aug Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Not Against Flesh and Blood	12 Aug Matthew 19:4-6 Let No One Break Asunder	13 Aug Exodus 17:10-13 Raise Up A Shield of Prayer
Week 5: COMMISSION  FOR SUCH A TIME As THIS Esther 4:12-16	18 Aug Matthew 16:25-27 "If I Perish, I Perish"	19 Aug Joshua 24:15-18 We will serve the Lord	20 Aug Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17 Delegated Authority
Week 6: CELEBRATION  SORROW INTO JOY! Esther 8:7-8	25 Aug  Philippians 4:4-9  Days of  Rejoicing	26 Aug 2 Samuel 6:12-15 Blessings of Obed-Edom	27 Aug Matthew 5:13-16 The Light of the World

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24 Jul – Thurs Haggai 2:6-8; Deuteronomy 25:13-16 Back to Godly Principles	25 Jul – Fri Psalm 71:17-18 Called to be World Changers	26 Jul – Sat Proverbs 29:2-4 The One King and Lord	27 Jul – Sun Genesis 11:1-9 The Root Cause
31 Jul Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 42:6-7 From Profits to Purpose	1 Aug 1 John 2:15-17 From Computers to Commitments	2Aug Job 33:14-18 From Pride to Prudence	3Aug Joshua 5:13-15 From Foe to Friend
7Aug Genesis 39:2-6 Chosen to Multiply	8Aug Psalm 22:30-31 Chosen to Influence	9Aug Isaiah 45:1 Chosen to Govern	10 Aug Genesis 12:1-2 Chosen to Bless
14 Aug Acts 5:1-5; Matthew 6:24 God and Money	15 Aug Matthew 24:4-6 Let No One Deceive	16 Aug 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Let No One Separate	17 Aug Luke 6:32-36 Dare to Love
21 Aug Acts 16:13-15 Business with Missions	22 Aug Psalm 78:4-7 We will Release	23 Aug Isaiah 60:1-8 Arise, Shine	24 Aug Isaiah 9:2-4 Transforming The Community
28 Aug Matthew 6:10 Thy Kingdom Come	29 Aug Psalm 126 Light Up the Nation 2003 – Merdeka Prayer Rally	30 Aug Psalm 100:4-5 Thanksgiving	31 Aug Isaiah 60:1-3 Merdeka Day – Light Up the Nation

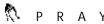
## WEEK 1: CALL

# Day 1:21<sup>st</sup> July Personal

## RECALLING THE CALL

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

what He has done and what He said He would do. The Passover, Pentecost, Feasts, and Communion were established to remind us of history and help us to look forward to His promises. As we commence our journey into praying and fasting for the nation, it is good to start recalling the Call He has placed on your life. Reflect on your "memorial" – days when God came near and spoke to you. You have a call. You are a chosen generation, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, a people of destiny and purpose in God. Deep in your heart now, reach out and answer that Call.



- Repent of the areas in your life that have grown dark and distant from God's Call.
- That God will reveal His unconditional love in a powerful way today.
- That your life will reflect His grace and mercy.
- For those you know who are far from God.

## U A C T

- Recall how you first came to know Him and reflect on the significant milestones in your spiritual walk. Spend some time thanking Him.
- Determine to fast and sow your meals saving money to the Nationwide Charity Campaign, which starts today.



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

## NORTH KOREA

The people suffer from an enforced worship of their leadership. Like King Darius in Daniel's time and the Caesars of the Roman Empire, the North Korean government has built a personality cult requiring the worship of the late Kim II Sung and his son. Pray that the emptiness of this quasireligion will become apparent and that North Koreans will seek the true God.

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### Psalm 23 FOR 2003

Pray Psalm 23 over your own life as you begin this 40-day journey.

# A Glorious Bride for the King



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

## SAUDI ARABIA

Expatriate families, workers and foreign Christians who live and work in Saudi Arabia are not permitted to gather for worship. However, there are many underground, unofficial meetings that are usually ignored by the government. Pray that these small groups will continue to thrive and become an effective base of witness and fellowship.

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Day 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Family/Home

## **BACK TO GENESIS**

Genesis 1:27-28: 12:3

od loves families – they are His core structures. He commanded the first couple to multiply and subdue e earth. When they fell into sin, He activated His grand plan to restore men to the original status. Through Jesus He created a new family from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name (Ephesians 3:15). He also declared, "All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace." Isaiah 54:13.



## P R A Y

- That all Christian families will know their destiny in Christ and appropriate the abundant blessings stated in John 10:10
- For God's protection to be upon all Christian families against 'robbers' who steal their peace, time, resources and love for each other.
- That parents will be committed to teach their children in the waysof God.
- That Christian families will demonstrate God's call to be a blessing to their community.

## UACT

Read Genesis 1-2 together as a family and share your understanding of God's plan for families in this world. Share openly where your family relationships and direction stand today in the light of God's word. Pray for one another.

## Psalm 23 For 2003

List the names of 12 family members. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

"Let a search be made for beautiful young virgins for the king. 3Let the king appoint commissioners in every province of his realm to bring all these beautiful girls into the harem at the citadel of Susa. Let them be placed under the care of Hegai, the king's

## WEEK 1: CALL

# Day 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> July Church

## **CALLED TO ONENESS**

Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:20-23

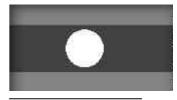
lere is one body", says Apostle Paul. Unity does not just happen; we have to work at it. Often differences among people can lead to division, but this should not be so in the Church. Instead of focusing on what divides us, we should focus on what unites: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God. Have you learned to appreciate people who are different from you? Can you see how their differing gifts and viewpoints can help the Church as it does God's work? Learn to enjoy the way members of Christ's body complement one another.



- For 'blurring' of denominational boundaries.
- That we embrace a kingdom mentality.
- That we demonstrate unconditional love for one another.
- For strengthening and increase of Pastors' and intercessors' fellowships in each state.

# **U** A C T

Encourage a believer to participate in any inter-denominational prayer meetings or any community outreach.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### LAGS

Believers suffer from the ill effects of the drug trade. Drugs continue to be a significant problem in the nation. Pray that Christian Laotians will resist the temptations associated with the trade, that they will be protected in their stance against the drug trade, and for the salvation of the drug lords.

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## Psalm 23 FOR 2003

List the names of 12 pastors and church leaders. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

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## **V**IETNAM

The Church is enduring growing pains. Praise God anyway for the enormous growth of the Church. Pray for God to move among Christians provide supportive resources and training for Vietnamese church leaders.

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Day 4: 24<sup>th</sup> July Marketplace/Media

# **BACK TO GODLY PRINCIPLES**

Haggai 2:6-8; Deuteronomy 25:13-16

ealthy nations and healthy economies have hit rock tottom in recent years. No nation has been spared. In this age of borderless trade and communication, recession has swept almost every continent pushing economies back to where they were 10 to 15 years ago. Those hardest hit were the fastest growing economies. From heights of greatness, the giants were reduced to grasshoppers.

The Lord is not against sharing and trading. He reminds us again from His Word how the marketplace and media should behave, "Do not have two differing weights in your bag – one heavy, one light. Do not have two differing measures in your house – one large, one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God giving you. For the LORD your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.

