

40-Day Fast & Prayer o7 Aug - 15 Sept 2015





Abide in Me

The Vine and the Branches (John 15: 1-11 NLT)

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

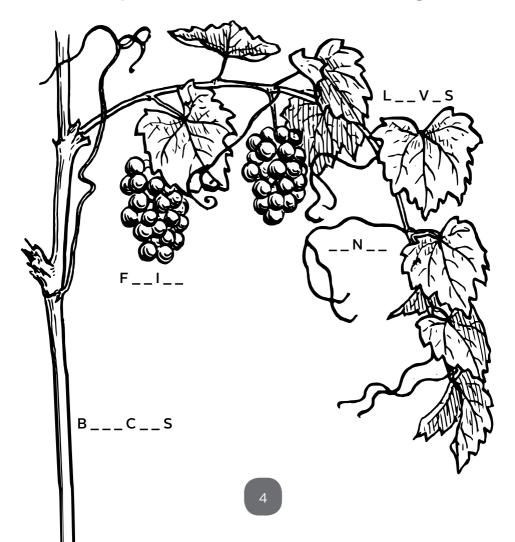
"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

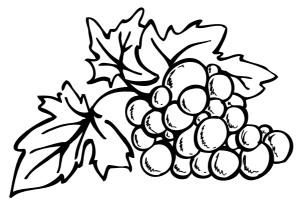
"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

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What Does It Mean?

This is a vine with branches. You can colour the picture below, if you like. The vine is the main source of nutrients for its branches, which in turn passes on the nutrients for the fruits to grow.





When the branches and fruits are cut off from the vine, what happens to them?

When branches are disconnected from the vine, they lose their source of nutrients. They are unable to bear fruit, and will wither up and die.

We have the same relationship with God, as the branches have with the vine. Jesus said that He is the True Vine, and we are the branches. When we are cut off from God, or don't take the time to make sure that we are always connected to Him in prayer and worship, our spiritual health is affected – just as the physical health of the branches is affected when it is cut off from its source of food, that is, the vine.

As we begin these 40-days of Fasting and Praying for Malaysia, let us remember that we as children of God, and the Church of Malaysia, as His representatives on earth, have to be always connected to God – our main and only source – to ensure that we are spiritually healthy enough to bear fruit for His glory.

Let us pray that Christians who have become disconnected from God, the True Vine, will be able to find Him again, and reconnect themselves to Him again.

The Malaysian Flag

The Malaysian flag, which is called the Jalur Gemilang, is made up of a crescent, a 14-point star and 14 stripes. Each point of the star and each stripe represent the 13 states of Malaysia, and Kuala Lumpur – the first Federal Territory. Labuan and Putrajaya have since been added as Malaysia's Federal Territories.

As you pray for each state of Malaysia, take the time to fill in the colours of the flag (above), and write the name of each state on the stripes that represent them as you go. Ask God to fill your heart with love for Malaysia, and use you to make a difference in your country.

How to fast: Fasting is a powerful way to draw close to God and present our prayers before him. When we fast, we show God that we are humbled before Him and that we are saying, "I am serious about what I am praying for."

There are a few ways to fast. Do sit down with your parents, or an older person, and discuss which type of fast you would like to do. You can:

- Fast from one meal (like breakfast, recess, lunch, or dinner)
- Fast from one type of food (such as meat or rice)
- Fast from a favourite food (throughout the 40-days of fast and prayer, you do not eat your favourite food)
- Fast once a week (from all meals and drink only liquids for that day, or from one meal that day)
- Fast from a favourite past-time or activity (such as, no watching TV or going on Facebook, throughout the whole 40 days)

While fasting, whenever you are hungry or really want to do your favourite activity, keep your eyes on God and tell Him to help you, because you are serious about praying for your country, Malaysia. This is also a time that will remind you that God is more important, than all the things you like to eat or do.

How to pray: Choose a time in a day and set aside about an hour to pray over the prayer items for the day. You can discuss with your parents, family members or even friends, to come and pray together with you, or you can do it on your own – just you and God.

Take some time to listen to God, and write down or draw what He is saying to you. He loves speaking to His children when they spend time with Him!

There are also puzzles for you to complete – just to make the 40 days of Fasting and Praying even more fun!

The next two pages is a schedule for you to keep track of your daily prayer. Tick or colour the boxes next to the title for the day after you have taken the time to pray and read the Bible verses for the day. If you have stickers, you can also stick them in the boxes.

There is also a small space for you to write your thoughts and what God said to you or showed you that day. However, if you find that the space is too small – find an empty notebook and jot down your thoughts there!

Tick here	Date	Day & Topic	Write Your Thoughts Here
	7 Aug	Day 1 - Jesus is the True Vine	
	8 Aug	Day 2 - Abide in the True Vine	
	9 Aug	day 3 - My Father is the Vinedresser	
	10 Aug	Day 4 - We are the Branches, He is the Vine	
	11 Aug	Day 5 - A Sanctified Life	
	12 Aug	Day 6 - A Victorious Life	
	13 Aug	Day 7 - Ambassadors for Christ	

14 Aug	Day 8 - Being Steadfast and Immovable	
15 Aug	Day 9 - Impacting Our Community	
16 Aug	Day 10 - Preparing the Next Generation	
17 Aug	Day 11 - First and Foremost	
18 Aug	Day 12 - After Its Own Kind	
19 Aug	Day 13 - The Nine Fruits	
20 Aug	Day 14 - Our Words	
21 Aug	Day 15 - The Peaceful Fruit of Righteousness	
22 Aug	Day 16 - Bitter Roots	
23 Aug	Day 17 - Parable of the Fig Tree	
24 Aug	Day 18 - The Master Pruner	
25 Aug	Day 19 - What All This Is For	
26 Aug	Day 20 - Seek Him First	
27 Aug	Day 21 - Healing	
28 Aug	Day 22 - To Be More Fruitful	
29 Aug	Day 23 - What the Gardener Wants	
30 Aug	Day 24 - Minimising	

31 Aug	Day 25 - God's Word Reveals	
1 Sept	Day 26 - God in Nature	
2 Sept	Day 27 - The Word and the Spirit	
3 Sept	Day 28 - God's Word and Power	
4 Sept	Day 29 - The Message of the Gospel	
5 Sept	Day 30 - Our Mission	
6 Sept	Day 31 - Psalm 119	
7 Sept	Day 32 - Jesus Depended on God	
8 Sept	Day 33 - Are You Awake?	
9 Sept	Day 34 - Small Beginnings	
10 Sept	Day 35 - The Courageous Warrior	
11 Sept	Day 36 - Fasting and Feasting	
12 Sept	Day 37 - Our Inheritance	
13 Sept	Day 38 - The Holy Spirit Empowers	
14 Sept	Day 39 - The Cross	
15 Sept	Day 40 - Obedience	

Abide in the Vine: Jeours is the True Vine

Jesus is the Son of God, and as His disciples, He is our source of strength and support – the One we depend on for everything we need. He is our Vine and we are His branches. Only when we are connected in Him, can we bear good, healthy fruit.

