





Foreword

This is the fourth year of “Lighting Up Our Nation”. The momentum of intercession for the nation has increased tremendously. We believe that the season of 40-day Fast & Prayer has been in the right direction. The recovery of economy from 1997 setback, protection from viral epidemic (e.g. SARS and bird flu), successful transition of the nation’s leadership (2003) and the smooth-running of General Elections 2004 are evidences of God’s mercy.

In the midst of general optimism and hope, the Church has more work to do with God-given opportunities. The seeming peace in the nation calls us to

respond vigorously to the call of God “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

Therefore, NECF Malaysia sincerely invites you to participate actively in the nationwide 40-day Fast and Prayer & Charity and the National Prayer Rallies in your respective towns.

“My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer” is the theme for year 2004. A Church on her knees governs the nation with the Lord. May the glory of God covers Malaysia as the water covers the sea.



Praying Round the Clock for Malaysia

Praying round the clock has both Biblical and historical roots. Pray your way into a place larger than your single location and greater than your hour(s) of commitment as you join with fellow believers in ONE VOICE to blanket our nation with prayer.

What does the Bible teach us about continuous prayer?

Jesus spoke to the disciples in a parable in Luke 18 that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. Leviticus 24 tells us that the fire on the altar “must not go out.” It was a symbol of praise, worship, intercession, and reconciliation offered by the priests to God. In Isaiah 62 God talks about posting watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem who will “never be silent day or night.”

What does history teach us about continuous prayer?

In 1727 an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a German congregation led to confession and repentance. As a result 24 women and 24 men agreed to spend one hour a day, 24 hours a day, in prayer for God’s blessing on their congregation and its witness. This was the beginning of over 100 years of “hourly intercession” by the members of the Moravian church. From this prayer movement thousands of evangelists and missionaries spread into Europe, North America, Africa, and Asia.

“They all joined together constantly in prayer” — Acts 1:14

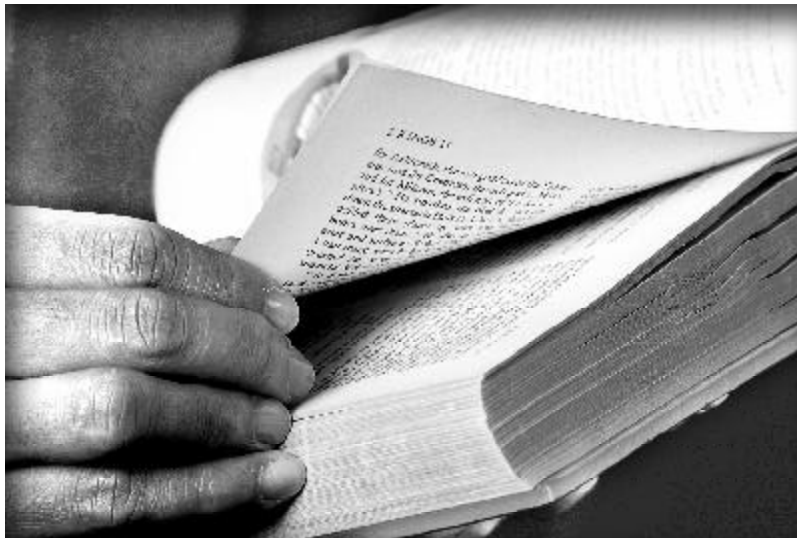


The NECF Malaysia website www.necf.org.my will keep a time slot schedule that will cover each ½ hour of each day of 40 days, listing all the names of those who sign up to pray. You may register for Praying Round the Clock by emailing your times to toprayer@necf.org.my or log in to the website.

As you sign up on your particular slot, the names of the state and towns will be shown –

Pray these prayer goals – Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3, (for the towns and authorities) Proverbs 11:10-11; 28:12; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 5:16 and Genesis 18:16-33; Isaiah 62: 6,7 (for the Church)

Individuals: Anyone may sign up individually and pray through the prayer goals in their own home at the hour of their choosing for one time slot or several times or every day of the 40 days. OR Individuals may want to pray with a



friend or with a group of people at times suitable to all. OR Individuals could enlist the help of their small group, Bible study, or other affiliation to cover several hours each day or even take on the challenge of covering one whole 24-hour period in prayer.

Congregations: Your church may want to assign your prayer leader to enlist individuals or groups within the church to sign up to pray **Round the Clock**. This can be done in several ways.

- Your church could pick one 24-hour period and recruit people to pray either at home or at church for ½ hour time slots.

- Your church could pick several hours (4 or 5 or 6 hours) each day of the 40 days to cover in prayer.
- Your church could cover the whole 40 days in prayer.
- Your church could join with a sister congregation to cover a specified amount of hours.
- Time slots could be organized and covered by various groups in your church such as women's group or the youth group. Remember that ½ hourly time slots can be covered by one person or by a group.

Forms for organizing your church are available from NECF office or email to prayer@necf.org.my.





How to Enjoy Your Fast

Fasting brings a sacrificial dimension to prayer. Biblical fasting is most often the abstaining from food for a spiritual purpose; and there are various ways to fast. Some people also fast a non-food item.

A **partial food fast** refers to giving up either a meal or two or a type of food (like meat) over a period of time.

A **full food fast** refers to giving up all food except water and/or juices over a period of time.

An **absolute food fast** is refraining from both food and drink, but should only be done for three days.

Non-food fasts include giving up something (for e.g. television) that interferes with your spiritual life.

Anyone with medical conditions or on medications should consult their physician before a food fast; and anyone attempting a full or absolute fast should consult their physician.

Decide what type of fast would be best for you. If this is new to you, begin with a partial fast.

Partial Fast Options

- *Give up one meal a day.*
- *Give up two meals on two days (for e.g. Wednesday & Friday).*
- *Give up two meals a day (breakfast and lunch).*

- *Give up meat or some other food.*

Full Fast Options

- *Give up food, drinking only water and juices for 24 hours.*
- *Give up all solid foods, drinking only water and juices (Do this under a physician's care).*

Non-Food Fast.

- *Give up something that distracts you from prayer and spiritual pursuits.*

Acts of Social Justice

Combining prayer, fasting, and social justice can move you beyond concerns and concepts and into God-directed action that is meaningful and helpful to those in your community and the world needing social justice today.

Prayer and fasting are the first steps in acts of social justice but not a replacement for action. For the past 2 years the collection of over RM 1 million from the nationwide 40-day Fast & Prayer & Charity Campaign has been distributed to worthy projects local and overseas.

As an individual, a group, or congregation decide to give up certain foods, meals, or an activity for the 40 days or several days or even just on the day you meet for prayer.



MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Family/Home</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Week1: FIRM FOUNDATION</i> Encountering Jesus, Our Chief Intercessor <i>Hebrews 5:7-10</i>	22 July: Thurs <i>John 4:7-15</i> The Deep Well	23 July: Fri <i>Acts 10:1-7; 23-33</i> The Memorial Offering	24 July: Sat <i>Matthew 21:12-17</i> The House of Prayer
<i>Week2: FATHERHOOD</i> Declaring The Names of Our God <i>Matthew 6:9</i>	29 July <i>Romans 8:14-17</i> Abba Father	30 July <i>Ezekiel 48:35; Isaiah 12:6</i> Jehovah Shammah- The Lord is There	31 July <i>Exodus 3:14-15</i> I Am Who I Am
<i>Week3: FUTURE</i> Understanding God's Mission <i>Matthew 6:10</i>	5 August <i>Matthew 16:24-28</i> Follow Me	6 August <i>Ephesians 5:22-6:4</i> Divine Order	7 August <i>Ephesians 3:10-21</i> Manifold Wisdom
<i>Week4: FAITH</i> Receiving Daily Provisions <i>Matthew 6:11</i>	12 August <i>Matthew 6:28-34</i> Do not worry	13 August <i>Matthew 15:21-28</i> Even Crumbs Are Good	14 August <i>Acts 2:42-47</i> Daily Increase
<i>Week5: FORGIVENESS</i> Unlocking The Storehouse <i>Matthew 6:12</i>	19 August <i>Luke 6:37-38</i> The Lord's Measure	20 August <i>Matthew 18:21-35</i> Seventy Times Seven	21 August <i>2 Chronicles 7:11-18</i> If My People...
<i>Week6: FREEDOM</i> Overcoming Fears and Temptations <i>Matthew 6:13</i>	26 August <i>1 John 5:1-5</i> I Believe	27 August <i>Hebrews 13:4-5</i> Honour Your Vows	28 August <i>1 Peter 2:11-17</i> Transparency



***Marketplace
/Media***

***Education
/Youth/Children***

***Government
/Authorities***

***Nations
/People Groups***

25 July: Sun
Luke 19:1-10
The Invitation

26 July: Mon
Luke 7:11-17
The Only Son

27 July: Tues
Matthew 8:5-13
**The Man Under
Authority**

28 July: Wed
Matthew 21:21-28
The Cry for Help

1 August
Genesis 22:14
**Jehovah Jireh – Our
Provider**

2 August
Exodus 17:14-15
**Jehovah Nissi –
Our Banner**

3 August
Jeremiah 33:15-16
**Jehovah
Tsidkenu – Our
Righteousness**

4 August
Judges 6:23-24
**Jehovah Shalom
– Our Peace**

8 August
Hebrews 12:25-29
**Shaking of The
Temporal**

9 August
Matthew 18:1-10
**The Least Shall
Be The Greatest**

10 August
Psalms 2
Ultimate Rule

11 August
Isaiah 60:1-7
**Nations Will
Come**

15 August
Acts 16:13-15
**From Conversation
to Conversion**

16 August
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
**Chit Chats with
Children**

17 August
Titus 3:1-2
Loyal Rakyat

18 August
Matthew 14:15-21
**Five Loaves &
Two Fish**

22 August
Deuteronomy 15:1-11
Canceling Debts

23 August
John 8:1-12
Sin No More

24 August
Daniel 9:1-19
Confession

25 August
Deuteronomy 15:12-18;
Isaiah 60:10-12
Be Merciful

29 August
Romans 12:14-21
**Overcome Evil with
Good**

30 August
1 John 4:4-6
**He in us is
Greater**

31 August
Isaiah 56:7
**House of
Prayer for
Malaysia**



Day 1: 22 July *Personal*

The Deep Well

John 4:7-15



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

India

Conversion to Christianity is a highly controversial issue in India. The Indian states of Orissa, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu have passed laws to prevent conversions. The BJP has also been pushing for other Indian states to pass similar laws. Critics say these rules are specifically aimed at Christian missions working among tribal peoples, the poor and the low-caste Hindus known as Dalits. Pray for wisdom for the Church.

There is a well within us that cries out for more. As the Samaritan woman said, “the well is deep”. She tried to fill it with relationship with men. Some of us try to fill it with work, ministry, status, food, shopping and the list goes on. But the reality is – the well is deep.

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water,” Jesus said. The woman changed since.

An encounter with Jesus changes our deep empty well into a life-giving well of fresh spring water that never runs dry.

As we embark on this year’s “40-day Fast and Prayer” with the call to build a house of prayer, may we encounter Jesus afresh like the Samaritan woman did.

p r a y :

- *Confess to the Lord if you have been feeling dry and empty. Ask Him to fill you afresh with His Spirit. Jesus proclaimed, “Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water”.*
- *Commit your life to worship God alone, instead of things, activities and people.*
- *Be willing to be used and led by God to make a difference in lives entrusted to you.*

a c t :

- *Be sensitive of the Lord’s presence and His overflowing love for you.*

n o t e s :

The Memorial Offering

Cornelius established a house of prayer in his home. The prayers and gifts so pleased God that they were regarded as a memorial offering. After Cornelius prayed, God sent an angel, then Peter, and then the Holy Spirit to his home. God remembered this family because of Cornelius' fervent prayer and fasting. Salvation came to the whole household, close friends and relatives.



Bhutan

Bhutan is one of the world's least evangelised nations and the Church is a relatively young Church, with many of the Christians being first generation believers. Bhutanese believers suffer persecution in the form of mental harassment and physical torture such as public beating. Please pray for the Church to be strong despite being young.

- *Every home be established as a house of prayer, just like Cornelius'.*

- *Households will experience divine encounters with Jesus, and whole families will come to know Christ.*

- *Gather your family members and commit to a regular time of prayer starting with this 40-day Fast and Prayer season.*

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Day 3: 24 July Church

The House of Prayer

Mathew 21:12-17



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

China

Pray that children's ministry materials will reach to various house churches in 2004 to introduce China's next generation to the loving Creator God.

The merchants did not know what hit them. Suddenly, tables and seats were overturned, coins clanging to the ground, doves fluttering away, and people driven off. "It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer but you have made it a den of robbers," Jesus said. Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

If we are not careful, activities and programs may take over what the Church is originally meant to be – a house of prayer, and a place of healing for 'the blind and the lame.' We must heed and obey the words of Jesus.

p r a y :

- *For every Christian to adopt a lifestyle of prayer – communing with the Lord, and interceding for the needs of others and for Malaysia.*
- *Churches throughout the land will be houses of prayer.*

a c t :

- *Pray for your pastor, fulltime workers, cell leaders and members. Be part of the house of prayer.*

n o t e s :



Day 4: 25 July Marketplace / Media

The Invitation

Luke 19:1-10

Invitation can be the most decisive moment in life. Take Zacchaeus for example. He was a shrewd businessman, a tax collector who gained wealth from his community. He was despised and labeled 'sinner' by the Pharisees. Yet, Jesus invited Himself to be his guest, "I must stay at your house today."

The encounter with Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life. He made a commitment for immediate restitution. The community became a better place, all because of one invitation to a sinner.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Nepal

The Church in Nepal has seen huge growth in recent years.

Operation World reports a doubling in numbers to 400,000 during the 1990s.

"However, Christians are still experiencing persecution. Religious extremists are getting very much involved in destroying churches and attacking Christians," reports one evangelist. Pray that the Church will continue to experience growth despite persecution.

p r a y :

- For wisdom for believers to do what Jesus did for Zacchaeus – befriend with 'Zacchaeuses' rather than judge and avoid them.
- For many encounters and conversions to occur at the workplace.

a c t :

- Invite your contacts to church or cell groups or events.
- Make yourself available when you do receive an invitation from an unbelieving friend. This may be an opportunity for a life-changing encounter.

n o t e s :



Day 5: 26 July *Education / Children / Youths*

The Only Son

Luke 7:11-17



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Pakistan

A total of seven terrorist attacks targeting Pakistan's Christian churches and institutions have left 42 dead and 101 injured since September 2001, when the Islamabad government threw its support behind the U.S.-led offensive against the al-Qaeda movement. Please pray for God's special covering over His children and also the President, who recently been a target of assassination attempts.

How can one measure a mother's love for her child? It is a sacrificial, unconditional love, self-denying love that places the well being of her child above her comfort or pleasure. When tragedy strikes and the child dies either from sickness or accident, a mother's heart becomes inconsolable.