# N PRAY

- Repent from the hoarding spirit in the business world.
- That "accurate and honest weights and measures" will be restored to the marketplace and dishonest standards be exposed and stopped.
- The spirit of compassion and generosity will bridge the financial gap between the rich and the poor.
- For Christian businessmen and professionals to model God's righteousness and justice in the marketplace.

## UACT

Be generous by giving to someone in need.

## Psalm 23 For 2003

List the names of 12 bosses and colleagues. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

#### WEEK 1: CALL

# Day 5: 25<sup>th</sup> July

# Education/Youth

## CALLED TO BE WORLD CHANGERS

Psalm 71:17-18

an Thorpe at 13, was a top student and swimming talent in Australia while Michael Williams his best friend, at 10, was a feisty cycling champion. Their friendship was severely tested when Michael was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Michael's illness drove Ian to excel. At 14, he won the 400m freestyle at the World Championships in Perth. Ian went on to become Australia's youngest Olympic swimming champion at the age of 17. He sold every piece of his swimming memorabilia to raise money for Michael. He reckoned that a life was worth more than gold. Today, Michael's cancer has been in remission and his family is beginning to see again their boy who enjoys cycling, cricket and spending time with Ian. (Reader's Digest)



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- That parents and educationists will emphasise character building and integrity, not just academic excellence and career.
- That our youth's achievements will not rob them of a fruitful and satisfying relationship with God and people.
- For world changers to come forth from churches across Malaysia—like Joseph, Samuel and Daniel.



Discuss the above story with a youth or at your youth group. If you were Ian, would you act the way he did? What motivated him?



Houses of Prayer for the **N**ations

#### TURKMENISTAN

The Church needs to continually enhance its image and gain the respect of the people. Pray for new opportunities for Christians to improve good relations between the Church and the government, such as through relief and community based ministries.

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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

List the names of 12 youths. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

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Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### MALDIVES

The Church suffers from a lack of global interest. Pray for Christians around the world to gain a vision for the Maldives, perhaps to serve as missionaries there. Pray for Christians in Sri Lanka to develop fruitful evangelistic ministries to the islands.

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# Day 6: 26<sup>th</sup> July Government/Authorities

## THE ONE KING AND LORD

Proverbs 29:2-4

Sometimes it is hard to imagine that it is God who appoints the rulers and authorities of nations in the world. Besides modernday dictators and tyrants even in biblical times, we see evil kings and rulers reigning and bringing great darkness in the land. Emperor Nero, famous for his madness, ruled in New Testament times and yet Paul, who was martyred by this king, exhorted us to "submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established".

Our confidence in governing authorities must be on God, who has said that the king's heart is in His hand. Our part is to pray and believe God is in control. He will bring His purpose to pass in the land regardless of which the king is. Jesus is the One King and Lord we serve ultimately.



## P R A Y

- For our King, Sultans, Prime Minister and his cabinet to love mercy and walk humbly.
- The fear of the Lord will be upon their lives.
- They will be used to pave the way for revival in the land.
- Righteous laws will be made in parliament and unrighteous laws repealed.

# **U** A C T

Write a letter to a government leader and affirm their dedication and commit to pray for them.

## Psalm 23 For 2003

List the names of 12 government leaders. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

"Let a search be made for beautiful young virgins for the king. 3Let the king appoint commissioners in every province of his realm to bring all these beautiful girls into the harem at the citadel of Susa. Let them be placed under the care of Hegai, the king's

## WEEK 1: CALL

# Day 7: 27<sup>th</sup> July Nations/People Groups

## THE ROOT CAUSE

Genesis 11:1-9

Unity existed in the world once upon a time. A unity so great that even God said nothing would be impossible for them (Genesis 11:6). However it was channeled to the wrong cause—to build a monument for mankind instead of God. As we come together to serve God, let us remember the lesson learned from the tower of Babel. All tribes and tongues will come together to bring glory and honour to Christ alone.



- Ask God for forgiveness for building ministries that make a name for ourselves.
- Repent of prejudices, fears and stereotyping of races and languages.
- To see every human being as valuable and important to God's salvation plan.
- To consider other races and languages better than our own.
- Healing of racial wounds inflicted directly or indirectly upon us.



Go out for a meal with a friend of another race and begin to build a bridge to better friendship.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### BHUTAN

Pastors and evangelists pay a tremendous price. They work despite the threats, trusting God to protect and deliver them and their families. Water baptism is the point at which the greatest persecution occurs because of its very public nature. Pray for strength for the Church to endure.

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List the names of 12 friends from another race. Pray Psalm 23 over them.

# A Glorious Bride for the King

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WEEK 2: CONSECRATION

Day 8: 28th July

Personal

## FROM DISTRACTION TO DESTINY

1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:9

It is time for us, the Bride of Christ to receive the 'beauty treatment' that transforms the inner being. Let us allow God to soften our hearts to a complete surrender to Him. Let us yield our rough areas to His constant application of love, grace, kindness, peace and rest. It is a time of cleansing and joyful refining. True beauty begins inside. It was Esther's beauty and character that won King Ahasuerus' heart and made her his queen. Likewise let us clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience which is very precious in the sight of God.



## PRAY

- For God to release you from distractions that take you away from Him.
- For a broken and a contrite spirit which pleases God.
- That you will delight to do the will of God at all times.
- That you will be Christ-like in your words and deeds.



Ask God for a specific rough area in your life that you need Him to refine



Get hold of a telephone directory in your state. For the next 5 weeks, every day, pray for one page of names. You can start from the beginning, the middle, or the end of the phone book. Remember these names are souls in your state and country. We can make a difference to bring a harvest of souls in this land. It begins with praying for them by name.



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#### PAKISTAN

The Church in Pakistan is largely Punjabi. Pray for the Christians in Pakistan to develop a broad crosscultural church that embraces all of the people in the nation.

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## **A**FGHANISTAN

Children have been terrible victims of the constant wars. Many were wounded or killed by land mines deployed by the Soviets to suppress the Mujahiddin freedom fighters. Pray that relief ministries will find ways to minister the love of Christ to them.

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# Day 9: 29<sup>th</sup> July

Family/Home

## FROM BUSYNESS TO BIBLE

Luke 10:41-42

Lasyness has indeed been the 'in word' lately. Many are susy chasing earthly pursuits, that they have little time for their families, let alone God. It is time that we, as His chosen special people, are set free from 'busyness' that distracts us from God and our families. May the Lord deliver us from the deception of busyness and set us on the road towards the true eternal treasures – love, joy and peace with our family and loved ones.

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## \ PRAY

- God will enrich our relationship with Him and our family members.
- For family members to re-evaluate their priorities.
- That the Word of God, worship, fellowship and service be the lifestyle of families.

# **U** A C T

Start a family devotion, (if you have not began). Get a family devotional guide to help you.

## Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. Keep praying. Prayer works.

WEEK 2: CONSECRATION

Day 10: 30th July

Church

# FROM BARRENNESS TO FRUITFULNESS

Ephesians 5:25-27

day's Church is in danger of being marginalised and ignored by the world because we have lost the cutting edge. There is evidence of complacency, in-fighting, personality cult, spiritual apathy, rebellion, pride, immorality and hypocrisy. We are divided and open for "wolves in sheep clothing" to come in. We need to humble ourselves in fasting and praying for God's mercy. We need to consecrate ourselves and be made worthy for the Master's use.