Jesus is also the perfect role model for us in terms of obedience to His father. As God's children, we must always be obedient to Him, and Jesus exemplified that for us through His life – Jesus always did whatever the Father asked Him to do, and in doing so, He was always connected to His Father God.

If we want to stay connected to Jesus the True Vine, we must obey Him, no matter what the cost. What are some areas of your life in which you know you are not being obedient to God?

Pray for Malaysia - state of Selangor:

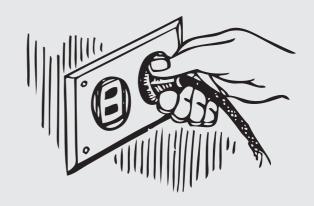


- Pray for the Menteri Besar of Selangor, that he will fear God and make decisions for the state that will be for the good of the people.
- Pray for all the people who work for the Menteri Besar, that they will carry out their work with excellence. Pray that they will not take bribes and will encourage one another to be honest.
- Pray that the Orang Asli who live in this state, that they will be treated fairly. Pray that their children will be given equal opportunity to receive education.
- Pray that the Christians in Selangor will be good testimonies of God to those around them.

Abide in the Vine: Abide in the Time Vine

Branches can only live healthily when they are connected to the vine. Similarly, Christians can only lead a healthy life when we are connected to Jesus, our True Vine.

Someone once said, the Christian life is not like a battery-operated system – which requires frequent recharging or battery replacement when the power runs out. It is like an electrical appliance, which needs to be connected to a power socket in order to function properly.



What is your connection to Jesus like?

Pray for Malaysia - state of Negeri Sembilan

- Pray for the state government of Negeri Sembilan. Pray that they will be free from bad practices like bribery and that they will manage the state's money properly.
- Pray for farmers and fishermen who live in the state. Pray that God will bless them with good harvest and catches as they go about their work.
- Pray that the young people who leave Negeri Sembilan to study elsewhere will return home to help develop their home state.
- Pray that the Christians in Negeri Sembilan will be good testimonies of God to those around them.

Abide in the Vine: My Father is the Vinedresser

In John 15, Jesus calls Himself the True Vine, and said that His Father is the one that cares for the vine – the Vinedresser. The role of the vinedresser is to take care of the vines and make sure that they grow healthily and are able to produce good fruit. He will make sure that nothing harms the vines and fends off everything that puts them in danger.

Sometimes, in order to ensure the vine is healthy, the vinedresser has to prune the vine – that is, to cut off parts of the branches that are no longer healthy and which may affect the health of the plant. In the same way, God will prune the parts of our lives that hinder our spiritual growth and fruitfulness.

Are you ready to let God take away the parts of your life that are bad for your spiritual health and affects your relationship with Him?

Pray for Malaysia - state of Melaka

- Pray for the Chief Minister of Melaka, that he will be free from corruption and do what is best for the people.
- Pray for those working for the Chief Minister. Pray that they will be free from bad practices like bribery and that they will manage the state's money properly.
- Pray that the young people who leave Melaka to study elsewhere will return home to help develop their home state.
- Pray that the Christians in Melaka will be good testimonies of God to those around them.



The Branch: We are the branches, He is the Vine

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing" – John 15:4-5



What comes to your mind when you read the verses above?

As God's children, we can come to Him every day to talk to Him about the things that are going on in our lives, and ask Him to keep us healthy as Christians – so that we can impact the nation and the world for His glory.

Do you believe that God can give you everything you need when you trust in Him? Talk to God about this.

Pray for Malaysia – the Attorney-General

The Attorney-General is the main lawyer who advises the government of Malaysia on matters regarding the law. Pray for the Attorney-General:

- That he will love truth and righteousness
- That he and the lawyers working under him, will do their best to ensure justice for all people

The Branch: A Sanctified Life

Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you." – Joshua 3:5

"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work." – 2 Timothy 2:21

When God wants to use someone to carry out His plan, He must first make sure their hearts are fully focused on Him. To do that, God will begin to draw that person's heart back to Him, and lead the person to confess their sins and repent – so that what remains is a heart that is pure and holy before God. If we want to be used by God, we must come clean before God, confess our sins and do what pleases Him. As you speak to God, ask Him to help you identify the things in your heart that hinder Him from working through you.

Pray for Malaysia - the Judges

Judges play a very important role in our country, as they make decisions on right and wrong based on the law – and decide what happens to a person who appears in court. Therefore it is also very important for a judge to be fair, and not influenced by anything or anyone else. Pray for judges in Malaysia:

- That they will uphold justice above all.
- That they will be brave enough to make decisions, without being influenced by anything or anyone.
- That Christian judges will carry out their work with God's standards of justice and truth in mind.

The Branch: A Victorions Life

"For what great nation has a god as near to them as the Lord our God is near to us whenever we call on him? And what great nation has decrees and regulations as righteous and fair as this body of instructions that I am giving you today?"
Deuteronomy 4:7-8

Because of Jesus Christ, and because we have God on our side, we are always on the winning side. God has called us to be brave in the face of lions, and fight our battles courageously, depending on Him for everything we need. As God's children, we are called to fight our battles in life through prayer, as He promises to defend us against our enemies. It is a great privilege to have an Almighty God on our side as we face life's challenges!

Do you face your challenges with prayer? Do you know that no matter how difficult a situation is, you are already on the winning side?



Pray for Malaysia - the Lawyers

The role of a lawyer is to defend their clients.

- Pray that lawyers will carry out their duties to their clients with integrity, that they will love truth and justice more than money.
- Pray for Christian lawyers to be brave and do their work for God's glory, no matter what the cost. That Christians will rise up as lawyers and defend those who are unable to defend themselves.