In today's passage, a widow in Nain grieved over the death of her only son. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her. "Do not weep!" And the life of the son was restored.

Whether our child is unwell today, in drugs, in trouble, we can take heart and cry out to the Lord. He will return our children back to us. God will visit us just as He visited Nain and performed the miracle.

p r a y :

- *Intercede for our children that they may have a personal encounter with Jesus.*
- *Pray for children and youth in the community – that Jesus becomes the foundation of their lives.*

a c t :

- *Discuss with your children what you have prayed for them and make it a time of sharing each other's heart.*
- *Fellowship and share with your youth group, nieces and nephews.*

n o t e s :



Day 6: 27 July Government / Authorities

The Man Under Authority

Matthew 8:5-13

The centurion understood authority. He commanded, and it was done. He recognized the authority of God on Jesus. He had heard how Jesus commanded sickness and demons to flee and it was done. He knew all it would take was a word to heal his paralyzed servant who was suffering. "Just say the word, and my servant will be healed." Even Jesus marveled at his faith.

Authority exists around us today – in government, in church, and at home. As Christians, we know that there is no authority except that which God has established.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Afghanistan

Afghanistan will slip back into its role as the world's premier heroin producer unless the international community hands over promised aid to support the country's rebuilding. Afghan farmers have few ways to make money and many of them are returning to poppy cultivation. Pray for those countries to make good their pledges and for the Government to wisely use the aid to help its people.

p r a y :

- *Repent of our negative attitudes towards the authorities.*
- *Ask for wisdom to work with the authorities.*
- *For our Government and church leaders to have the fear of God, and be good stewards of the authority that God has placed upon them.*

a c t :

- *Make a call or write a note of appreciation to one leader God has placed over your life.*
- *Obey the laws of the land, e.g. heed the speed limit, and do not beat the red light!*

n o t e s :



Day 7: 28 July Nations / People Groups

The Cry for Help

Matthew 15:21–28

Just as Jesus reached the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, a woman came out to meet Him and cried out for mercy to deliver her daughter who was demon possessed. This “woman of Canaan” had no claim on account of her nationality. Jesus responded with a rebuff and an insult. Yet, the heathen woman, who knew so little of the Savior, persevered. Her faith increased instead. Her daughter was healed.

Jesus marveled at such persevering faith regardless of ethnic background. Those who see may desire it and reap the same fruits.

p r a y :

- *For us to be sensitive to the cry of the people groups who are lost.*
- *For more laborers into the harvest field—that could mean us.*
- *For communities and people groups to have divine encounters with Jesus.*

a c t :

- *Talk to your mission director and ask for information on a people group that you can commit to pray for regularly.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 1: FIRM FOUNDATION
ENCOUNTERING JESUS, OUR CHIEF INTERCESSOR



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Perlis

For the state government to practice good governance. For wisdom and good health for the Mentri Besar. Pray against the influences of cross-border smuggling, pornography, drugs and gambling. Pray for the Church to become a powerful house of prayer that brings God's people into alignment with His principles and spreads the truth for His glory. For God's plans, purposes and destiny be accomplished in this state.



Kedah

For committed Christians to pray for those in politics and government. For the Church to reach out to the poor and needy. For direction, good leadership and combined effort by the churches for future planning to reach the towns.



Penang

For effective outreaches to reach the Chinese, Bangladesh, Indonesian, Cambodian, Thai and other foreign workers. The Church will reach out to the multitudes who live in high-rise apartments and condominiums.



REFLECTION



Day 8: 29 July *Personal*

Abba Father

Romans 8:14-17

The Lord's Prayer begins with 'OUR FATHER,' indicate the significance of a relationship that is both personal and loving. Our relationship with God must be grounded and rooted in the LOVE of the Father.

Circumstances of life may be pleasant or painful but a proper concept of God's fatherhood will lead us to rest in His unseen loving arms. We do not need to fear nor strive like others because perfect love from the Father casts out fear. Our future is absolutely secure in Him.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

North Korea

North Korea has been the site of the world's most persecuted Church and the world's quietest humanitarian disaster—a famine that has cost over two million lives. The combination of these two disasters has resulted in a growing cadre of North Korean evangelists who would never have found Christ if they had stayed in their own native country. Please pray that they will be God's instrument to rebuild the North Korean Church.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Abba Father and spend some time letting the Lord reveal this reality to us.*
- *That your walk with God will be transformed as you begin to relate to God closely as your Abba.*
- *A fresh understanding and revelation of what it means to be a son of God. (Galatians 4:1-7)*
- *For love, forgiveness and healing to be extended to fathers and children who are struggling in their relationships.*

a c t :

- *List the fears in your life. Over each of these fears, write 'God loves me'. Let God's perfect love cast out each fear.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 2: FATHERHOOD
DECLARING THE NAMES OF OUR GOD



Day 9: 30 July Family / Home

Jehovah Shammah
(The Lord is there)

Ezekiel 48:35; Isaiah 12:6



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Sri Lanka

Minneriya Methodist Church in Polonnaruwa district is a growing and established church under Brother Oscar Fernando. The church has faced so many threats and unjust treatment from its neighbours. The members request prayer for themselves and Brother Oscar for their safety and to remain faithful witnesses of Jesus despite the threats.

The most remarkable aspect of the new city of Jerusalem will be the presence of the Lord. God returns to dwell among His people. This fact so impressed Ezekiel that he wrote that the city would be given a new name: the Lord is there.

Christian homes are eternal demonstration of Jehovah Shammah, a powerful testimony that will remind all men of the inconceivable light and love from the immediate presence of God.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Jehovah Shammah. Allow your home to be the house of the living God.*
- *For the fatherless, widows and single parents.*
- *For the poor, needy and the homeless.*

a c t :

- *Shine the light and love of Jehovah Shammah by praying for your neighbours.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 2: FATHERHOOD
DECLARING THE NAMES OF OUR GOD



Day 10: 31 July Church

I Am Who I Am

Exodus 3:11-15

God reminded Moses of His covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and used the name I Am Who I AM to show His unchanging nature. This very God is also our God.

The same God who raised up Moses raised up Joshua, Paul, Timothy and us! The Church remains throughout the centuries, all because we have an unchanging God and His servants who are faithful in discipling others.

We, the Church, have a commitment and responsibility to declare I Am Who I Am to the next generations who will be able teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)

p r a y :

- That the Church will embrace God as I Am Who I Am and disciple our people for this generation and generations to come.
- That we will recognize and receive spiritual fathers whom God sends to us.

a c t :

- Call up and thank someone (a spiritual father/mother) who has been a spiritual encouragement to you.

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Laos

Christians have been forced to renounce their faith by carrying out animist ceremonies such as the ritual sacrifice of animals, drinking blood and speaking to the spirits. The campaign is widespread and ongoing. Christians who refuse may be evicted from their homes, relocated to another area or imprisoned. Pray for a change in the hearts of the government leaders to accept the Church.



Day 11: 1 August Marketplace/Media

Jehovah Jireh ***(The Lord will Provide)***

Genesis 22: 1-14

Someone said, “When God guides, He provides, when He leads, He feeds.” – What a comfort and security for us.

Some of us may be fearful of losing money, positions, and status. Some may be reluctant to release our children to full-time vocation. Abraham was confident that the Lord would provide and he did not withhold his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice to God.