## PRAY

- Repent from complacency, in-fighting, personality cult, spiritual apathy, rebellion, pride, immorality and hypocrisy.
- That the Church will break free from spiritual deception and walk in spiritual freedom.
- For the power of the Holy Spirit to be released to the church to break the spirit of barrenness and fear.
- That the Church will walk before the Lord in obedience, faith and fear of the Lord.



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Commit to being a part of your church prayer meeting every week.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### SOMALIA

Somali believers suffer from constant persecution. To convert to Christianity is to invite death at the hands of radicals. All live under considerably harsh persecution and fear for the safety of their families and themselves. Many struggle with whether to remain secret or to openly declare their faith. Pray for wisdom and protection.

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## Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. History belongs to intercessors.

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# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### IRAN

Many of Iran's Christian leaders who have died for their faith had families. Pray for their widows who are left with their children and little means of support.

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# Day 11:31<sup>st</sup> July Marketplace/Media

# FROM PROFITS TO PURPOSE

Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 42:6-7

Tew Age, the occult and eastern mysticism have made many inroads of influence into society, especially businesses. Many businesses use <code>feng-shui</code>, astrological charts/maps, face reading and crystals/stones to ward off bad luck. Unknowingly, they submit themselves to these forces and are hoodwinked into practicing part of these beliefs. Perhaps some of us are also influenced by what the 'experts' dictate about wealth, health and fortunes. Professing to know the truth, we may have fallen into the enemy's deception.

# N PRAY

- Repent if you have dabbled or consulted fengshui or other forces for your business.
- Dedicate your business to God and trust Him to guide you.
- For a renewal of your mind and walk in total consecration.
- Against fear of men, for the courage to stand up and be counted for Christ.

## UACT

If you know someone who is involved in these forces, share to him/her about the true security in Jesus.

### Psalm 23 FOR 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. We are "wrestlers" in the Spirit for souls, not resters.

WEEK 2: CONSECRATION

# Day 12:1st August Education/Youth

## FROM COMPUTERS TO COMMITMENTS

1 John 2:15-17

Imputers are wonders of this age that have infiltrated all aspects of our life in pursuit of information, entertainment and trade. They are also wonderful educational tools. However, like money, while they are not evil themselves, the love of computers and all the trappings of addiction have become increasingly the root of our youth's bondage to sexual sin, violence and rebellion. Computers have increasingly replaced commitment to spending time with studies, family and church. We as a Church need to be on guard and ensure computers do not become the surrogate "parents" and "teachers" of our children. God forbid that machines and robotics with no emotions and feelings to raise our next generation!



- For parents and teachers to possess wisdom in "drawing the line" on the infiltration of computers and technology into our children's lives.
- For a hedge of protection around our children's and youth's hearts and minds that would counter the devil's deception on them.
- That computer will be God's tool to promote commitment.

## UACT

Discuss with your children/youth the advantages of computers in our lives and also the real dangers of being addicted to them, whether for entertainment or information. Talk about practical ways they can take to avoid falling into the pit of computer addiction, for example limiting the number of hours of usage.



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#### CHINA

The expanding economy is regarded as one of the greatest trials of the Church. Chinese Christians consider persecution a blessing. The main worry of Chinese pastors is the effect of materialism caused by China's growing economy. Pray that the Church will not lessen its fervour in the wake of materialistic temptations.

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## Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. Remember the ministry of prayer causes God to hear, and when He hears, the Bible says we have what we ask of Him.

# Day 13: 2<sup>nd</sup> August Government/Authorities FROM PRIDE TO PRUDENCE Joh 33:14-18



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## SUDAN

Many suffer from enslavement and forced conversion. Perhaps one of the greatest atrocities is the continuing slave trade of Sudanese Christians. Many Christian leaders around the world differ on their response to this problem. In the past, some have attempted to redeem slaves, but this has been stopped since it was only encouraging many slave traders to continue the practice. Pray that Christians will develop an appropriate and workable response to the slave trade.

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In 1997, the nations in Southeast and East Asia were humbled by an unprecedented and unexpected economic implosion. Malaysia took bold prudent steps to peg the *Ringgit* against the U.S. dollar, making the *Ringgit* untradeable in international market. Luxury projects were cancelled and everyone tightened their belts to ride out the storm.

Many Christians were humbled and sought renewal of attitudes during those days. Many lives were touched and turned to the Lord. It is as if God took the ashes and consecrated for Himself a people who now understand prudent stewardship.

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- For exposure of greed, corruption, pride and self-confidence in the government.
- For continuing wisdom on our government to be prudent in budgeting and expenditures.
- That the lessons learned from 1997 will be remembered if and when good economic days return.
- That the Church will be a model for financial and governmental stewardship.

## UACT

Go to the website of one of the political parties in Malaysia. Obtain the names of their top leadership. Ask the Lord to consecrate their hearts as they each serve the nation – not for personal gains and status but for the purposes of God.

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion. Both are generated in the prayer closet." – Ravenhill

## WEEK 2: CONSECRATION

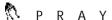
# Day 14:3<sup>rd</sup> August Nations/PeopleGroups

## FROM FOE TO FRIEND

Joshua 5:13-15

s children, we used to check on the status of friendships by asking, "You friend me or not?" Since young, we have tendency to take up an occasional inventory of our friends and foes. We decide the type of people we will be friend and the ones to avoid. What an offence to the Lord!

As we meditate on nations and people groups today, let us check our balance sheet. If we have any prejudice towards any particular race or people group, seek God's forgiveness and ask Him to help us love those people. Jesus was in the business of making friends when He was here on earth. He befriended and pointed them to God – tax collectors, prostitutes, Samaritans, the poor, the sick, the lame and the blind. Shouldn't we follow His lead?



- For a circumcision of our hearts where there are prejudices against any race in the country Malay, Chinese, Indian, Eurasians, etc.
- For healing of past hurts and bad experiences and that we may be set free to love all ethnic groups.
- For a spirit of reconciliation and healing to take place everywhere – in homes, offices, streets, conferences, schools and universities.

## **U** A C T

Surprise a colleague, neighbour or acquaintance that you don't normally associate with by asking him/her for a meal or a drink. He/she must be someone of a different faith or race. Take this opportunity to break down walls of misconception.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### MYANMAR

The Church and the nation suffer from the impact of drugs. Intercede against the drug trade that dominates much of Myanmar's economy. Pray that Christians will find workable methods to oppose the drug trade and provide the Burmese people with economic alternatives.

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## Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. The ministry of preaching is open to a few. The ministry of prayer is open to every child of God.

# Purification and Fragrant Offering

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## WEEK 3: CHOSEN

# Day 15:4<sup>th</sup> August

## Personal

## **CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE**

Psalm 5:11-12

od's favor was strong upon Esther. She rose from being an orphan to being a queen of Persia in less than a year.

degai, head of King Xerxes' harem inexplicably showed her special favor, over all the rest of the beautiful girls selected for the king. Later, the king himself chose her to be his queen. There was a divine purpose for which the Lord promoted Queen Esther. She was "being set up" to play a key role to rescue her own people, the Jews from evil Haman.