The Branch: Ambassadors for Christ

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." – Matthew 5:16

Have you ever been picked to represent your class or school in an event? If you have, you know that as a representative you have to put on your best performance and behaviour, so that others will see that your school or class is a good one.

An ambassador is someone who represents a kingdom or a country. The Bible calls us Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), which means that we represent Jesus, the King of kings and His kingdom, here on earth. It is a very important role that we must take seriously.

Our role as God's ambassadors means that we are to show His love and mercy, and make Him known to a world that needs Him, but does not know Him. Do you take your role as God's ambassador seriously? Which areas of your life do you need to work on, so that you can be a good ambassador of Jesus? Ask Him to help you with them.

Pray for Malaysia - the Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs looks after who goes in and out of the country, and everything that goes on within the country – including the safety of the people. Pray for this ministry, the Minister, and everyone who works in it:

- That they will work hard to keep the people safe and secure.
- That they will work hard for racial harmony, and stop discrimination among the different races in Malaysia.

The Branch: Being Steadfast and Immovable

"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love." – 1 Corinthians 16:13

Have you ever been in a situation where your friends wanted to do something which you knew was wrong, and you decided not to join them because you wanted to please God?

Or when you decided to do the right thing, even though it was scary, because you knew that as a Christian your actions should glorify God? Being a Christian can be troublesome, or even scary, sometimes. But the Bible tells us to stand firm in those times, because in the end, it will all be worth it.

Can you recall some of the times when you found it hard to stand up for your faith, or to stand firm and do the right thing? Talk to God about them, and ask Him to give you the strength to be brave and strong enough next time. Ask Him to give you His wisdom, to know between right and wrong.

Pray for Malaysia - the Police

• Pray that every policeman or policewoman in Malaysia will carry out their role to protect the people, with honesty and integrity.

 Pray that they will be proud of their jobs and carry them out with excellence.

 Pray that God will protect and bless the police in Malaysia, and their families, as they carry out their daily work.



The Time Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing." - John 15:5 (NIV)

Puzzle: Find the words in the box below.

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The Branch: Impacting Our Community

"You are the salt of the earth.

But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?

Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

You are the light of the world — like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.

Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:13-15

Jesus calls us the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world". Which means that we are meant to shine His light and show His love, kindness and mercy, to those who need it. He said that we must not hide this light, but we must let it shine brightly – because there are many out there who are still living in darkness, and they need to see it.

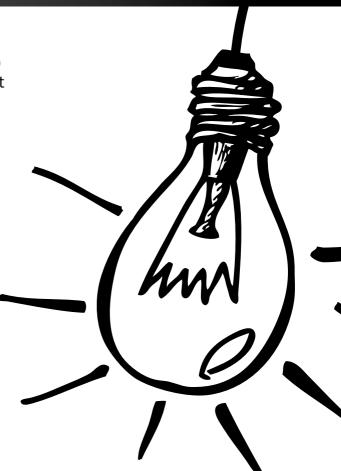
Is your light being hidden? What are some of the things in your life that are hiding this light from shining? Talk to God about them, and ask Him to help you deal with them.

Get some colour pencils and colour the light bulb in the picture with bright and vibrant colours. You are that light bulb – let the light of Jesus shine through you, for all the world to see!

Pray for Malaysia – the Immigration

The immigration department is in charge of all the people and things that go in and out of our country. Part of their job is to make sure bad things, like drugs and other illegal items, do not cross the borders into Malaysia. We need to pray for those who work in the immigration, that they will take their job very seriously, to keep the country safe.

- Pray that they will not accept bribes.
- Pray that they will be alert when carrying out their duties.
- Pray that God will keep them safe as they carry out their daily work.



The Branch: Preparing the Next treneration

When you are young, part of your parents' duty is to teach you and help you grow up to be a responsible, compassionate and reliable adult, who will be able to do good for your community and country.



It is very important how the older people nurture the younger ones, because it will affect the future.

However, this is a very difficult role, and therefore it is also important for children to pray for their parents and those who take care of them, so that they will be able to carry out this task well for God's glory. What are some of the ways, other than praying for them, that you can help your parents and caregivers raise you to be a good person?

Pray for Malaysia - the Security Forces

Malaysia's security forces, or Armed Forces, are the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. Their jobs are to take care of the country and protect it from anyone or anything that might place Malaysia in danger.

- Pray that those in the security forces will carry out their duties with pride, honestly and excellence, out of love for Malaysia and its people.
- Pray that God will bless and protect them and their loved ones as they carry out their duties.
- Pray that God will bless and protect Malaysia.

The Fruit: First and Foremost

"You didn't choose me.
I chose you. I appointed you
to go and produce lasting
fruit." – John 15:16

What is your favourite fruit? Draw it in the blank box and write why it is your favourite.

Remember how we talked about Jesus being the True Vine, and we are the branches, and God as the Gardener who takes care of all the plants in His vineyard and makes sure that they are healthy?

To God, it is very important that the branches He tends to and cares for produces good fruit. When we, His branches, bear good fruit, it shows that we are healthy spiritually and this brings Him glory.

What comes to your mind when you think about bearing fruit for God?

Pray for Malaysia – the state of Kelantan

- Pray for the state government of Kelantan, that they will look after the state and its people well and put their interests first.
- Pray for families who lost their homes and things in the flood earlier this year. Ask God to bless them and help them.
- Pray that Christians in this state will rise up, and shine the light of Jesus.

The Fruit: After Its Own Kind

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ." Ephesians 5:1-2

When you imitate someone or follow after their example, it is because you look up to them or respect them, and in some way, want to be like them.

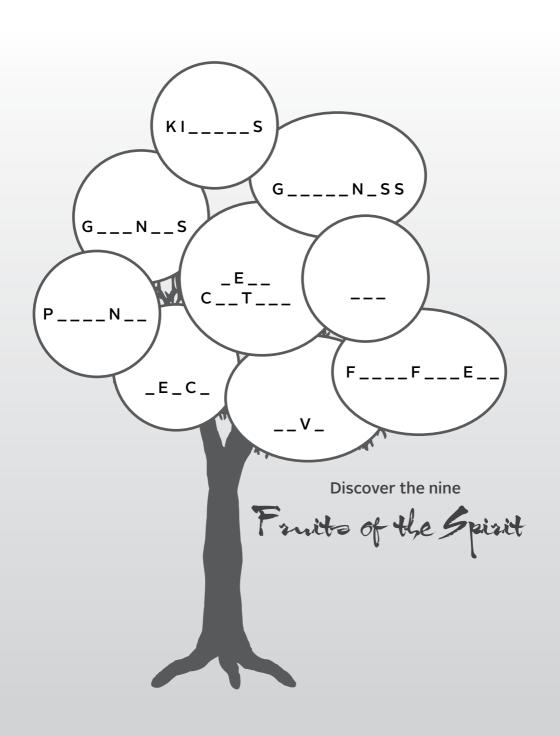
The Bible says that we were made in God's own image, and as His ambassadors here on earth, everything that we do, say or even think, must be for His glory.

