

# Importance of Praying Together

## Psalm 133:1-2

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.

We will soon close the year 2024, and upon reflection, we will need ask ourselves how we have managed the challenging year. Some of us may have lost a loved one, some may rejoice that their medical issue had been cleared. Even passing exams came with the support of loved ones in prayer. Whatever the problem was the problem was, it was praying together that sustained each of us over the year.

God did not make us lone rangers. He saved us into the church. He called us out of the kingdom of darkness and into local expressions of the body of Christ. We may call it fellowship, community or doing life together but what holds us as one is the recognition that we need to pray together.

What stood out during this year's **NECF 40-Day Fast & Prayer**, with the theme "**Kingdom that cannot be shaken**", was anchoring the morning prayer sessions and encouraging the Malaysian church to read, meditate and pray from the devotional booklet. Though it was done through online zoom, it united the whole nation in one agenda - ***the importance of praying together.***

This led Christians to fulfill their role as the salt and light for the nation. Each morning, the prayer altars were lighting up Malaysia as we expressed our worship and petitions unto the Lord.

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Throughout those 40 days, we intentionally cultivated Christian affection and mutual understanding for the love of both the church and the nation. Big and small churches took the opportunity to participate. This happened not by accident, but came as gift from God.

The feedback that came from the various prayer initiatives were:

- *Churches and personal lives were transformed*
- *There was unity of hearts even though we did not know whom we were praying with for the sessions.*
- *Joy unspeakable, for there was worship and weeping for the nation.*

Praying together is a gift from God, especially when one is not familiar with whom he is praying alongside! But God has put in our hearts the desire to seek Him together. It encourages and benefits our faith, expands

the horizon of our minds, strengthens our hearts, and empowers our hands.

No Christian runs the race well alone; neither do we want to stand alone. No child of God fights singlehandedly and lives. So, we need to devote ourselves to prayer and stay in the posture of getting on our knees together, pursuing a supernatural unity of like-mindedness.

As we approach the year 2025 with a fresh theme and outlook, let our hearts be knitted together with others through adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication - fan the flames of joy.

Have a blessed Christmas for 2024, and as we cross into the coming new year, may we be reminded that *it is important to pray together* as we had experienced the year before.

**Pastor Samuel Ang**  
Secretary-General



## New Members – Welcome to the Fellowship!

### ORDINARY MEMBER

	CHURCH	PASTOR	TOWN
1	El Shaddai Creative Community	Pr Nuah Petrus Seragih	Petaling Jaya
2	Harvest Seasons Church	Pr Choo Foon Moey	Melaka
3	Sanctuary Of Grace Community Church	Rev Steven Sadasivam	Semenyih
4	Kingdom Advance Christian Society, Serdang	Pr Paul Smith	Seri Kembangan

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

	CHURCH	PASTOR	TOWN
1	Gurdial Singh A/L Kehar @Matthew	AION Worship Resources	Petaling Jaya

# Bible Reading Campaign for Children



“Make disciples of all nations” (we call it discipleship) is the mission Jesus gave to His disciples before His ascension, and this same mission is entrusted to the Church today. Many churches dedicate a significant portion of their budget to children’s ministries, but when we talk about “making disciples for Jesus,” we often overlook the age group of children. In most people’s minds, children are too young and are more suited to listening to stories. However, when Jesus was doing “adult ministry,” He did not prevent children from participating in witnessing and experiencing God’s power and teachings. Instead, He commanded His disciples, saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14)

Let the little children come to the Lord and do not hinder them. One way we can be hindering them from coming to experience God more deeply is by ignoring their need for the word of God. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your

hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Moses mentioned the responsibility of parents to teach their children God’s word. “Talking” about God’s word should be a part of everyday family conversations. Children, in their interactions with their parents, can more deeply experience the wonder and truth of God’s word.