Esther could have opted to believe it was her own works and beauty that made her queen but she chose to believe rightly that she was placed in the palace for "such a time such as this". God has placed us in a place where we as believers can make a difference for those who are being persecuted and targeted by the enemy.



## PRAY

- That many spiritual Esther will rise up with favor and influence with the authorities.
- Thank God for the place (in your workplace/community) that you are in. You are placed there for a divine purpose.
- That like Esther, you will enjoy favor with God and with man.



Walk along the streets around you and proclaim blessing to each of the homes.



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### EGYPT

The Church is experiencing growth pains. One of the fastest growing churches in Egypt is the house church movement – although some of these house churches are actually held in caves. Pray that the house church leaders will continue to plant new churches and raise new leaders and evangelists.

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### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory.

## The Favour of the Lord



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### **A**ZERBAIJAN

Like the rest of the country, the Church is suffering from poverty. Pray for Christian businessmen to assist Azerbaijani Christians with new business projects designed to alleviate the plight of poverty in the cities.

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# Day 16:5<sup>th</sup> August Family/Home

## **CHOSEN TO OBEY**

Luke 2:16-19: Luke 2:49-52

enerally, today's parents have high expectations of their children, especially in education. Christian parents also have similar tendency. Pray that they will learn from Mary in the way she brought up Jesus. Mary could not understand everything but one thing she did well: she treasured what she heard and brought it to God in prayer. Much as she desired for Jesus to be like the other kids in her hometown, she knew Jesus had a destiny beyond her own agenda. She decided early not to become a stumbling block but to become part of God's plan for her son's life. She was pained and grieved when he suffered but in the end, she understood it all.



- For God to inspire parents to place priority on eternal values over temporal ones.
- Parents will see and be part of what God is already doing in their children's life.
- For whole families to serve God together.

Express your appreciation to your family members in a tangible way.

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "You cannot find anywhere that God has failed" – Smith Wigglesworth

## WEEK 3: CHOSEN

# Day 17:6<sup>th</sup> August

Church

## **CHOSEN TO BEAR FRUIT**

John 15:16

Irmly believing that life is a gift from God, a Christian brganisation set out to help the distressed unwed mothers with unplanned pregnancies. A home was built to shelter these young women. Without any string-attached, the workers served them with unconditional love and care. As a result babies were saved and the mothers (of different religious background) witnessed the love of Christ. It was the obedience to the call of God to bear fruit that compelled the commitment of the workers.



## PRAY

- That the Church to love its neighbour, displaying the compassion, tenacity and character of Christ.
- That the Church have godly wisdom to reach out in wholistic ministries to provide relief and aid to the poor and needy regardless of race and religion.
- $\bullet \;\;$  For Malaysian Care and other social concerns ministries.

## UACT

Visit a care centre or a hospital in your vicinity to bring God's love and encouragement.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### NIGERIA

The Church has the potential to become a strategically important sending base. Nigeria's large population and economic foundation make it an important African missionarysending country. Nigerian Christians serve as evangelists throughout Africa, particularly in the North. Pray that Nigerian churches will continue to send missionaries across the whole continent.

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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Beware, above everything, of grieving the Holy Spirit" – Andrew Murray

## The Favour of the Lord

# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### YEMEN

The only link some converts have, is Christian radio programs. Short-wave radio broadcasts aimed at Yemen have been responsible for reaching hundreds who have never heard the gospel. Pray for the ongoing success and also for creative ways for Christians in such countries to meet and fellowship.

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# Day 18: 7<sup>th</sup> August Marketplace/Media

## **CHOSEN TO MULTIPLY**

Genesis 39:2-6

oseph was a man who had a sense of destiny wherever he was, and whatever job he held. Whether as a slave, a prisoner, or a Prime Minister, he exhibited the same diligence at work. He understood entrustment, not enticement. He understood stewardship, not greed. For that, God's hand was upon his life. Everything he did became a blessing and multiplied to the glory of his God. His master, his warden, his king noticed him. As workers in the marketplace, whether as employees or employers, may we similarly stand out as a blessing and multiplier of God-given talents.

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- That we will stand out as exceptional people in our workplace.
- That the Lord's blessings will be multiplied at our workplace because of our presence.
- For a spirit of generosity that will flow from the marketplace into Kingdom ministries.
- That we will be the channels of blessings everywhere in Malaysia.

**U** A C T

Do you "disciple" anyone at your workplace? Someone you spend time with intentionally to impart your knowledge, influence or talent? If no, this is the day to start. Look around you and prayerfully consider a "disciple" today.

### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory.

## WEEK 3: CHOSEN

# Day 19:8<sup>th</sup> August Education/Youth

## **CHOSEN TO INFLUENCE**

Psalm 22:30-31

hannareth who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his active participation in the International Campaign to Ban Zandmines (ICBL) was himself a victim of a landmine accident. He also refused to allow his childhood hardships to hinder his love for Cambodia. He rolled out in his wheelchair in Norway and courageously begged the world leaders to stop producing landmines. It was not only a prestigious moment in his life but also a historic one in which the world was moved to rethink on the production of landmines.



- For a generation of youth to be like Channareth, Daniel and his three friends who dared to be different despite their adverse circumstances.
- For selfless leaders who will be committed to work among the youth.
- For transformation of our education system to produce youth to be world influencers.

## **U** A C T

Check out the biographies of George Mueller or John Sung and find out why they were so passionate about the gospel. Share the information with some youth you know.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

## COMOROS ISLANDS

Believers suffer from the poverty of the nation.
Travel, evangelism, and church planting can be difficult for the local church, which lack resources to implement evangelistic programmes.
Pray that the Church around the world will help equip the Comorian Church.

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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Tithes may build a church, but tears will give it life."

- Ravenhill

## The Favour of the Lord

# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### COLOMBIA

Violence and crime resulting from the drug trade have wounded the nation as a whole. Evangelists and Christian leaders have been threatened and some have been killed. Pray for a major evangelistic breakthrough into the drug industry, with cartel leaders coming to faith in Christ.

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# Day 20:9<sup>th</sup> August Government/Authorities

## **CHOSEN TO GOVERN**

Isaiah 45:1

ur nation may see a change in politics when the current P. I, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, hands over his ein to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi this year.

Praise God for Dr Mahathir who has helped to put Malaysia on the world map with his vision and unconventional methods. As Datuk Badawi steps into the leadership, let us remember him in prayer.

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- For a smooth and peaceful transition of leadership.
- For Datuk Badawi, that he will be a "Cyrus" leader.
- For "Cyrus" leaders at all levels of authority.
- Divine leading upon our leaders to do well and make decisions based on justice and righteousness.

# **U** A C T

Pick up the newspaper today, and pray for the issues facing the nation.

#### Psalm 23 for 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "To the true Christian, however, prayer is life's highest and holiest privilege and greatest delight." – Theodore H. Epp

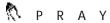
## WEEK 3: CHOSEN

# Day 21:10<sup>th</sup> August Nations/People Groups

## **CHOSEN TO BLESS**

Genesis 12:1-2

ave you ever considered why the Lord brought people om people different ethnic backgrounds to live in Lalaysia? Surely, He has a plan for Malaysia and we believe that like Esther, Malaysia's being groomed to be a source of blessing to all the people groups here. Today, we have access to just about any people group in the world. The question is we prepared to go?