What better way to shine God's light, than to follow His example and live the way He wants us to live?

What are some of the ways you can learn to be more like Jesus?

Pray for Malaysia - the state of Pahang

- Pray that those who hire foreign workers to work on the farms and plantations in Cameron Highlands will treat them with respect and pay them fairly. Pray that Christians who have foreign workers working for them will share God's love with their workers.
- Pray that God will help protect our natural resources in Pahang, such as the forests. Pray that the state government will protect Pahang from greedy developers who will exploit the natural resources.



The Fruit: The Nine

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

You probably would have heard about the nine Fruits of the Spirit in Sunday School. But the question is – how many of the fruits do you show in your everyday life?

We are only able to truly produce the Fruits of the Spirit through the Holy Spirit when He lives in us.

Do you find it difficult to produce some of the fruits (for example, is it hard to be patient, or kind, or have joy, sometimes)? Talk to God about this – He knows our struggles and will help us through them as we trust Him.

Pray for Malaysia - the state of Terengganu

- Pray for the state Government to be fair and honest in how they look after the state.
- Pray for harmony among all the races, and that Christians living in Terengganu will shine God's light brightly.



The Fruit: Our Words

"Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!" – James 3:10

Every day we hear words being said that are unkind, hurtful, or rude. Sometimes, we are even tempted to say them ourselves—especially when we are angry or upset! We need to remember that our words are powerful, Jesus said that they are about to "corrupt and tear down".

As God's children, we must be very careful about the words that come out of our mouths, and use our words to build and encourage people, and bring praise to God – and never to tear down and destroy another person. It is through our words and actions that we can show God's love and bless others.

Tell God that you are sorry for the times you have said things that were unkind or hurtful, and ask Him to help you be more careful about what you say. Ask Him to empower you to use your words to bless, encourage and love people.

Pray for Malaysia - the state of Sarawak

Sarawak is rich with many natural resources that help the country's economy, and is the only state in Malaysia where there are more Christians that any other religions.

- Pray that the state government will protect the natural resources in the state, as well as its people.
- Pray for the Christians in the state to stand firm, and share God's love with as many people as possible even with those who live deep in the jungles!

The Fruit: The Peaceful Fruit of Righteononess

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

When we are going through tough times or need to make difficult decisions, it is sometimes hard to have peace in our hearts. Being at peace is the opposite of being worried or troubled. Thankfully, as children of the Almighty God, we can come to Him when we are troubled or anxious, and He promises to give us peace as we trust Him to help us through our difficult times. He will also give us the strength to make the right decisions, even when it is hard.

Are you facing a difficult situation at the moment? Bring it before God, ask Him for peace and listen to how He tells you to deal with it.

Pray for Malaysia - Religious Freedom

- It is the right of every human being to choose their religion. However, in Malaysia, this is not the case. Pray for the Government of Malaysia to respect the rights of the people.
- Pray that God's love will cover Malaysia and grant the country peace.

The Fruit: Bitter Roots

"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." – Ephesians 4:32

Have you ever been so angry at someone, because you felt that they had hurt you or have been unfair to you, and you promised to never forgive them? Watch out – because unforgiveness can take root in your heart, causing you to become bitter, and bitterness has the ability to bring more harm to you and those around you.

The only way to deal with bitterness is through forgiveness. It's not easy to forgive someone, especially when they have treated you badly – but if you don't deal with it, bitterness will take root in your life.

Is there someone you are angry with and are unwilling to forgive? Tell God about him or her, and ask Him to fill your heart with His unconditional love, to help you forgive them and let go.

Pray for Malaysia - Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

- Pray for families in Malaysia, ask God to bless families and cause parents to be good role models to their children.
- Pray for healing for hurting and broken families.
- Pray for the Government to work hard to help people build strong families. Pray that God will give them the wisdom on how to do this.

The Fruit: Parable of the Fig Tree

"Then Jesus told this story: "A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally, he said to his gardener, 'I've waited three years, and there hasn't been a single fig! Cut it down. It's just taking up space in the garden.' The gardener answered, 'Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I'll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer." – Luke 13:6-8

Can you think of a time when you needed a second chance? When was it, and did you get it? Often when we need a second chance, we are told that we have to earn it. But there was no way for us to earn the second chance we received, when Jesus Christ died for us on the cross – God did that for us because He loves us, not because we deserve it.

However we must not take God's grace for granted. The fig tree was given a second chance even though it was not bearing fruit as it was supposed to. Now the gardener has to do everything he can to make sure that it bears fruit, or else the next time the owner of the garden comes by again, he will tear down the tree.

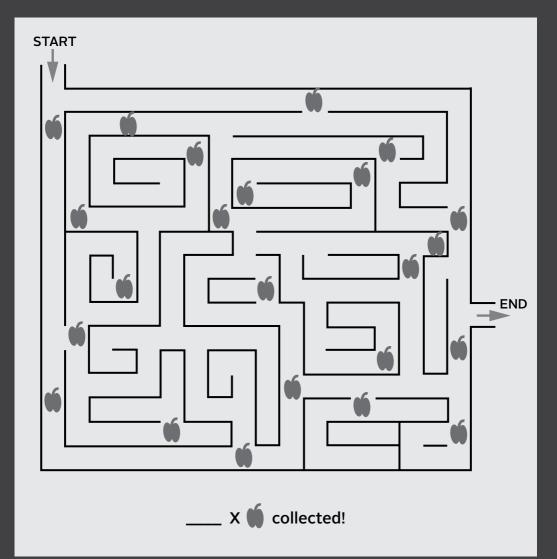
Do you need a second chance, or do you know someone who does? Talk to God about this, and hear what He has to say. Pray for your friends and family who do not know Jesus yet, that they too may have a second chance to be saved.