Do you withhold your love, your children, your time or even your investments, when the Lord asks from you? Just like Abraham we need to grasp this truth: God will not nullify His promise of blessings and He provides as we obediently give to Him all that we have.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Jehovah Jireh. Repent of your lack of trust in God to provide and guide you.*
- *Dedicate your business or jobs to God and walk in total consecration.*
- *For divine appointments in your workplace to testify of God’s providence in your lives.*

a c t :

- *Arrange for your Christian leader or pastor to come to your office/home to bless the company/home.*

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Myanmar

Thousands of Karen refugees, many of them Christians, left Myanmar to escape from an ongoing civil war. In his letter from Mae La refugee camp in northern Thailand, Dr. Simon asked the international community to remember the plight of the Karen. “We are badly in need of moral, spiritual, physical and material support from our brothers and sisters around the world. We hope you will continue to help and find ways and means possible to provide assistance.”



Day 12: 2 August Education/Youth/Children

Jehovah Nissi (The Lord our Banner)

Exodus 17: 14 –15



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Vietnam

“Do communists have a conscience? The Montagnard Christians — what crime have they done to warrant such gratuitous suffering? Their only crime is to believe in God and to meet with others to worship Him. Why in Vietnam do people have to beg their government to do honourable and worthy things?” writes a persecuted Christian. Pray that God will grant them grace to forgive their tormentors and receive emotional and physical healing into their lives.

It was recently reported that over 60% of rape victims (some murdered) in our country were below 16 years old. Furthermore, the number of these young victims has increased 1210 in 2000 to 1354 in 2001 to 1418 in 2002. In the first five months of 2003 alone, 367 reported rape cases involved children. Our streets, neighborhoods and schools are no longer safe.

‘Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain’ (Psalms 127:1). Our nation’s watchman, the police, will be fighting a losing battle if Christians do not take part and look to Jehovah Nissi to come against the rising tide of crime.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Jehovah Nissi, ‘banner’ over our children, cities, towns and country.*
- *Against all inhumane acts of sodomy, rape and murder.*
- *For genuine repentance on those convicted.*

a c t :

- *Write a letter of encouragement to the Inspector-General of Police, your district Chief Police Officers, etc. and that Christians are praying for them.*

n o t e s :



Day 13: 3 August *Government / Authorities*

Jehovah Tsidkenu ***(The Lord our Righteousness)***

Jeremiah 33:15–16

The Bible says, “Righteousness exalts a nation”. (Proverbs 14:34). As our Prime Minister sets about the massive task of wiping out corruption in the government, he is embarking on a godly mission that will lead the nation to higher moral and ethical standards.

Every man may consider himself righteous in his own eyes, but the Bible says there is no one who is righteous in this world (Romans 3:10) except the Lord Tsidkenu. In our unrighteous state, let us cry unto the Lord, the only One who can make us righteous in His sight because of Jesus’ finished work at the cross.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Jehovah Tsidkenu. Repent of our self-righteous attitude and acknowledge Jesus as our only righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*
- *God will expose and remove unrighteous and corrupt leaders in our government and communities.*
- *For a more efficient and effective judiciary and for righteous and responsible judges.*
- *For God’s righteous standard to be evident in the government.*

a c t :

- *Log on to www.necf.org.my (For Your intercession) for a specific prayer request “Fight Corruption”. Share with your friends, colleagues, associates and make them aware of Christians’ prayer for exposure of corruption.*

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Philippines

During the 376-day captivity of Martin and Gracia Bumham, Christians around the world lifted their plight to God in prayer. Martin was killed in the rescue attempt. Nevertheless, “We feel like our prayers were answered,” Martin’s father, Paul, said. So, continue to pray for those being held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf group.



Day 14: 4 August Nations/People Groups

Jehovah Shalom
(The Lord our Peace)

Judges 6: 23–24

To many people, “peace” means no war, no violence, no strife and no sufferings. We consider our surroundings peaceful as long as our security is not threatened. This is the peace that the world longs for.

Real peace comes from Jehovah Shalom, “The Lord our Peace”. God our Father sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as a peace offering to reconcile the world to Himself. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives...” Jesus says (John 14:27). It is real peace that prevails even in the midst of problems.

p r a y :

- *Declare the Lord as Jehovah Shalom. The world cannot know real peace unless we introduce Jehovah Shalom.*
- *For the walls of hostility, suspicions and hatred between the ethnic groups to come down.*
- *For the peace and salvation of Jerusalem (Ps 122:6) and the Middle East.*

a c t :

- *Read “Peace Child” by Don Richardson and find out how he reached out to a hostile community. Reviews can be found in the Internet.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 2: FATHERHOOD
DECLARING THE NAMES OF OUR GOD



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Perak

Christian students need to be strengthened in their faith in the schools. For youth leaders to serve God with passion, perseverance and purity. There is growing unity among pastors/workers/churches to walk and work together to transform the community. Pray for strategies to build relationships with people in the community and to gather the harvest and enough labourers to disciple them.



Negeri Sembilan

For increased economic development in the agricultural and animal husbandry industries in the state so that Christians can stay and work as well as to help to reach out through the church's ministries. For churches to start many congregations in vernacular languages as the harvest is ripe. For the existing works to be strong and vibrant. Due to urban migration, there is a shortage of leadership in our churches. For God to raise up more leaders.



Melaka

For the state authority to have the wisdom to develop its natural resources and to have increased economic development. For a growing unity among the churches. To have a spiritual awakening in the hearts and minds of the people to turn to God. For a great harvest of souls in the smaller towns and kampungs who will be disciplined.

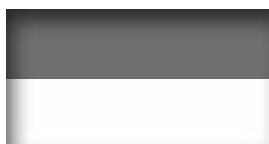


REFLECTION

Follow Me

Following Christ might get us into trouble with friends and family. Being His disciple can be costly. Yet, rejecting Him now will destroy our future.

We have a choice. We can make a determined headstart to re-prioritising our goals, ambitions and plans for our future and embrace a simple lifestyle of godly service – to accommodate Kingdom’s perspectives and purposes.



Indonesia

A series of violent attacks in Poso, Central Sulawesi, has led to a general feeling of fear among Christians and they are losing hope that the situation will improve. Their greatest fear is that one-day, when it cannot be contained anymore, there will be an explosion of anger, reflected in retaliation towards any Muslim. Please pray that God will prevent His children from taking vengeance.

- *That we can truly understand the heart and mission of God in adopting the Christ lifestyle. Ask Him to release you from the bondage that ties you to your commitments, ambitions, selfish-goals and careless and compromised living.*

- *What is your priority in life?*
- *Get one or two accountability partners, if you have not already done so.*

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Day 16: 6 August *Family/Homes*

Divine Order

Ephesians 5:22–6:4



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Cambodia

Pastor Barnabas Mam, a board member of the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC), said Christians are uniting across denominations to pray for the future of Cambodia. Far from causing division and religious conflict, they want to bring healing and reconciliation to a country still besieged by fear.

Newspaper headlines scream daily of new cases of horrific crimes, psychopathic rapes and brutalities in soaring intensities. Respect for lives, freedom to move without fear and the right to peace without interference are deteriorating. Today's social and political geography is a sad reflection of blatant disobedience and disrespect for law and order.