- For Malaysian churches to continue to send missionaries to bless the nation and nations beyond our shores.
- For laborers who are willing to go the "uttermost part of the world" for the sake of Christ.
- For an outpouring of God's grace on our churches so that the gospel will be received.
- For an outpouring of love for souls regardless of tongues, tribe or beliefs.

## **U** A C T

Ask God to expose any prejudice you may have toward certain people groups. Pray over this.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### CURA

The Church is enjoying unprecedented revival. Praise God for the massive revival that has permeated Cuba and for the explosive growth of the house churches. Pray that this expansion will be maintained.

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## Psalm 23 for 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "God answers prayers because the Holy Spirit prays; our advocate is Jesus and the Father is the judge of all. There he is. Is it possible for any prayer to miss on those lines?."

– Smith Wigglesworth.

# The Favour of the Lord

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## WEEK 4: CONFRONTATION

Day 22: 11<sup>th</sup> August Personal

## NOT A GAINST FLESH & BLOOD

Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

The enemy of our souls – devil and his demons – are out to defeat us. He is ever ready to sow discord among us with slander, malicious gossip, and the fiery darts of accusations, suspicions and self-doubt.

Although we are assured of victory, we must engage in this struggle until Christ returns, because the devil is constantly battling against us who are on the Lord's side. At the same time we may also give in to the temptations of our flesh.

We need supernatural power to defeat the enemy and overcome our flesh – so God has provided us His mighty weapons, the Holy Spirit and His armour.



- Against deception and lies of the enemy.
- Ask God to protect our hearts against slander, accusations, discouragement and temptations.
- To stand firm in the Word of God and walk in obedience, righteousness and truth.

## UACT

Remember to put on your spiritual armour as described in Ephesians 6: 13-17, daily.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

## **U** zbekistan

The Church enjoys a substantial amount of interest from foreign missions. Praise God for the large partnership devoted to ministry in Central Asia. Pray that they will continue to find new ways to support the church in Uzbekistan with evangelistic and discipleship resources.

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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "God seeks intercessors. He saw that there was no man, and wondered why there was no intercessor" – Andrew Murray.

Esther 3:5-6

# The Plot to Destroy



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

### OATAR

The Church in Qatar is enjoying growth. Pray that the new converts will develop a zeal both for home evangelism and for cross-cultural missions to the other nations of the Middle East. Pray for the continuing development of effective church planting and discipleship programmes.

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# Day 23: 12<sup>th</sup> August Family/Home

# LET NO ONE BREAK ASUNDER

Matthew 19:4-6

The core of the family structure is the marriage covenant between a man and a woman. If this foundation is shaken, the structure will crack and fall in rubble. The enemy has continued to bring strife to families since the days of Adam and Eve. Christian leaders are especially vulnerable to his attacks. We need to cry to the Lord for help, and pray for a return to the pure undefiled marriage of love.



## PRAY

- For the protection of families and for help for families affected by marital crises.
- For healing of children caught in these conflicts.
- For single parents who are struggling to cope.
- For older couples who have strong marriages to avail themselves to help new families.

## UACT

Invite a couple or a family for fellowship, or offer to baby-sit for a couple so that they can spend some time alone together.

## Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Revivals are sometimes accused of making people mad. The fact is, men are naturally mad on the subject of religion, and revivals restore them rather than make them mad."

- Charles Finney

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Day 24: 13<sup>th</sup> August Church

## RAISE A SHIELD OF PRAYER

Exodus 17:10-13

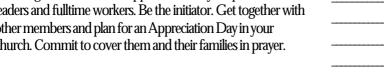
ike Joshua, Christian leaders and pastors are constantly in the frontlines. Raise a shield of prayer around them. Just Lille Aaron and Hur holding Moses, the Church will prevail when we pray with our leadership.

We can take comfort that during persecution, the Church will continue to grow. For example, when Communism took over in China, pastors and leaders were killed, put in prison or sent to labour camps. Believers were forced to renounce their faith. Their only recourse was to pray day and night. They cried to the Lord for many years and their tears were not in vain. From one million Christians when China closed her doors, there are an estimated 200 million Christians in China today.



- The Lord will raise more "Aaron and Hurs" to form a prayer shield around the church leadership.
- That churches will raise a prayer shield for their city.
- That every church in Malaysia will become a house of prayer for all nations.

NECF Malaysia Prayer Commission launched the Pastor's Prayer Shield in 2001. As a follow-up for 2003, every church is encouraged to set aside an Appreciation Day for pastors, elders, leaders and fulltime workers. Be the initiator. Get together with other members and plan for an Appreciation Day in your church. Commit to cover them and their families in prayer.





## Houses of Prayer for THE NATIONS

## BRUNEI

Pray for the people of Brunei to become aware of their spiritual emptiness and need for Jesus Christ. Pray that there will be an increasing spiritual yearning that will lead them to seek out other Christians.

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### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory.

Esther 3:5-6

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Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### Morocco

Persecution has been steadily increasing for decades. Pray that the Moroccan government will grant Christians true freedom of religion with freedom to worship and evangelize. Pray for the safety of believers and for a softening of the government's stance.

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## Day 25: 14<sup>th</sup> August Marketplace/Media

## **GOD AND MONEY**

Acts 5:1-5; Matthew 6:24

nanias died because he lied. In the marketplace today, the ussle to be truthful or to engage in "white lies" is great. The devil tempts our heart by whispering, "Did God really say you cannot....?" The Lord is not interested in our money; He is interested in our heart. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The silver is His, the gold is His. Money is merely a neutral trading instrument. But in the hands of an evil man, it takes the owner's form, and become an offence to God.

## N PRAY

- For the motives of working and giving to be pure so that judgement would not befall the Church and the land.
- That we will overcome whenever we are tempted to lie, exaggerate, hoard or steal.
- That the love of the Father will expel the desire and love for money, power and the applause of man.
- That the motivations to work are not to be a slave of the monthly paycheck, but for the purpose of God to be accomplished in our lives.

## U A C T

Ask your Pastor or church leader to recommend you a Christian organisation where you can sow some money for a period of time. As you open the tap by sowing into a ministry, you will be amazed to see the blessing and the anointing of that ministry beginning to flow in your personal life.

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "The Word of God does not need to be prayed about: The Word of God has to be received." – Smith Wigglesworth

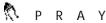
## WEEK 4: CONFRONTATION

## Day 26: 15<sup>th</sup> August Education/Youth

## LET NO ONE DECEIVE

Matthew 24:4-6

battle is raging for the minds of our children, and it will intensify in the end times. "Satan's greatest weapons for an fusing our kids in relation to their identity are his lies... He takes advantage of children whose parents are not protecting their minds against his fiery darts with the belt of truth and the shield of faith (Eph. 6:11-17)." — The Seduction of Our Children by Neil Anderson and Steve Russo.



- For Christian parents to be committed to teaching their children the truths and ways of the Lord.
- For stronger parent-child communication to established in our homes.
- For for God's protection and that the youth will be able to exercise the gift of discernment.
- For more prayer groups to be established in colleges and universities.