In order to help families read the Bible together and encourage children to take root in the word of God while growing in the counsel of His word and Spirit, NECF has produced a children’s Bible reading plan, The Journey of Redemption Story, to supply to churches nationwide. The daily Bible reading schedule progresses in parallel with the ongoing version of “Rooted in the Word”, the adult version of Bible reading in a year. This resource is designed to assist Sunday school teachers and parents in guiding their children to read and meditate on the word of God as a daily habit.

The Journey of Redemption Story will be made available in 2025. Call and order from our office @ **03-77278227** and start your family or children's church prayer altar by reading the word of God with your children.



### *Benefits of Reading Through The Bible*

#### **To Know God**

It gives you a proper understanding of who God is, as revealed in His Word. Selective reading may lead to narrow and unending speculative falsehoods about God. God is a person, He wants to be known and have a two-way relationship with us.

#### **It Strengthens Our Faith**

Reading through the Word strengthens our faith in Him. Daniel 11:32b states, "the people who know their God shall be strong and do great exploits." This faith is anchored in our knowledge of God, the personal Being.

#### **It Enables Our Prayer**

Reading through the Word will help us understand the will of God and, thus, enable us to pray more accurately. Reading through the word will also provide alignment to God's will, leading to answered prayers. Furthermore, it will enable us to pray more effectively.