BUT there is still hope. Honoring and cherishing the sanctity of life, cultivating a healthy respect for one another begin at home. Christian families have a mission to lead a future direction for a divine law and order in every aspect of society.

p r a y :

- *As children, we can learn to respect our parents unconditionally (Ephesians 6:1–3).*
- *As fathers and husbands, we uphold our leadership in our homes by following the example of Christ who loves the Church, so that our prayers will not be hindered (1 Peter 3:7). Pray against the misuse of authority, abuse and excessive control (Ephesians 6:4).*
- *As wives, we submit to our husbands as he submits to Christ who is the Ultimate Head. Let us surrender to the divine order of God as we turn our eyes to a future gleaming with hope and assurance (Ephesians 5:22–24).*

a c t :

- *Set an example to live out the 'Divine Order'. Will you respect and cherish your submission to God by willingly honoring and respecting those under your charge as they give you their quiet submission? Guard from the temptation to control and exploit others. Have a servant heart.*

n o t e s :



Day 17: 7 August Church

Manifold Wisdom

Ephesians 3:10-21

Malaysia's 47 years of independence boasts of many monumental successes in her economy, healthcare and education. Underneath the surface, there is a degeneration of human life, e.g. the murder and rape of young children.

With the government's determination to tackle social ills, the Church can play an influential role in nation building. The nation needs a vision bigger than itself to operate effectively. The call for the Church today is to disciple the whole nation. The key to unlock a nation's stronghold lies in the Church (Matthew 16:19), which God has ordained to make known His manifold wisdom.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Israel

Nearly all of the approximately hundreds of Messianic congregations in Israel are adding members and many are new believers. Some of them have begun to hold evangelistic outreaches. Pray for success for these outreaches so that the whole nation of Israel will accept Jesus as their King and Messiah.

p r a y :

- *That the Church will rise to see and be actively involved in God's eternal purposes and plans for the nation's restoration of social and political order.*

a c t :

- *In your small group, discuss how to engage in nation building.*

n o t e s :



Day 18: 8 August *Marketplace / Media*

Shaking of the Temporal

Hebrews 12:25–29

Wealth draws and entices, earthly pursuits can trap us just like the Israelites were trapped into a web of comforts and pleasure (Numbers 11:18–20). Such is the condition of the marketplace, consumed with shakable temporal pursuit that can never satisfy.

Just like the Israelites who became extremely dissatisfied even when they were fed and well cared for by God Himself as He was preparing them to enter the Promised Land, Christians may also perish in the ‘wilderness’ of their temporal pursuits.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Palestine

“Children are the ones who are traumatised the most by the shooting and bombing,” said Dr. Bishara Awad of the Bethlehem Bible College. “We’ve had many cases of children who are wetting their beds, children who, all of a sudden, a piece of white hair has grown on the side of their head, children who will run to their mother or father after a door is slammed.”

p r a y :

- *For believers in the media and marketplace to be people who know the mind of Christ in every step of decision-making.*
- *For House of Prayer to be established in the workplace to make an impact on colleagues who have needs.*

a c t :

- *Start a prayer group at your workplace.*

n o t e s :



Day 19: 9 August *Education / Youth / Children*

The Least Shall Be The Greatest

Matthew 18:1-10

Causing a young child to sin against God is a serious offence. Could it be that God does not want us to destroy the seed of His destiny in the world?



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Iran

Since the execution of convert pastor Hussein Soodmand in 1990, evangelical Protestant Christian leaders have died one by one under mysterious circumstances. And many converts have left the country for fear of their lives. Pray that the gospel seed will take root and grow even in such harsh conditions.

Children are a heritage from God. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. For well-trained and virtuous children are the best earthly defence and comfort of old age (Psalms 127). Parents are called to seek the Lord for His purpose for every child placed in their care and trust.

God's divine purpose and favour work through the children.

p r a y :

- *For understanding of God's ways in raising our children at home and in the church.*
- *For repentance for stumbling our children; healing and reconciliation in relationship between parents and children.*
- *That every child in Malaysia will have the opportunity to know Jesus and respond to His love.*

a c t :

- *If you have never prayed with a child, do so this week with your child at home, church or neighbourhood.*

n o t e s :

Ultimate Rule

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”

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Iraq

People are coming to the Lord by the most remarkable ways. "I had a dream. My dead uncle appeared to me and led me by the hand to Jesus," said a believer. Another was told in a dream to be baptized not long after becoming a Christian. Pray that many more miracles like these will happen that will lead people to the Lord.

“Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.” (Isaiah 60:21-22)

- *The God's redemptive purpose be fully revealed and made known throughout Malaysia.*

- *Appreciate the multi-lingual, multi-racial, multi-cultural landscape we have in Malaysia. Spend a moment to let this seep into your spirit in thanksgiving.*

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Nations Will Come

Although we see darkness (pornography, witchcraft, wickedness, crimes and other sins) covering the earth, the Lord exhorts us to arise and shine. Reason: His light and His glory has come, God has already given us His promises and armed us with His weapons to destroy the strongholds of the enemy. Let us do our part.

- *For transformation for whole cities, communities and nations for time is short. God's glory to be manifested over nations of the world and that none shall perish but all to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

- *Call up a friend and encourage him/her with this commandment and promise of God.*

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WEEK 3: FUTURE
UNDERSTANDING GOD'S MISSION



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Selangor

Pray against the kidnapping cases of students in Shah Alam and Klang and ask the Lord for wisdom to be upon the authorities as they implement security measures for the protection of our children. Thank God for Christian foundations being set up to impact the community and help the underprivileged, the sick and the elderly. Most charitable organizations need what the Church could readily supply-caring volunteers, financial support and even facilities. Pray that the Church will 'partner' with these agencies to reach the community for Jesus.



Federal Territories

Pray for wisdom and godly counsel to be upon the administration of Putrajaya. That the Ministry of Education will be committed to the education and welfare of the young of our nation. Continue to ask God's help to grant the Royal Commission wisdom to enhance the operation and management of the Royal Malaysia Police as they study and recommend measures to be taken to make the police a more credible peacekeeping and law enforcement force in the 21st century.



REFLECTION

Do Not Worry



Yemen

The families and Christian colleagues of three American missionaries murdered by an Islamist militant at the Jibla Baptist Hospital in southern Yemen have sent word to the assassin that they forgive him for what he did. Pray for Abed Abdul Razak Kamel, the self-confessed killer that he will experience 'burning coals' and repent.

p r a y :

- *Confess your lack of trust and faith in God. Repent of worries, anxieties and excuses.*
- *That as we commit each day to Him afresh, our daily bread will become a source of blessing to others.*
- *That we grow in faith as we see Him provide for our daily needs.*

a c t :

- Visit someone who is in need and be a source of blessing to him/her.

n o t e s :

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Day 23: 13 August Family / Homes

Even Crumbs Are Good

Matthew 15:21-28

When we don't see any difference our prayer makes in the lives of our loved ones, we become discouraged and may give up praying altogether.

In spite of Jesus' repeated rejection of the Canaanite woman's plight, she did not give up. She knew Jesus had a provision in His life for the Jews but that never stopped her from pleading persistently to Him. Jesus relented and said, 'Woman, you have great faith' and her daughter was healed.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Syria

The Annual International Bookfair provides a unique access to new Christian books in Arabic as well as bibles. "The demand was good," said one of the Christian distributors, "but there is still a big need. People are really hungry. Not for their daily bread, but they are hungry in their spirit." Pray that they will find fulfilment in God's word.

p r a y :

- Determine to earnestly pray that our loved ones turn to the LORD. Use the example of the Canaanite woman as an inspiration for our desire to see them saved or healed.
- That past hurts and offenses will not prevent us from pressing on to pray and ask for His provision for our family members.

a c t :

- What motivated the Canaanite woman to go beyond ridicule and criticism to cling on to Jesus? Think of someone today and discuss what God has put in your heart to share.

n o t e s :



Day 24: 14 August Church

Daily Increase

Acts 2:42-47



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Qatar

Known as one of the more moderate Gulf states, Qatar has expanded its democratic freedom in recent years by allowing expatriate Christians to meet freely for private worship. Pray for more favour to be granted to the Church.