## **U** A C T

Spend extra time with a child or a youth that you know who may have some attitude problems. Pray that you are able to lead him/her to freedom in Christ.

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "As soon as our relationship with Christ is fully restored to that which God has designed, our thousand and one problems will all be duly solved. For the entire question is Christ, not a thing or things." – Watchman Nee



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### TUNISIA

The Church enjoys limited freedom. Pray that Tunisian believers will use whatever opportunity to evangelize the land.

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Esther 3:5-6

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# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### IRAQ

Pray for God's sovereign hand to be upon this nation that is going through dramatic changes. Pray for the Church of Iraq to shine and for God's love and mercy to be demonstrated through Christian organisations ministering here.

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# Day 27:16<sup>th</sup> August Government/Authorities

## **LET NO ONE SEPARATE**

1 Timothy 2:1-2

The Mar Thoma Christian Centre in Sungei Petani was damaged by fire in 2001. Without too much fanfare, they rebuilt the centre with help from the Christian community and the authorities. At the opening of the new centre in January 2003, the government official stressed that there must not be any suspicion towards social activities organised at Christian community centres. He recognised that these centres have a role to play in fostering the spirit of *muhibbah* between religious communities in Malaysia, adding that as much as non-Muslims in Malaysia have respected the places of worship of Muslims, Muslims too must not do anything to jeopardise the ability of their non-Muslim fellow citizens to freely practise their religion. (New Straits Times 30/1/2003)



### PRAY

- Against all forms (political, racial and religious) of extremism in Malaysia.
- For the government to continue to take a moderate stand and seek to maintain a democratic and pluralistic society.
- For wisdom, courage and strength for the relevant authorities to enforce law and order.
- For the government to uphold the right of citizens to choose and practise their religion.

## **U** A C T

Take a prayer drive and bless those who work in the government departments in your area.

#### PSAIM 23 FOR 2003

Pray for more souls to be saved – another page of the telephone directory.

## WEEK 4: CONFRONTATION

## Day 28: 17th August Nations/People Groups

## **DARETO LOVE**

Luke 6:32-36

oving others, especially people of another race or culture, may bring heartaches as your love may be rejected. It may but remember God's Word that declares love covers a multitude of sins, love casts out fear, love wins all the time and love never fails. God is love. Let us dare to love even in the face of rejection.



## PRAY

- For yourself if you do not have love for other people groups.
   Ask God to impart his love for the world deep into the recesses of your heart Romans 5:5b.
- For the Malays, Chinese, Indians and other races you meet in your daily life. Ask God for His leading to know how to be a blessing to them.
- That God will use you to be a minister of reconciliation among people groups.



Is there anyone you need to forgive? Is there someone who needs your forgiveness? Set things right today.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### RUSSIA

The Church suffers from a tremendous rift between Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic. Pray that a ministry of reconciliation and mutual cooperation will develop.

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#### Psalm 23 for 2003

Pray for more souls to be saved – another page of the telephone directory.

"This is the real secret of prayer: Once we are in His presence, we have what we desire because our will becomes lost in the will of the Lord. We automatically pray the prayers that are on His heart. Just one word from Him, and it is done." – Mahesh and Bonnie Chayda

#### Esther 3:5-6

## The Plot to Destroy

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## WEEK 5: COMMISSION

## Day 29: 18<sup>th</sup> August Personal

## "IF I PERISH, I PERISH"

Matthew 16:25-27

If I perish, I perish" is not a statement many Christians dare to declare. But it needs to be an inner test of our stand as we face perilous times. Like Esther, we are here on earth temporarily for a divine purpose. Our lives are given not to serve our own programmes but to fulfill God's agenda. Count that an honour and let us not lose sight of this great commission.

A 16 year-old Indonesian boy was confronted by this reality. A group of men with *parang* gave him the choice to denounce his faith and live or to continue to believe and be cut down. He boldly affirmed three times, 'I am a soldier of Jesus'. He was brutally murdered. Today, out of the fires of persecution, the Lord has forged an unprecedented unity and a fervent revival of the Indonesian Church.



- Against fear that paralyzes you in these times for God has given you the spirit of power, love and sound mind.
- Affirm your allegiance to Christ and surrender your life to His care.
- That you will be equipped to stand firm for the Truth without compromise.
- That Christians will lead simple lifestyles and lay their treasures in heaven.

## UACT

Read a book with the testimonies of those that suffered persecution and came through. You will be strengthened. You can visit some sites like <a href="https://www.idop.org">www.csi-int.org</a>

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for souls listed in another page of the telephone directory.



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### LIBYA

Official missionaries are not permitted. There are some roles for tentmakers and Christian expatriates. Pray that Christians around the world will be able to learn of these roles and seek to serve Libyans with the love of Christ.

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### For Such A Time As This



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### **T**AJIKISTAN

Large numbers of Tajiks have turned to Christ while in Afghanistan. Pray that some of these will be able to help plant the Church in Tajikistan, and that a move toward Christ would occur in this nation.

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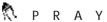
# Day 30: 19<sup>th</sup> August Family/Home

## WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

Joshua 24:15-18

ome of us who are first generation Christians have to contend with the gods of our forefathers. To remain faithful to God as an individual or as a family in the midst of idolatry calls for faith and courage. The youngest sister of a Chinese village headman in Johore became the first Christian in the village at the age of 16. She prayed for her family.

After 40 years, her 96 year-old mother became a Christian. Other family members, including the village headman followed suit, and they put away their gods. The Christians in this family steadfastly served the Lord and continued to pray for the others. At the matriarch's first memorial dinner, they took the opportunity to testify about God to the whole village.



- For courage for believers to serve the Lord like Joshua did even in an unbelieving community.
- For the salvation of unbelieving family members. Never give up praying for any family member – even the most obstinate one
- That Christian family will be used by the Lord to bless whole communities.
- For Christian organisations, such as Focus on the Family, that is ministering to families.

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Plan to visit your non-Christian family members and relatives more regularly.

#### PSALM 23 FOR 2003

Pray for Malaysians listed in another page of the telephone directory.

## WEEK 5: COMMISSION

Day 31: 20<sup>th</sup> August Church

## **DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17

nowing the brevity of his time on earth, the devil has unleashed his wickedness and evil of unprecedented coportions and is causing untold sufferings. Millions have already died because of AIDS. These are just the physical suffering brought about by the wicked schemes of the enemy. Equally tormenting, are the millions of mental and emotional afflictions.

The Church must rise up with the glory of God. God is releasing greater grace and authority to the Church to more than counter and nullify the work of the enemy. We have the power to tread on all the powers of the enemy (Luke 10:19) and we must take up our spiritual authority and allow the Lord to release His miracles and gifts of healing through the Church. The Church is called to display the Lord's glory at a time such as this.



- That the Church will see glory and authority of the Lord upon her.
- That there will be a release of healing and the miraculous through our prayer for the sick.
- That the Church be the refuge for the physically and emotionally tormented.



Volunteer to visit someone who is sick and pray for their healing.

#### PSALM 23 FOR 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Pray anywhere and everywhere." – Smith Wigglesworth



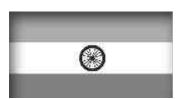
# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### INDONESIA

The Church has suffered in the midst of ethnic conflicts and religious tensions. Indonesia has recently experienced large riots and religious warfare that have resulted in many deaths and significant economic damage. Pray that these tensions will be eased and that Christians can serve Indonesia in a ministry of reconciliation.