Pray for Malaysia - Society

Society is made up of all the people who live around you – your neighbours, classmates and teachers, friends and family. Pray for organisations that are set up to help the poor and disabled members of our society. Ask God to bless them and provide them with whatever they need.

The Most Fruits Collected Wins!

Collect as many fruits as you can from the beginning to the end without crossing paths twice. Share your route with your friends and see who has collected the most fruits!



The Pruning: The Master Pruner

When a gardener wants to make sure that his plants are healthy, one of the things he must do is prune it. Pruning a plant means cutting off the dead branches and leaves, and making sure that the plant is in good shape.

Like the gardener, God sometimes "prunes" parts of our lives, to make sure that we are spiritually healthy and fit. It may be painful and difficult to go through, but it is a necessary step that we need to go



through if we want to be people He can use to bring Him glory.

Even if we have to go through a difficult pruning time, we can count on God to be there with us through it all. He will never leave us, in the good times or the bad times, and everything that He does, it is for our own good. Are you willing to let God prune your life, so that you can be an effective instrument for Him?

Pray for Malaysia - Ministry of Communications and Multimedia

This Government ministry looks after all that happens in the mass media such as television, newspapers and the Internet in Malaysia.

- Pray for the minister to have good advisors to help him make good decisions.
- Pray that Malaysians will use the media wisely and responsibly.

The Princing: What All This Is For

Do you remember the last time you had a wound? Maybe you fell down and scrapped your knee, or accidentally cut yourself with a sharp object.

What was the first thing your parent or a nurse had to do make it better? First, the wound has to be cleaned, then ointment or medicine is applied and only then a bandage.

When the wound was being cleaned and ointment dabbed on, it hurt a little bit, didn't it? But you knew that you had to bear the pain for a little while, because it was the only way the wound would heal.

In the same way, when God deals with our lives, it is usually uncomfortable at first. But because He is our good Heavenly Father who loves us so much, He knows that He needs to remove the things in our lives that will affect our relationship with Him.

Even in the tough and painful times, remember that God will be with you each step of the way to help you through it all.

Pray for Malaysia - Press

The press are those who report the news – be it on TV, radio, the Internet or print media such as newspapers and magazines.

- Pray that journalists in Malaysia will be brave in reporting the truth.
- Pray that Christian journalists will use their work to bring God glory.



The Pruning: Seek Him First

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and He will give you everything you need. So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom." – Luke 12:31-32

When God created you and me, He created us to bring Him glory. He wanted to share with us all the beautiful things He had made, and meant for us to live an abundant life. However, sin makes us stop believing and trusting God, and leads us to go our own way. When we try to do things our way instead of God's, we often find ourselves in trouble, because we don't really know what we are doing.

Jesus told us to seek God first – that is, to follow His instructions for everything we do and every decision we make. God always knows what He's doing, and when we trust Him, He will see to it that we have everything we need.

Do you have trouble trusting God? Why? Talk to Him about this and ask Him to help you trust Him with your whole heart.

Pray for Malaysia - Arts and Entertainment

The performing arts and entertainment are the shows you watch on TV, radio, the theatre or the Internet. As Christians, it is important to be careful about what you watch.

- Pray that Christians who work in the performing arts and entertainment industry will share God's love and hold to God's standards.
- Pray that Christians in this industry will use their work to bring God glory.

The Prining: Healing

"But for you, sunrise! The sun of righteousness will dawn on those who honor my name, healing radiating from its wings." Malachi 4:2

Have you ever woken up early, and watched the sun rise – turning everything from darkness into light? This is what God's love does in our lives – His love heals and transforms all the darkness and hopelessness in our lives, to give us a new day, a new start.

Do you have an area in your life, or in someone you know, where you need God to shine the light of His love into? The Bible says that He is a faithful God, who will always be there when we need Him. Talk to God about what you need, and ask God to shine His light and fill your life with His love – His perfect love that drives out all fear and darkness.

Pray for Malaysia – the state of Perlis

Perlis is the smallest state in Malaysia, but it is no less important than the rest! At the north of Perlis is the border between Malaysia and the country of Thailand. Let's pray for Perlis:

- That Christians in Perlis will shine God's light and share His love to those who don't know Him yet.
- A lot of illegal activities take place at the border between Malaysia and Thailand. Pray that God will place good men and women to guard the borders.

The Princing: To be More Fruitful

Let's say someone gives you a seed to plant a mango tree, and you decide to plant it in a patch of soil in front of your house. You dig up the soil to loosen it, and then you plant the seed.

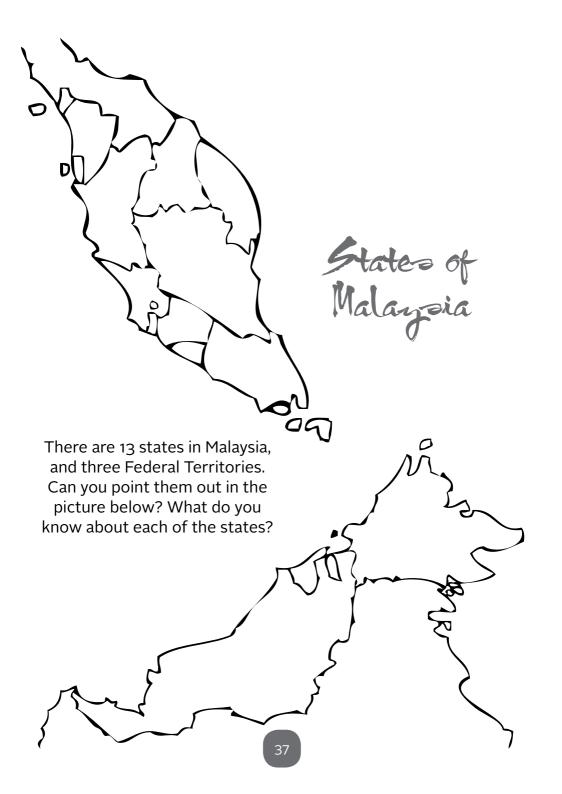
Every day you check to see if a sapling sprouts up. If there are any plants or weeds nearby that might stop your plant from growing healthily, you pull them out.

As the little sapling grows into a big mango tree, you make sure it has enough water and fertilizer. Finally it grows into a huge, strong tree and starts to bear fruits – how happy you are! Your tree now produces fruit which you can share with your friends and family. If there are birds or other animals that might destroy the fruits, you chase them away.