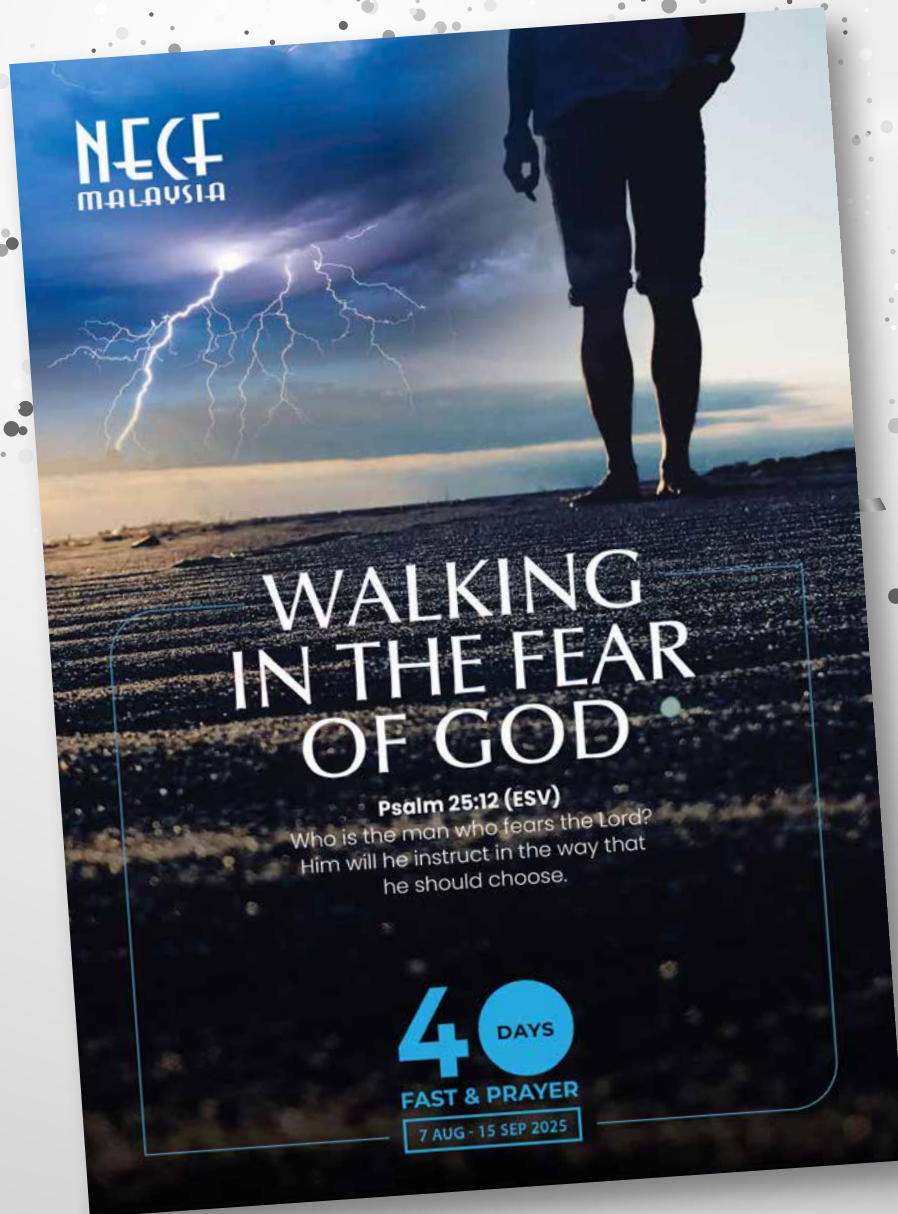
#### **It Builds Our Spirit-Man**

The word of God is good for our spirit-man. Jesus said, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' (Matthew 4:4).

Feeding on the Word (spiritual food), before prayer (spiritual exercise) will enable us to be spiritually strong as we face the challenges and storms of life.



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## Silver Jubilee Year **40-Day Fast and Prayer**

Year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary, or the Silver Jubilee Year of NECF's 40-Day Fast and Prayer. We are thankful that by the grace of God, the annual call to the Body of Christ in this nation to come together in one accord has not only been consistent, but has gained momentum. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, preparing the churches for such a time as this.

As we approach the Silver Jubilee of this initiative, we are grateful to God for bringing individuals and groups from all walks of Christian life in this nation to pray, fast, contribute and render their time and resources - often sacrificially, year after year - with the aim of seeking God's purposes for our land. The growing unity and clarity of purpose among the churches have been evident with the passing of the years, which is something we cherish and praise the Lord for. For the Silver Jubilee, our theme will be **Walking in the Fear of God**. This is taken from Psalm 25 verse 12 (English Standard Version):

*Who is the man who fears the Lord?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.*

We hope to see your continued participation. May God bless His work in our nation.

# Building Project Training and Resource Centre Update

We are pleased to inform you that the building project started in July this year. The progress has been slow due to the early arrival of the monsoon. However, the contractor has been instructed to catch up with the schedule whenever there is opportunity for work to be carried out. The due date of completion will be on November 2025.

The project cost is estimated to be RM 7.5 million and donations received together with internal funding have reached RM 3 million. Therefore, there is a shortfall of RM 4.5 million which needs to be raised before the date of completion in November 2025.

These photos indicate the work in progress.

The NECF Council invites you and your church to participate in this national project. You can make your contribution to the **National Evangelical Christian Fellowship Malaysia, Public Bank Bhd. Account No. 3223063701**

Do keep this project in your prayers that the required funds will come in and the project will be completed as scheduled.



## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Please be informed that the annual subscription for NECF Membership for the year 2025 is due in January 2025. The subscription amount for the year is RM250.00.

According to NECF Constitution, Article 4. (4) "Any member who allow their arrears to exceed more than nine (9) months subscription shall automatically cease to be a member of the Fellowship." Kindly settle any outstanding arrears to avoid termination.

We request your kind cooperation in updating your church/organization's details to ensure that you remain informed about matters affecting the church.

In light of recent changes to the Income Tax Exemption status for Religious Institutions or Organizations, please refer to the updated Membership Policy for your reference. This document requires your confirmation that you fully understand the updated requirements.

To access the Membership Renewal Form and Updated Membership Policy, please go to our website [www.necf.org.my](http://www.necf.org.my)



NECF Council & Staff  
wishes all a  
*Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year*



NECF Thanksgiving Lunch with NECF Council and Ex-Council Members, NECF Staff, Commission Members & Legal Team.



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