

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

A CALL TO PRAY FOR MALAYSIA

Prayer United was formed in the Year of Jubilee to mobilise Christians to pray non-stop for *the revival of the Church, and the transformation in the Nation.*

We ask that all intercessors will persevere in prayer, that God will open the heavens, reveal His glory and pour His power upon our nation. Let us claim His promise that “if my people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). Let us beseech God earnestly to answer our prayers for the following:

- **A Holy and Righteous Church** – Pray that the Malaysian church will stand out as a prophetic community, impacting society, and live out authentic and vibrant Christian lives that will be salt and light in the nation, for then only can the Church act and speak with credibility and moral authority, and be taken seriously by the nation's leaders.
- **A United Church Reflecting a Malaysian Identity** - Pray that Christians will make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit, embracing reconciliation and restoration, shaking off encultured blockages and being an example in bringing together all races, languages and cultures, uniting them under the Lordship of Christ, modelling ethnic reconciliation powerfully in our nation.
- **Pursuing True Discipleship** - Pray that Christians will understand what true discipleship means, and be willing to take up their cross daily and suffer for Christ. Pray that many Christian professionals and countless university students studying abroad will return with a clear vision to build both the church and nation.
- **An Empowered and Growing Bumiputera Church** - Pray for the increasing emergence of strong and growing churches in Sabah, Sarawak and among the Orang Asli community in our land, and the rising up of bold and God-fearing leaders among them.
- **Economic Recovery** - Pray that God will continue to bless our nation by giving our national leaders the wisdom to steer our nation during this time of global economic turmoil and falling commodity prices. Pray for the equitable sharing of the wealth of this nation among all races and the fair treatment of foreign workers and refugees. Pray for improved policy making and careful expenditure. Pray against the blight of corruption, creeping Islamisation and abuse of power.
- **Independence of Government Institutions** – Pray for protection of the independence of institutions such as the Central Bank (BNM), the Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), the National Audit Department (JAN) and the judiciary against underhanded political manoeuvring to undermine the supremacy of the Federal Constitution, fundamental human liberties, the principles of democracy and the rule of law in our country. Pray for godly and upright civil servants who are able to work boldly without fear or favour. Pray for upright and clean leaders who will uphold democratic processes and institutions and revitalise good incorruptible

- **A Return to National Righteousness** – Pray for a powerful transformation that will result in a return to justice and righteousness in Malaysia. Pray for a recovery from a scandal-driven year. Pray that all evil in high places be exposed, and that justice will prevail.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS MONTH:

1. Parliamentary Sitting

- a. The first meeting of the fourth session of Parliament on commences on 7th March: the Dewan Rakyat will sit for 20 days until April 7, and the Senate will begin its sessions on April 18, ending on May 4, after 11 days of sitting. Pray regarding the proposed amendment to the NSC bill which seeks to provide 15 special powers for the establishment of the NSC and security forces to control and coordinate security operations as well as the Communication and Multimedia Act (CMA). Pray for each bill and amendment being debated, that God will hold back the passing of bills that suppress and restrict the rights of the public.
- b. Pray for all Members of Parliament that they will debate, decide and vote with the welfare of the people in mind and heart. Pray that parliamentary democracy will be upheld, and that Parliament proceedings will be run with fairness and the fear of God in the management of motions.
- c. Pray that PAS' Private Member's Bill on Hudud will not be tabled at this upcoming Parliament sitting. Pray against covert plans to implement Syariah laws via the various state administrations with the intention to eventually Islamise the Federal Constitution.

2. Sarawak State Elections

- a. The outcome of the election is vital for the preservation and upholding of the rights of the people of Sarawak according to the Malaysian Agreement. It is important to see that new leaders elected will uphold justice, truth and righteousness, and defend the state against unhelpful interference from the Federal Government.
- b. In the run-up to the state elections, most likely due in April 2016, let us pray that only upright, incorruptible and good candidates will be nominated and elected who will uphold the rights of all races. Pray against the nomination of extremists, those inciting hatred and stir racial divides.
- c. Pray for clean elections, and against the use of money to bribe voters. Pray for all election officials, including polling and counting agents, to serve with honesty and integrity.

3. Media

- a. Following the blocking of The Malaysian Insider and its shutting down, pray for the media space that those working in the media will uphold their professional ethics and integrity to report truth.
- b. Although all organisations, including the Government need to have secrets protected, pray that the desire for efficiency must be balanced with modern day demands for transparency. Pray for the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), that they will continue to uphold freedom in the social media space, and that there will not be misuse of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA).
- c. Pray that the government will ensure that all its laws, existing and future, fully respect freedom of expression, including the free flow of ideas on the internet.

4. Protection Against Threats Of Terrorism And Insurgency

- a. Pray that the authorities will be vigilant and alert in protecting the nation against threats of terrorists in cities such as Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Penang and in the state of Sabah, as ISIS threatens to create a caliphate in the South East Asian region. Pray for greater vigilance over the borders of ASEAN. Pray that plots to undermine the South East Asian nations will fail.
- b. Pray for the Muslim youth, that they will be protected from being radicalised by extremist ideologies taking them captive through hate, fear, disillusionment, enticement and a wrong theological interpretation of their faith.

5. Retirement Of the Central Bank Governor And the Auditor-General

- a. Let us pray that the appointees to replace these two well respected civil servants will be men and women of calibre who are godly, bold, clean and upright. Let us pray for the independence of such important institutions. Pray that the government will protect such pillar organisations from being undermined, and to stem further loss of investor and business confidence in a weakening economy.

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