Division causes strife, suspicion, competition and insecurity. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are ONE body. We break bread and take communion with one another to reinforce the deep fellowship of believers.

As we partake Holy Communion together, we look back to the days of the first Church: though physically imperfect (no proper buildings and sound systems), they were perfected in the unity of the Holy Spirit. They had an unquenchable thirst for God and TOGETHER they pooled their resources for the provision of the many that had little or none. In genuine hospitality and true fellowship, everyone was cared for. In this manner, the Church saw a daily increase in the number of new converts.

p r a y :

- *For willingness to resolve conflict through biblical conciliation.*
- *That Church leaders and Christian organizations will increase in partnership and sharing of resources.*

a c t :

- *Discuss with your leaders on how your church can help the needy, senior citizens or Orang Asli.*

n o t e s :



Day 25: 15 August Marketplace / Media

From Conversation to Conversion

Acts 16:13-15

The world's influence taints our daily conversations with stock market top picks, advertising gimmicks and hot properties. We Christians tend also to turn conversations that benefit us in the short run and forget the long-term benefits of winning souls.

The Apostle Paul wasted no time in fruitless conversations because he knew that these were open doors for eternal impact. Let us be wise in handling our conversations. God can use us to turn conversations into conversions.

HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Libya

Pray for the translation and distribution of Christian literatures, audio cassettes and videos to reach the millions of Libyans in their own national language, so that they will come to receive Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.

p r a y :

- Ask God for forgiveness for building contacts and networks for our selfish gains.
- Repent of prejudices, fears and stereotyping of races and languages in sharing the Gospel.
- That we will seize every opportunity to share the gospel.

a c t :

- Look around you today and see who you can bless by turning a conversation to a conversion.

n o t e s :



Day 26: 16 August *Education / Children / Youths*

Chit-Chats With Children

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Egypt

The enormous lack of pastors is threatening the Church in the countryside. Many people leave the countryside for Cairo, looking for jobs. The few who are left are mostly uneducated. Pray that God will use the many ministries in Egypt to improve the spiritual and social situation of local Christians so that His church in the countryside will not disappear entirely.

At homes, in church or even in schools/colleges, we may prefer to read the newspapers or keeping the private time for ourselves rather than spending time with children. We talk down on them and yet we expect them to listen to us. By ignoring them now, we unconsciously create barriers and generation gaps. As they grow older, we wonder why we cannot connect with them.

The young constantly look for role models. They will respect us when we respect them. As you genuinely care by listening to them, you will be surprised at what you can learn out of these 'chitchats'.

p r a y :

- *For love for children/youths.*
- *For barriers between adults and youth to be broken so that meaningful conversations can occur.*
- *That you will enjoy the moments you share with children/youths.*

a c t :

- *Take your family out for supper to chitchat about the day's happenings.*

n o t e s :

Loyal Rakyat

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Saudi Arabia

Malaysia was blessed with a new Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who thus far has shown to be serious about uplifting the nation's moral standard. The Lord has answered our prayer for a smooth transition. We believe that God will continue to reign through His delegated authorities as we continue to pray and respect the laws of the land.

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Day 28: 18 August Nations / People Groups

Five Loaves and Two Fish

Matthew 14:15–21

Concern for our own well being often overshadows our compassion for others. Some of us are blessed with abundance, but sometimes this abundance leads us to self-indulgence and self-centredness that we forget the needy.

Jesus was always mindful of the poor. He fed the crowd with the little that was given to Him. Everyone was fed and there were 12 basketfuls of leftovers. If we don't share what He has given us with those in need, we will never really come to a place of releasing miracles. Let us be encouraged that what we have – even if it's not much – can be used by God to bless multitudes.

p r a y :

- *Repent from complacency, self-indulgence, spiritual apathy, callousness, wastage, and stinginess.*
- *For believers to be empowered as they share the gospel to the ends of the earth.*

a c t :

- *Ask the Lord for wisdom to help your 'needy' neighbour in a practical way.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 4: FAITH
RECEIVING DAILY PROVISIONS



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Johore

For inter-racial harmony, greater economic development and job opportunities in this state. For urban churches to reach out to the villages and the islands and to send workers to remote areas, smaller towns and estates. For a spiritual awakening among Christians to be God's salt and light in the marketplaces.



Pahang

Pray for more churches to be planted especially among orang Asli community. More labourers to be sent into this harvest field. Pray for the trainees and trainers in the National Service under the nation's pilot scheme for youth integration. Pray the trainees will learn teamwork in a multiracial nation and appreciate the importance of voluntary and community service. For the Lord to heal the land from every defilement of bloodshed, idolatry and all manner of worship of false gods.



REFLECTION



Day 29: 19 August *Personal*

The Lord's Measure

Luke 6:37-42

When someone spends time in prison over an injustice, he has every reason to be angry. Until he chooses to forgive his perpetrators, he will still be in "chains". Believers who are in conflict and cannot forgive each other cannot be at peace with God.

Today, if you find yourself harbouring unforgiveness and looking for ways to get even, why not look for a higher way – God's way, i.e. 'to forgive'? Forgiveness unleashes the power of breakthrough and blessing that cannot be measured.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Sudan

Sudan's bitter civil war conflict between the Muslim North and predominantly Christian South has killed about two million and displaced another four million citizens over the past 20 years. The conflict centres on issues of religious freedom, oil, ideology and the right of southerners to attain self-rule. Please pray that leaders from both sides will see that 20 years of suffering is enough and it is time to stop fighting.

p r a y :

- *The ability to forgive and to confess our faults to one another in order to be healed.*
- *Against pride, fear and shame.*
- *Ask the Lord to make you a peacemaker.*

a c t :

- *Call someone you know who has been wronged by you and resolve the conflict without blame, judgement, criticisms and conditions. Avoid historical arguments and let mercy be your goal.*

n o t e s :



Day 30: 20 August *Family / Homes*

Seventy Times Seven

Matthew 18:21–35

We often hurt and grieve those who are familiar and closest to us. We take them for granted and oftentimes leave our homes with major unresolved conflicts. We avoid confrontations.

Like Jonah, we tend to think that our cruel and brutal ‘Ninevehs’ are beyond redemption and therefore deserve God’s wrath and destruction. When Jonah, finally obeyed God and proclaimed God’s Word of judgement on Nineveh, the wicked city repented and found God’s grace and mercy. When a holy God continues to forgive with endless mercies and grace, why do we hinder God by our judgements and not free Him to transform our homes, families and loved ones and even ourselves by grace?

p r a y :

- *For discernment and love to keep the spirit of unity and reconciliation in our family.*
- *That walls and barriers of intimidation, pride and indifference be broken. Restoration of relationships.*

a c t :

- *Get in touch with a relative who has a grudge or a misunderstanding against you. Resolve to show mercy and grace even if it was not your fault.*

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Kenya

(North East)

Writes a Christian worker,
“Families have not lived according to the will of God. One finds a very high rate of divorce, incest, fornication, illegitimacy and adultery. The people in this area are degraded, humiliated and downtrodden by sin. They are people without dignity or self-esteem. Deep down they are very sad. They need Jesus Christ. Their souls are yearning for the Gospel.”
Please pray for a breakthrough.



Day 31: 21 August Church

If My People...