God wants to see us grow into a healthy "tree" that produces good fruit, so that we can share the fruits of the Spirit (which we talked about earlier), with the people around us. Is there anything in our lives that might stop us from growing to be a healthy "tree" for God, or that might stop us from bearing good fruit?

Pray for Malaysia - the state of Kedah

- Pray for the Christians in Kedah to be a salt and light to those around them. Pray for more Christians to rise up to teach others the truth about God's word.
- Pray for young people from Kedah to return to their home state after studying elsewhere, and serve the people of Kedah.



The Pruning: What the transferer Wants

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:1-2

Earlier we talked about how God wants us to become healthy trees that bear good fruit for Him, so that those around us can get to know Him through us. If we let Him, God will use our lives in mighty ways – but He will have to remove the parts of our lives that are unhealthy, which will harm us and others.

Ask God what He wants to do with your life, what are His plans for you? He created you for a great purpose, ask Him to help you fulfill that purpose.

Pray for Malaysia - the state of Penang

- Penang Island is one of the more developed states in Malaysia. Pray for the state government of Penang and the Chief Minister, Lim Guan Eng. Pray that God will give him and his government wisdom and a heart to put the people first.
- Pray that the hearts and minds of the people in Penang will turn towards Jesus.

The Paning: Minimising

"All who love Me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them." John 14:23

In school or sometimes at home, if you do not do what your teacher or parents say, you will be punished. Jesus teaches us how to live our lives the right way, and if we follow Jesus, we will find out God's purpose for our lives – that is, the reason we were born.

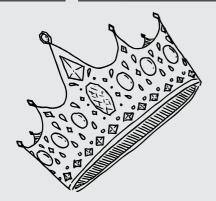
God loves us more than we know. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son to save us, and He promised to be with us every second of our lives. He is always watching over us, always ready to guide us, and always ready to forgive us when we confess our sins to Him. He wants us to obey what He tells us to do because we love Him, and not because we are afraid that He will punish us if we don't.

Do you know how much God loves you? Do you love Him enough to obey Him? Ask God to help you love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, so that you will follow Him because you love Him.

Pray for Malaysia – the state of Perak

- The state of Perak has more Chinese villages than any other states in Malaysia. However, most of them are not Christians. Pray that God will shine His light on the Chinese villages and also on all the people of Perak, that they may experience His love.
- Malaysia's naval base is located in Lumut a district in Perak (the Navy are those who protect the portion of the sea that belongs to Malaysia). Pray that God will protect our sailors in the Navy, as they protect Malaysian waters.

tod's Word Reveals



"For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12

The Bible is more than just a book with words and pages – it is God's very Word, and is as relevant and powerful today, or a hundred years to come, as it was a hundred years ago. Through the Bible, God speaks to us about our every day situations – be it about our family, or friends, or school – anything! Through His Word, God reveals to us how we should live and handle each situation.

Do you spend enough time finding out what God has to say through the Bible? Ask God to help you see what He is saying to you every day through His word.

Pray for Malaysia – the Agong and Sultans

There are nine Sultans in Malaysia, including the Agong. The Sultans are the head of each state, while the Agong is the head of the country.

- Pray that God will bless the Sultans and the Agong, and give them wisdom to rule well.
- Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Pray that everyone in Malaysia will come to know this one day.

tod in Nature

"And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: 'Blessing and honour and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever." Revelation 5:13

All things belong to God – He, and only He, is the Ruler and Maker of all things. When He created the earth, He formed it out of love, and everything in nature was created to worship Him.

Go outdoors and take a look at nature all around you – they were created by a creative God who is all-powerful and magnificient. Then look in the mirror – YOU were created by God, and there is no one else who is exactly like yourself. When He made you, there were no mistakes – in His eyes, you are beautiful.

Think about how you can see God through nature. Tell someone about your experience or write it down in the space below.

Pray for Malaysia – the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister of Malaysia takes care of most of the needs of the country, together with his Cabinet. Therefore, his role is a very important one.

- Pray that God will bless the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and give him the wisdom to carry out his task well.
- Pray for all the Cabinet ministers, that they will help the Prime Minister run the country well, and put Malaysia's resources to good use.
- Pray that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet ministers will love Malaysia more than money or power.

The Word and the Spirit

"The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you." John 14:23

When Jesus left His disciples to go back to heaven to be with His Father, He said that they would not be left alone. He is always with them, because God will send the Holy Spirit guide them, and help them carry out His work.

The Holy Spirit is with us too! The Bible says that as Christians, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in us, and leads us every day.

Do you know that the Holy Spirit is guiding you and always speaking with you? Ask God to help you hear Him more clearly. Pray with a parent, or with your pastor, to ask the Holy Spirit to live in you and guide you in all things.

Pray for Malaysia - Cabinet Ministers

The Cabinet Ministers are the men and women who are in charge of the different ministries that take care of the needs of the people of Malaysia. They hold very important jobs, as they have to make sure Malaysia runs well and its people are well taken care of.

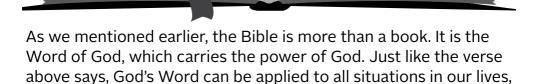
- Pray for more Christian men and women to take up jobs in the government to support the Ministers.
- Pray for Cabinet Ministers, that they will do their work because they love Malaysia, and not because they love money or power. Ask God to bless our Cabinet Ministers, and give them wisdom to carry out their work well.

Can You Crack the Code?

If _ _u rem _ in in _e and _y __ _ds remain _ _ you, you may _ _ _ for an _thing you _ _nt, and it _ _ll be g___ted - J___ 15:17

Fod's Word and Power

"Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another – showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us" 2Timothy 3:16



Do you read God's Word regularly? If you don't have one already, ask your parent or Sunday School teacher to help you come up with a reading plan, so that you can set a time to study God's life-giving Word every single day.

Pray for Malaysia – Federal Government

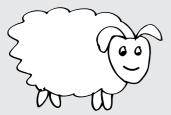
in all seasons.

There are two main governments that take care of everything that happens in Malaysia – the state governments that oversee each state, and the Federal Government that looks after all the state governments and other government departments.

- The Prime Minister is the main person in charge of the Federal Government. Pray that he will do his job in a fair and righteous way.
- Pray that God will bless the Federal Government of Malaysia, and everyone who works in it with wisdom and godliness.