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### For Such A Time As This



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### INDIA

The south has been saturated with the gospel. Praise God for this. Pray that more missionaries and evangelists will work in the north, where there is more resistance and less evangelistic work.

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## Day 32: 21st August Marketplace/Place

## **BUSINESS WITH MISSIONS**

Acts 16:13-15

In his book "God @Work", Rich Marshall shares his encounter with a taxi driver in La Plata, Argentina – He was driving me to my speaking engagement in the city and we began to talk about seeing one's another business as a ministry. He said he desired this so I prayed for him – Your taxi business is your ministry, and God wants to use you through it." I saw him again 4 months later and he excitedly told me. "I have had the opportunity to lead someone to Christ everyday since you prayed for me. It really works. My business is my ministry."

## PRAY

- For wisdom on pastors and leaders to commission, equip and mobilize lay people into the mission field of this globalized business world.
- For willing and open hearts to obey the call of God to Go!
- For God's power and grace to be displayed in the marketplace for the purpose of bringing revival to the land.
- For the Full Gospel BusinessMen's Fellowships and marketplace ministries.

## **U** A C T

Take notice of those who serve you today. Make effort to reach out to them.

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Defeat and failure always result from loss of God's presence." – Andrew Murray

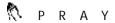
## WEEK 5: COMMISSION

## Day 33: 22<sup>nd</sup> August Education/Youth

## **WE WILL RELEASE**

Psalm 78:4-7

Christian teacher was sharing about the lack of commitment and dedication of our teachers today. She onfessed that she had discouraged her niece to take up teaching as a career, and would not want her children to become teachers!



- For Christian parents to have a change of heart in their perception towards the teaching profession.
- That Christian parents will desire to help uplift the quality of teachers by releasing and encouraging their children to become teachers.
- For the joy of teaching to be released to our teachers and that they see teaching a rewarding profession.
- For Christian teachers and students to be more committed to the Christian Fellowships (CF) in their schools.
- For consistency between policy makers and implementers, especially in setting up non-Islamic societies in schools.

## **U** A C T

To pray more effectively concerning education, email to Teachers' Christian Fellowship at tcfmy@pd.jaring.my.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### SRI LANKA

The Church suffers from nominalism. When it was originally planted, the Church generally adopted Western modes and failed to completely contextualize itself within the Sri Lankan culture. As a result, it failed to effectively evangelize. Pray for churches to contextualize the gospel and for a return to biblical theology and holiness.

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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for the another page of the telephone directory. "How the Master can move among the needs and perishing when He has the right of way in the church!."

- Smith Wigglesworth

## For Such A Time As This



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#### **D**лівоцті

Believers suffer in the midst of Djibouti's poverty. Pray for Christian organisations devoted to compassionate relief and development to find new opportunities to work in Djibouti.

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# Day 34: 23rd August Government/Authorities

## **ARISE AND SHINE**

Isaiah 60:1-8

ordecai walked in faith, choosing to obey God rather han man. He acted with self-sacrifice and courage to allow God's guidance. His life was filled with challenges but he turned them into opportunities. He was instrumental in thwarting the evil plot of Haman. Thus his people were saved and preserved. God has raised many Christians to leadership positions in the government and the private sector. Like Mordecai, they will be able to make choices to serve God's purpose in upholding righteousness, justice and stewardship in our nation.

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## PRAY

- For Christian civil servants to be excellent workers and effective witnesses in their offices, and for God's favour to be upon them.
- That Christian politicians will work with church leaders and vice versa for greater righteousness and justice.
- For wisdom, integrity and courage for our judges and magistrates in the execution of their duties to uphold justice and equity in regards to religious freedom.
- That judges who hear judicial proceedings on religious liberty will decide on universally accepted principles of justice and human rights.

## U A C T

Commit to pray for the Chief Justice of the Federal Court, the President of the Bar Council, the Minister of Law, all judges and the magistrates.

#### PSAIM 23 FOR 2003

Pray for the people listed on another page of the telephone directory.

## WEEK 5: COMMISSION

## Day 35:24th August Nations/People Groups

## TRANSFORMING THE COMMUNITY

Isaiah 9:2-4

In 1990, there were 1,739 ethnic groups with a population of more than 10,000 each in the world that were considered unreached. Currently less than 200 of these groups are considered unreached. For people groups with a population of under10, 000 each, 4000 are still unreached (Source: Jericho Walls Prayer guide)

The work of the Holy Spirit is accelerating. There is a commissioning in the hearts of evangelists and intercessors to press through to bring the last tribe into Kingdom of God. Then the Lord shall return for His beautiful Bride.



- There are no known believers in the following *Orang Asli* groups:
  - Mendriq in Kelantan (population 138)
  - Kanaq, Kuala in Johore (population 62 and 2492 respectively)
  - Kensiu, Kintak in Kedah (population 221 and 220 respectively)
  - Lanoh in Perak (population 229)
- For the missions agencies in Malaysia like Odmal, OMF..etc



As a church or a cell group, propose to adopt an unreached group to pray for until a church is planted in its midst. Buy a copy of "Handbook on Missions Agencies in Malaysia" from NECF office and get to know them.

#### Psalm 23 FOR 2003

Pray for the people listed on another page of the telephone directory.



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### TURKEY

The Church needs courage to stand.
Persecution has been sporadic, and at this time there seems to be little danger despite reports of harassment.

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WEEK 6: CELEBRATION

Day 36: 25<sup>th</sup> August

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## DAYS OF REJOICING

Philippians 4:4-9

Tu are on the last week of the 40 days of prayer and fasting for our nation. Rejoice for your travail has surely borne fruit. Rejoice that the Lord has heard your cry and prayer. Remember that God's anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

We cannot understand everything that is going on, but we know God will surely bring light to our intercession. One example is Jim Elliot whose love and burden for the American Indians was so great that he went to them in 1952 despite knowing the danger ahead. Four years later, he was killed by these same people he loved. His wife persisted with his work and eventually brought many to salvation. Before his death, Jim Elliot said these unforgettable words: 'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose'.



- That you will have the joy, which is the quiet, confident assurance of God's love that is at work in your life.
- That you will find joy as you focussed all your attention and energy knowing and obeying Christ.
- That your joy is not dependent on circumstances, but on Christ alone.

## UACT

Rejoice with Paul in Philippians, and rededicate yourself to finding joy in Christ.

#### PSALM 23 FOR 2003

Pray for the people listed on another page of the telephone directory.



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### MEXICO

One million believers from various denominations in Mexico gathered for an Easter Service. The Mexico City gathering – which evangelicals deemed inconceivable 12 years ago because of anti-Protestant laws in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation – reflects the growing revival that is sweeping through the majority of Latin America. Pray for the revival to touch many lives.

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Esther 9:20-22

## Sorrow into Joy



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### ALGERIA

Christians and all Algerians have been hurt by the ongoing war. Much of the nation's infrastructure and its ability to provide for its people have been damaged. Pray for new opportunities for Christian relief ministries to work in Algeria.