2 Chronicles 7:11-18



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Nigeria (north)

Pray for over 10,000 people who are living in a refugee camp in central Nigeria following religious violence that engulfed Christians in the state of Bauchi in June 2001. They do not want to return because they refuse to be forced to change their faith. Their numbers are being decimated daily by disease, hunger and poverty.

In Psalm 51, David expressed his deep sense of guilt and his desperate need for God's forgiveness and cleansing. As he grieved, he came to the LORD with the sacrifice of 'a broken and a contrite heart' (v17).

In recognition of the seriousness and consequences of our sins, the Church as a Body must come to the LORD with the same brokenness and contrition. As we pause to consider the finished work on the Cross, should we carry on with our comfortable pew positions and let the wonder of grace escapes us ?

p r a y :

- *That we be completely broken to comprehend the holiness of our God.*
- *A birthing forth of intercession and prayer for the Church.*
- *That the Church will be a model of mercy, grace and long-suffering towards all wrongs suffered.*

a c t :

- *Look into our own hearts and see if we have truly experienced real brokenness and contrition. Thank the LORD for moving us into a deeper experience with Him through the fellowship of His sufferings no matter how painful it is.*

n o t e s :



Day 32: 22 August Marketplace / Media

Canceling Debts

Deuteronomy 15: 1-11

Emil Mettler, a restaurant owner in London often feeds people for nothing. He will readily open his cash drawer and give sizeable donations to Christian organizations that are in need.

In one of those occasions, a missionary asked why he kept a six-inch spike with his money. Emil replied, "I keep this with my money to remind me of the price that Christ paid for my salvation and what I owe Him in return".

p r a y :

- That Christian entrepreneurs will be faithful stewards. Against the spirit of stinginess, hoarding and selfishness.
- That communication towers, satellites and media channels be turned into channels of God's blessings to the nation.
- A Kingdom-mind shift for all types of businesses people, single-proprietors, entrepreneurs and the hawkers as well.

a c t :

- Choose to cancel a debt with a long-time customer or supplier who is in desperate need. Take this opportunity to share God's love and forgiveness.

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Ethiopia

Extremists in the majority Orthodox Christian community have become increasingly hostile toward the newer Protestant movements, often taunted as "Pentes" (Pentecostals). In several regions their churches have been stoned and copies of their Bibles and hymnbooks set on fire. Let's pray for God's resolution in this distressing situation.



Day 33: 23 August *Education / Children / Youths*

Sin No More

John 8:1-12

The youths and children today are exposed to sexual temptations more than before.

In the case of the woman who was caught in adultery, Jesus said to the accusers: "He who is without sin among you, let him first throw a stone at her." Immediately, their conscience was pierced and they left. Jesus also forgave her.

Is guilt for sin still strangling your joy and making you forget that God's forgiveness is based ON what Christ has done? Ask for His forgiveness, then thank Him and sin no more.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Eritrea

The government of President Isayas Afewerki was listed by Freedom House as one of the world's most repressive regimes. At the Assab military prison, Protestant men and women were put in 44-gallon drums and then rolled to torture them. Some were partially paralyzed while others suffer severe eye defects and mental imbalance. Pray for God to comfort His suffering children.

p r a y :

- *That youth will not succumb to peer pressure.*
- *Ask God to forgive us of our condescending tendencies, shifting blame or acting self-righteous in issues pertaining to sexual sins.*
- *For wisdom for pastors, elders and parents to teach our youths the realities facing them today and what Jesus has to say about them.*
- *For restoration of Christian youths caught in sexual sins.*
- *Youths from broken homes who are bitter against their parents' sins. Pray for healing and restoration in their lives. That they will be able to build stable relationships with others.*

a c t :

- *If you have never talked with or taught your children about sex issues, plan to do so in the next few days. Don't let them learn from friends or movies or from the Internet.*

n o t e s :



Day 34: 24 August Government / Authorities

Confession

Daniel 9:1-19

Daniel was a man who loved his nation. Even in exile, he continued to cry out to the Lord for forgiveness and mercy. His desire for God to restore Jerusalem and Israel to glory was great. As long as the nation lay in ruins, it was a shame and dishonor to God's name. And in a sense, he and all his leaders were responsible for the situation.

Often, we tend to criticize, more than affirm the government and authorities. Just like Daniel, the Church must continue to intercede fervently for the government to ensure good governance and uphold righteousness for God's glory.

p r a y :

- Repent for being indifferent and critical. Set our hearts right before God.
- Release forgiveness towards the authorities for inefficiencies, bureaucracy, prejudices, etc..
- For God to restore righteousness and justice in our land.

a c t :

- Call or write to your State Assemblyman today and tell him/her that you prayed a blessing for him/her and will continue to do so.

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Cuba

Pray that more people and churches from the free world will travel to Cuba to bring in much needed Bibles, Christian literature and equipment. The majority of rural churches do not have Bibles for new converts and in many cases, only 10% to 20% of the congregation own a Bible. Church leaders say it is next to impossible to import Bibles through official routes.



Day 35: 25 August Nations / People Groups

Be Merciful

Deuteronomy 15:12–18; Isaiah 60:10–12

Malaysia is a blessed nation. We have benefited from inexpensive laborers that have come to work here to earn a living. Many of our cities and monuments were built by people from Myanmar, Indonesia, Sri Lanka etc. In the midst of it all, we sometimes hear of ill-treatment and harassment meted out to these workers.

We ought to be merciful and thankful that they are willing to leave their families and homeland to help us build our nation. Even if they have caused problems, let us unlock the storehouse of compassion, kindness and love toward them in the spirit of forgiveness to treat them well.

p r a y :

- *The Lord will forgive us for poor treatment of foreign workers in our land.*
- *That Malaysians will stop exploiting them. Ask God for His mercy as we resolve to show His mercy to others.*
- *For the Church to reach out to the mission field that the Lord has brought to our doorstep.*

a c t :

- *Determine to reach out with an act of kindness the next time you encounter a foreign worker.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 5: FORGIVENESS
UNLOCKING THE STOREHOUSE



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Kelantan

For a deeper love and greater unity among the congregations and churches. There is a great need for watchmen and intercessors to pray for the purposes of God to be fulfilled in this state. For a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a spiritual breakthrough.



Terengganu

For God to grant the new Mentri Besar and all in authority wisdom in the implementation of policies for the state. Pray the new government and local authorities will be trustworthy, efficient and just and to be able to win the favour of the locals. For the Church to find favour with this new leadership. For open doors to share the gospel to the people. Pray for new investors to come in to the state and more industries to be set up.



REFLECTION

WEEK 6: FREEDOM
OVERCOMING FEARS AND TEMPTATIONS



Day 36: 26 August *Personal*

I Believe

1John 5: 1-5

As believers, we enjoy untold benefits through simply believing that Jesus is the Son of God. Yet, some of the most fearful and worrisome people we know belong to the household of Christ.

Our relationship with God will be a different experience altogether if we walk in 'I believe' — with boldness, authority and security. We will be reaping and enjoying the freedom of an abundant life that is rich and secure. This communion with our Father will spill over in our relationship with our fellow believers. We will enjoy the sweet fellowship of saints.