The Message of the troopel

"This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves." 1John 3:16



When Jesus was born, shepherds tending to their sheep encountered angels announcing the good news – the Saviour is here! He has come to save the world!

This is the Gospel – because of God's great love for us, we can be saved, and we can live the life He created us for – all because Jesus paid the price for our sins on the Cross.

Thank God for sending His love for us – He loves us so much, that He sacrificed His own Son so that we can be saved. Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind you of God's love for you – so that everything that you do, will be because of your love for Him.

Pray for Malaysia - State and Local Government

The State and Local governments take care of their individual states. Some states are headed by Chief Ministers, while others are headed by a Menteri Besar.

- Pray for each Chief Minister and Menteri Besar, and ask God to bless them with wisdom, and put in them a fear of God.
- Pray that they will turn away bribery and corruption, and ask God to help them love the state they work in.

Our Mission

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20.

All around us there are people who live hopeless lives, because they don't know God. Can you think of anyone you know who is like that? Jesus Christ came to save ALL of mankind, and it is the job of those of us who know Him already to share this good news with those who don't know it yet.

Ask God to show you who you can share the Gospel with tomorrow or over the next week, and pray for them. Ask God to open their eyes and hearts to receive His love, as you share the Good News of God's love with them.

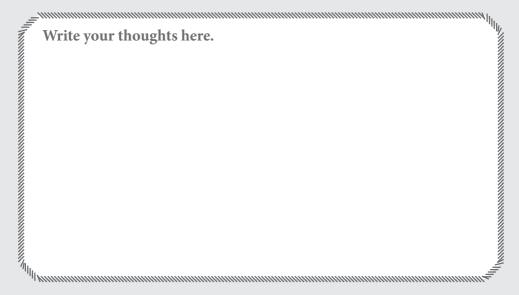
Pray for Malaysia - Parliamentarians

The Parliament – also called the Dewan Rakyat - is where men and women who are in charge of taking care of the needs of the people of Malaysia meet to discuss the issues in the country. Currently, there are 222 members in the Parliament of Malaysia who represent all the various areas of the country.

- Pray that God will give the members of Parliament wisdom as they discuss the needs of the country.
- Pray for more Christians to rise up to become Members of Parliament, and for those who already are Members of Parliament to really shine God's light in the Parliament of Malaysia.

Poalm 119

Read the whole chapter Psalm 119 and write down how God speaks to you through this chapter of the Bible.



Talk to God about it and discuss what God has revealed to you with a parent, your pastor or your Sunday School teacher.

Pray for Malaysia – Federal Territories

The Federal Territories are the areas in Malaysia where the Government offices and centres are located. There are three Federal Territories in Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya in West Malaysia, and Labuan in East Malaysia.

- Pray for righteousness and godliness to rain down on the Federal Territories of Malaysia.
- Pray that more Christians will rise up to join government bodies, and make a difference from within with their roles.

Jesus Depended on tod

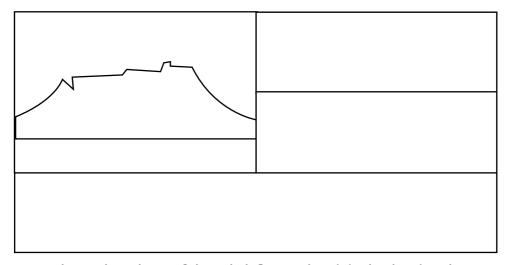
"Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does His work through me." John 14:10

"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" John 15:17

Everything that Jesus did when He was on earth, was in accordance with God's will. Jesus would spend hours every day praying, talking with His Father God. He was always dependent on God to show Him what to do and for the strength to get through the difficult times.

As God's children, we are also supposed to be in constant contact with God our Father. God longs for us to talk to Him and be close to Him, just like our earthly parents long for us to be near us and have a close, loving relationship with us.

Are you close to your loving Father God, or are you far away from Him? The Bible says "come close to God, and God will come close to you". When you are close to God, you will not only find everything you need in life, but also find out who He created you to be.



Do you know the colours of the Sabah flag? Colour it in the drawing above.

Pray for Malaysia – the State of Sabah

Sabah is one of the two Malaysian states located in East Malaysia, or Borneo. It is a beautiful state with many islands and natural resources. Unfortunately, this state has come under attack by dangerous people from other countries recently, who want to try and claim a part of the state as their own.

- Pray that God will protect the state of Sabah, especially its borders, so that people who try to attack the state will fail in their plans.
- Pray that God will bless the people of Sabah, and that the state government will protect the state from anything or anyone that will harm them.
- Pray for victims of the recent earthquake pray that the Holy Spirit will
 comfort families who have lost someone in the quake, that all the victims will
 have the help they need. Pray that God will bless Sabah and protect it.

Are you awake?

"Stay alert; be in prayer so you don't wander into temptation without even knowing you're in danger. There is a part of you that is eager, ready for anything in God. But there's another part that's as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire." Matthew 26:41

Before Jesus was taken by the Roman soldiers to be crucified, He went with His disciples to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Unfortunately, His disciples, instead of praying, fell asleep!

The Bible says that Jesus woke them up three times, and urged them to pray – but again they fell asleep. Jesus said that only those who pray will have the strength to withstand the hard times in our lives. Do you believe in the power of prayer? Think of some difficult times in your life, when you managed to get through with prayer.

Pray for Malaysia - Education Ministry

The Ministry of Education looks after all the schools and school syllabuses, from kindergarten to university. This ministry is in charge of making sure all Malaysians are properly educated with the right knowledge, and making sure that all Malaysians have the opportunity to go to school.

- Pray for the Minister of Education and all the people who work in this
 ministry that they will see the importance of their work and carry it out
 well. Pray that God will put it in their hearts to make sure that all Malaysians
 are given proper education, and equal opportunities to be educated.
- Pray for children in the rural areas and children from poor families, that the government and society around them will make sure that they receive proper education, and will get to go to school just like everyone else.

Small Beginnings

"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

You know the story of how David defeated Goliath and later became king. David was the youngest of his seven brothers – who were all big and strong men. While his brothers were all fighting in the war, David was tending to his father's sheep and goats.

When God sent Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, even Samuel thought that one of David's big and strong brothers would be chosen. But God told Samuel, "People judge by the outward appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Gideon also doubted that God could use him to fight Israel's enemies, he felt that as the youngest in his family, he was too small and weak. But God knew that Gideon and David's hearts were strong enough.