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## Day 37: 26<sup>th</sup> August Family/Home

## **BLESSING OF OBED-EDOM**

2 Samuel 6:12-15

The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God". Corrie Ten Boom's family gave refuge to many Jews during the Nazi period. As a result, her father was killed while both Corrie and her sister Betsy were imprisoned in a concentration camp. She shared, 'In this concentration camp, we were able to bring the gospel to many women. Many found Jesus and died with the name of Jesus on their lips. It was worth all our suffering, even Betsy's death, to use us to this end.' Corrie went on serving God till she went home to be with Him at the age 91, always full of joy and love.

## N PRAY

- For new strength and perseverance for those nursing sick family members or special children.
- That Christian family will be willing to house and care for the outcasts and those in pain in the church and community.
- For thankful hearts under all circumstances.

## **U** A C T

Pay a visit to another family whom the Lord wants you to bless.

#### Psalm 23 FOR 2003

Pray for names from another page of the telephone directory. Remember each one has a family.

"God seeks intercessors. He saw that there was no man, and wondered why there was no intercessor" – Andrew Murray.

WEEK 6: CELEBRATION

Day 38: 27th August

Church

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Matthew 5:13-16

The Holy Spirit has been moving over our land. Jesus said the Church is the salt and light of the world. The Church is the lampstand of God in every town in Malaysia. Let our light so shine that the world will glorify our Father in Heaven. It is so wonderful to know of so many churches going beyond their four walls to bless the community. Let us keep shining.



- For the Church of Malaysia to increase in faith and love for their surrounding communities.
- That the life of every believer of Jesus will shine brightly for Jesus.
- That light will break forth over the land as the Church humbles herself and prays.
- For the speakers (Cindy Jacobs and Barry Boucher) and participants attending the National Prayer Conference which starts today.

## U A C T

Encourage someone who seems to be losing his/her zeal for God. For those in Klang Valley, why not consider attending the National Prayer Conference (August 27-29).

#### Psalm 23 for 2003

Pray for names from another page of the telephone directory. "One of the first secrets God will reveal as you sink low before Him in nothingness and helplessness and in a silence and stillness of soul are teachings that will come to you which you have never heard of before." – Andrew Murray



Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### NEPAL

The Church is seeing rapid advance. It has been growing particularly in the outlying areas largely due to signs and wonders. Almost all that have come to Christ have come as a result of a miracle of some sort.

Pray that these believers will be deeply rooted and grounded in God's Word.

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Esther 9:20-22

## Sorrow into Joy



# Houses of Prayer for the Nations

#### KURDISTAN

Ministry to the Kurds is particularly dangerous. Christians among the Kurds have been harassed, threatened and martyred. Pray for the ongoing safety of these evangelists.

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# Day 39: 28th August Marketplace/Media

## THY KINGDOM COME

Matthew 6:10

local Christian organisation had a vision to use writing as an evangelistic tool and to raise Christian writers with the an to 'bridge' the Church and society. During Easter in 1986, God opened the door for their vision to be realised. A local daily granted its request to publish Christian articles. Today this organisation enjoys God's favour in three local publications and one in Cambodia.

## N P R A Y

- For freedom of press in religious publications.
- To be able to share the Word, testimonies, and worship songs over the air and on print.
- For Christian businessmen to experience the joy of leading someone to Christ.
- For the National Prayer Conference that many will receive a greater burden to pray for the nation.

## **U** A C T

Celebrate the goodness of the Lord in the workplace – buy a cake, on it write, My God is a good God!

#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "As long as the Church continues to reach out to the lost, God will sustain the revival. As long as the Church enters territory held by the devil, it will keep its weapons cleaned, oiled and loaded." – Ed Silvoso

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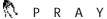
#### Day 40: 29th August Education/Youth

## **LIGHT UP THE NATION 2003** - MERDEKA PRAYER RALLY

Psalm 126

or 40 days, we sought the face of God with great expectation of what God is doing in our nation. We dedicate this night to pray for our nation in conjunction with the nation's *Merdeka* Day celebration. Christians across the land will join their hearts in One Voice in the various Merdeka prayer rallies. Pray for our youth that will be leading the nation in future.

This year's Merdeka Prayer Rally in Klang Valley is at PGRM, KL. Please pray for Cindy Jacobs as she speaks tonight.



- For God to burden our youth to participate in the nationwide Merdeka Prayer Rallies.
- For our youth to be touched as they see the Church united in prayer for the land.
- For the Holy Spirit to preside over the prayer rallies and pour His love into us for all ethnic groups in our land.

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Attend the Merdeka Prayer Rally in your town and bring along your meal savings for the Nationwide Charity Campaign.





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#### Psalm 23 For 2003

Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "The prayer that God particularly delights to answer is united prayer. There is power in the prayer of a single individual, and the prayer of individuals has wrought great things, but there is a greater power in united prayer." – R.A. Torrey

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Esther 9:20-22

Day 41:30<sup>th</sup> August Government/Authorities

along the pathway made by prayer to their glorious designs. God's purposes are always moving to their high and beneficial ends, but the movement is along the way marked by unceasing prayer. The breath of prayer is from God." – E.M.Bounds

## Sorrow into Joy

# **THANKSGIVING** Psalm 100:4-5 s believers in the Body of Christ, we have the great hope of lesus' triumphant return to earth one day. Meanwhile, let continue to pray for our government, that God will bless our leaders' efforts to foster harmonious racial and F religious ties. One example of the government's efforts is organising Open House during the various festive celebrations. Let this effort bring forth God's glory to our nation. 13 P R • A prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for our nation. We have a future and a hope beyond what we see now. • For a spirit of thankfulness to pervade Malaysians instead of complaining. Thank the Lord for our national leaders, community leaders, and church leaders. For a mighty celebration of thanksgiving to break out in the land as we approach Merdeka Day. It is the Lord who has given us the success. A C Celebrate Merdeka Day by prominently displaying the nation's flag. Plan to participate in your church community projects. Psalm 23 For 2003 Pray for another page of names from the telephone directory. "Prayer is God's life-giving breath. God's purposes move

WEEK 6: CELEBRATION

## Day 42:31st August Nations/PeopleGroups

# MERDEKA DAY – LIGHT UP THE NATION

Isaiah 60:1-3

alaysia is 46 years old today. As a nation, she may be bung but she has certainly gone through many trials and tribulations. As believers for this land, we desire to see the fullness of God's plan and purpose come to her – that every Malaysian will have the opportunity to hear about the love of Jesus, and to have a choice to respond to that love.

## • DECLARE

O Lord, Pour forth Your Spirit upon every community of our 14 states. Let those who ask, receive, those who seek find, those who knock have doors opened to them. Let every community in Malaysia bless Your holy name. Let every community in Malaysia know you and call you Lord.

Let the street of every *kampung* town and city resound with singing and dancing. Let the children of all races play together in peace. Let every wall of hostility crumble and fall. Holy God, may Your Presence prevail upon us, and your Glory flood the land as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

## U A C T

Take a prayer walk with your family members or other Christians through the run down areas of your community. Show His love in a tangible way.

#### Psalm 23 for 2003

If you have not finished praying through the allocated pages of the telephone directory, please continue. Your intercession for the souls of Malaysia is making a difference. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

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## Sorrow into Joy

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