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Peru

Peter Hocking, Director of Segadores Missionary Association reports that "15 years ago, when terrorism was bad, the united prayers of God's people brought an end to the violence. We now call upon God's people to once more pray to God to put an end to the rapidly spreading violence before we have another blood bath."

p r a y :

- *That all will seek a closer relationship with our Father and with one another.*
- *That we be free from fears and negative thoughts, suspicions, competition and selfishness.*
- *That we will love, give and share generously.*

a c t :

- *As an overcomer, will you disciple someone? This is the day to start. Look around you and prayerfully consider a disciple today.*

n o t e s :



Day 37: 27 August Family / Homes

Honour Your Vows

Hebrews 13:4-5

Glossy posters and magazines glitter on our minds and set many hearts fluttering wildly. The call of pornography is inviting and shouts for our attention from the streets right to our homes. They threaten our families and stalks like quiet death. However, there is hope.

We have the freedom to choose to arrest our wandering thoughts to Jesus Christ. Let us get back to meditating the Word of God, stand secure on the freedom to overcome all temptations and restore our relationship with God and with our family! We are free to choose!

p r a y :

- *That we make the wise choice to keep our family and ourselves pure for the LORD.*
- *For the marriage covenant to be guarded and protected in the face of tremendous pressure on the marriage institution.*
- *Christian families will be effective testimony of God's love.*

a c t :

- *Check out your local bookstores or the church library for appropriate materials and help someone trapped in pornography and other sexual vices. Tell them gently how to be free in Christ.*

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Ecuador

Kidnappings, the compulsory payment of 'wartaxes' to armed groups are already a reality. The churches, particularly those located in border areas adjacent to Colombia, are largely young and have no experience in facing the violent reality of the international war against drugs. Pray for wisdom for church leaders to deal with this problem.



Day 38: 28 August Church

Transparency

1 Peter 2:11-17



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Mexico

Petitions to the state authorities of Chiapas, to protect the rights and safety of indigenous Christians who have come under attack from 'caciques' (local village chieftains) to stop the spread of Christianity, have fallen on deaf ears. Please pray for the intervention of the government to end this religious intolerance.

Jurgen Moltmann writes: 'A closed human being no longer has any hope. Such a person is full of anxiety. A closed society has no longer any future. It kills the hope for life of those who stand on its periphery, and then it finally destroys itself. Hope is lived, and it comes alive, when we go outside of ourselves, and in joy and pain, take part in the life of others'.

If Christ lived an open life for others, the Body of Christ must do the same today. Let us dare to go beyond our own fears and insecurities and throw away our masks. God has created you out of His diversity and made you unique as a member of one Body. In Church, there is unity in diversity (1 Corinthians 12).

p r a y :

- *For openness for churches to share their resources without restraint and conditions. And to walk in humility and love.*
- *For divine leading upon our leaders to be transparent and open with one another to build a strong bond of unity and freedom from criticisms, comparison, competition and envy.*

a c t :

- *Pull off our masks and quit the masquerade party.*

n o t e s :



Day 39: 29 August Marketplace / Media

Overcoming Evil With Good

Romans 12:14-21

In the marketplace, perhaps more people have been brought into the Church by the kindness of Christian love than by all the theological arguments. And perhaps more people have been driven from the Church by the hardness of our attitudes than by all the doubts in the world.

Christian love includes loving our enemies. Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," a prayer that strikes a chord of God's love, the greatest and strongest force in the world. It overcomes evil with good.

p r a y :

- *For a passion for souls in the workplace and not work merely for personal ambitions, wealth and status.*
- *Willingness to give up our time for the sake of spending time to minister to colleagues in need.*
- *Christian businessmen will not compromise to the worldly way of handing disputes or business deals but stand firm in the way of the LORD.*

a c t :

- *Help a colleague who is in need through an act of kindness.*

n o t e s :



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Chechnya

Please pray for the Russian Baptist church in Grozny. This is the third time that a leader has to suffer for his faith. In Oct 1998, Pastor Alexey Sitnikov was kidnapped. Then, his successor, Pastor Aleksandr Kulakov, was beheaded on March 1999. Now, on 7 Jan 2003, brother Victor Gik has also gone missing. The church is officially registered and has approximately 15 members.



Day 40: 30 August *Education / Children / Youths*

He In Us is Greater

1 John 4:4-6

Young children and youths are not exempted from depression, hopelessness and temptations, which increasingly affect our society. In the midst of many choices and pressure of educational pursuits, there is a yearning for truth.

Our children today need to be disciplined more intentionally or they will be shaped by the Internet, TV, radio and peer pressure.

As we come to the end of this fasting period, remember that springs of living water lie within you. Rejoice that no one can take the Holy Spirit from you. He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. You can change the world for Jesus.



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Uzbekistan

Article 8 of Uzbekistan's law on religion bans the activity of any unregistered religious organisation, in violation of the country's international human rights commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Pray that the Government will uphold its international commitment and allow believers to meet freely in churches.

p r a y :

- *For protection against the seduction and deceptiveness of the world's subculture today. Against fear, timidity and cowardice.*
- *Ask God for healing of children's emotions and minds. The courage to resist and overcome peer-pressure. The wisdom to know how to handle the truth.*
- *Relationships between parents and children will grow deeper.*

a c t :

- *Spend time with a young person today.*
- *Youth, share your fears and struggles with your parents, or youth leaders, or a friend who is mature in faith.*

n o t e s :

WEEK 6: FREEDOM
OVERCOMING FEARS AND TEMPTATIONS



Merdeka Day
31 August *Government /Authorities*

Isaiah 56:7

Today is the last day of 40-day Fast & Prayer. We must believe in God's promises for our nation and be doers of His words as we continue on our journey to spread the fire of "House of Prayer for Malaysia." As we share our life and our nation with Him, we allow Him to share His life and His Kingdom with us!

Look forward to a mighty awakening that no man or human authority can stop!

Praise for Lord for:

- *The encouragement and revelations we have received.*
- *Malaysia – that her destiny in God will be fulfilled.*
- *The nation's relatively good political, economic and social condition.*
- *Faithfulness and loyalty of Christians in continuing to uphold the nation in prayer.*
- *For real freedom to enjoy religious liberty, social order, peace and political stability.*

a c t :

- *Celebrate Merdeka Day today by being part of a community event or a national celebration in your city. Sow seeds of care and love wherever you are, e.g. be friends with those whom God puts across our path regardless of religious background.*

n o t e s :



HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR MALAYSIA



Sarawak

Pray that God will raise translators for the people groups who do not have Bibles and to release finances for this work. For growth and strengthening of faith among the indigenous peoples. Pray for more church workers for them. Christian businessmen and all in the marketplace to be excellent examples of integrity.



Sabah

Pray for the exposure of terrorist cells and effective security of the shorelines. For wisdom to be upon our police to deal with the threat of piracy. For a righteous government to ensure the cessation of political rivalry, compromise and power sharing to bring progress and unity to the state. For favour and blessing upon the churches to have more planted.



REFLECTION

Your Testimony is Powerful, So Kindly Return This Form to Us



Thank you for being part of the Lighting Up Our Nation 2004. We would appreciate your feedback as partners in this prayer movement for our nation. Please give exact details of testimonies or reports so that we encourage others.

Would you like to be added to the mailing list? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel/Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name of church or prayer group: _____

Name of people who participated in your group (if applicable):

Were there any testimonies that are significant or encouraging that you have heard or experienced during these 40 days?

Answered prayers during or after the 40 days:

Would you like information or help on:

- *Praying Round the Clock for Malaysia* ☐ YES ☐
- *Training and seminars on prayer* ☐
- *Pastors' Prayer Shield* ☐
- *Starting and maintaining prayer cells e.g in the workplace* ☐

Would you like to participate in an existing prayer network in your town/ city/state or be involved in starting one if there is none ?

☐ YES ☐ NO

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