Do you sometimes feel too small to do mighty things for God? Draw near to God, and love Him with all your heart – He will train your heart to be strong and do great things for Him.

Pray for Malaysia - Pre-schools

- Pray for those who are in charge of kindergartens and pre-schools, that they will carry out their jobs to ensure that young children are well taken care of while their parents are at work.
- Pray for the Ministry of Education to make sure that only those who are dependable get to open pre-schools and kindergartens.

A Courageons Warrior

"This is My command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

As we walk through life with God, we will sometimes face scary situations, which we may feel are too big or difficult for us to handle, or situations that make us afraid. In the Bible we read of brave men and women – Joshua, King David, Queen Esther – whom God used to do mighty things. But each time, God was right there to tell them, "Don't be afraid, I am with you".

God is saying the same thing to you and I today – Don't be scared because I am always with you. Do you believe that our God is bigger than the most difficult situation, and more fearsome than the scariest giant?

What situations are making you afraid? Bring them to God and believe that because God is with you, you can face anything!

Pray for Malaysia - Ministry of Religious Affairs

- Pray that every Malaysian will be able to choose their religion without being afraid that they will be harmed or put in jail for their choices.
- Pray that the government will be fair in how they treat every Malaysian, without looking at their race or religion.

John the Baptist

What do you know about John the Baptist? He was a funny-looking guy with clothes made of camel hair and only ate bugs (locusts) and honey. Before he was born, an angel appeared to his father, Zechariah, to tell him that his wife was about to have a son. Zechariah didn't believe the angel, because he and his wife were already very old. Because he did not believe, the angel caused Zechariah to not be able to speak until John was born.

John was born for a very special reason – he was to prepare people for the coming of the Saviour, Jesus. John is called John "the Baptist", because he had baptized the people and preached to them, to prepare them for the coming to Jesus.

Like John, we were all born for a very special reason – to do God's work, and to prepare people for when Jesus will come again! We do this by sharing with others that Jesus has died on the cross to save them, that everyone who believes will be saved, and that Jesus will come again. Most importantly, we need to live our lives in a way that shows Jesus' love, so that people can see Him through us.

Pray for Malaysia - the Economy

The country's economy is basically how rich a country is, and how it uses its money. The economy affects how well the people are taken care of and how developed the country is, compared to other countries.

- Pray that God will get rid of all the businesses in Malaysia that are unethical – businesses that are not carried out in the right ways.
- Pray that God will raise clever men and women who love God, to advise the country's leaders on how to handle the economy.



Our Inherituce

Your inheritance is what your parents or family members pass on to you. When someone leaves you an inheritance, it is rightfully yours, simply because of your relationship with that person.

As God's children, He says in the Bible, that He will give us the nations as our inheritance – we only have to ask. As Malaysians, Malaysia is our inheritance. Malaysia belongs to each and every single Malaysian, and not just one particular group of people.

Because it is our inheritance, we have to work hard and pray for God to protect our nation, so that it remains prosperous and its people are happy, for the generations to come.

"Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession." Psalm 2:8 As a Malaysian, have you asked God for your country as your inheritance? Ask God to help you love Malaysia, and to remind you that this country is rightfully yours, as much as it is every Malaysian citizen.

Pray for Malaysia - Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance takes care of all money matters in Malaysia, they look after the banks and other financial institutions in the country, and plays a big role in how Malaysia's money is being used.

- Pray that the Minister of Finance and everyone who works in this ministry will handle their work in a way that pleases God.
- * Pray that God will raise up men and women to work in this ministry who will speak up against anyone who uses the country's money in a wrong way.

The Holy Spirit Empowers

On Day 27, we talked about how before Jesus went back to heaven, He told His disciples that God will send the Holy Spirit, who will advise them and guide them through everything they do.



The Holy Spirit does not only guide, He empowers. To empower means, to charge someone and give them the ability to carry out a task.

Throughout history, the Holy Spirit has empowered men and women of God to do mighty and impossible things for God's glory.

As we reach an end to the 40 days of fasting and prayer for Malaysia, let's ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to do greater things for God in Malaysia!

Pray for Malaysia – Universities

Malaysia has many good universities – both public and private – which allows people to pursue higher education. We also have many brilliant people who graduated from these universities, and some also work in them, who can contribute much to the country.

- Pray that God will raise quality lecturers and tutors to work in our universities, and that those who are not qualified will not be hired.
- Pray that every single Malaysian will have fair and equal opportunity to study at the public universities in Malaysia, regardless of their race or religion.



"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love." Jesus 15:9

God did not have to save us – He is the God of gods and the King of kings, there is no one like Him, and He can do whatever He wants. But He did, because He loved us so much, as a father loves his child, that He could not allow us to be lost in our sins.

God's love for us is bigger, fiercer and stronger than anything we could ever know. His love rescued us, protects us, and heals us. It is so mighty and powerful, it drives away fear. There is no force on earth that could come in between us and God's love for us. It is everything we need in this life.

What Jesus did on the Cross, paying the price for our sins, because we could not pay for them ourselves, is evidence of God's love for us. Take some time to thank God for His love and ask Him to remember His love for you every day. It is everything you need.

Pray for Malaysia - Schools

- Pray for all the schools and teachers in Malaysia, that they will take seriously their jobs as educators and their responsibility to teach the children in this country to become responsible adults.
- Pray that God will touch the hearts of every teacher, that they will want to make a difference in the lives of the students they teach, and teach them the right things.

Obedience

"When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in His love." John 15:10

Jesus said that if we love him, we will obey Him – it is an automatic response. We listen to our parents and obey what they say when they tell us to do something, because we love them and know that what they tell us to do is for our own good.

When we obey God, we experience Him more and more. And the more we experience Him, the more we grow to love Him.

As we end the 40 days of fasting and prayer, let us ask God to help us walk with Him in complete obedience every single day of our lives. He is a good God who takes good care of us, and He deserves us responding to His commands because our hearts are full of love for Him.

Pray for Malaysia – the State of Johor

Johor is the state that is located most south of West Malaysia, and is close to the country of Singapore. Johor and Singapore have very close ties.

- Pray that the state government of Johor will run the state for the benefit of the people, and not because of the love of money.
- Pray that God will bless Malaysia's relationship with Singapore, and that the two countries will continue to enjoy a good friendship.

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