

REVIVE US O LORD

Psalm 85

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What Is A True Fast?

In Isaiah chapter 58, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah, about the real meaning of fasting. God said:

**“Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you.
Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.
Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those who need them,
And do not hide from relatives who need your help.”**

God’s people in Isaiah’s day fasted often, but at the same time they did not do as God commanded; they did not care for the poor, they quarrelled with one another, and did not forgive those who wronged them.

God said the time of fasting is not just for asking things, but also for us to come clean before Him and help one another.

As you begin the 40 days of fasting and praying for Malaysia, ask yourself – is there any area in my life where I need to make right before God and other people?

Talk to your parents, an older person that you trust from church or a group of friends about it, and pray together with them. You can also pray with the same friend or relative every day, for the nation, throughout the next 40 days.

How to Fast and Pray?

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

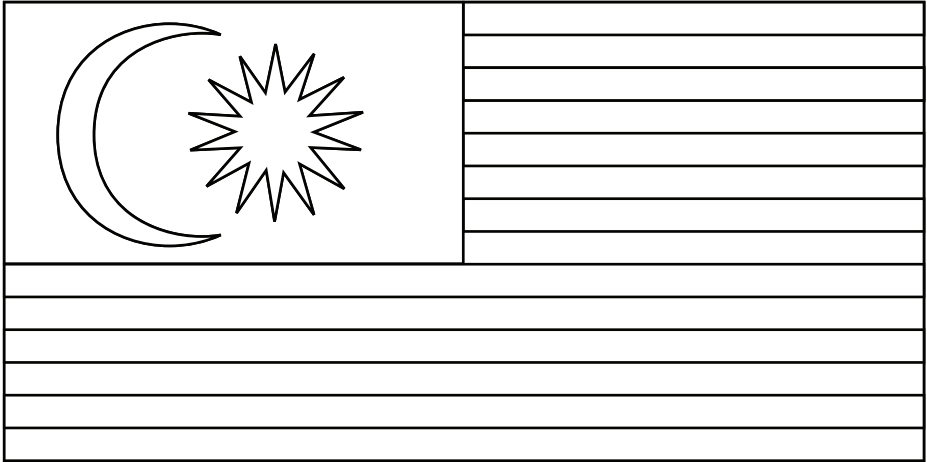
There are a few ways to fast. Ask your parents, or an older person in church, and discuss which type of fast you would like to do. You can:

- Fast from one meal (like breakfast, recess, lunch, or dinner)
- Fast from one type of food (such as meat or rice)
- Fast from a favorite food (throughout the 40-days of fast and prayer, you do not eat your favorite food)
- Fast once a week (from all meals – and drink only liquids for that day, or from one meal that day)
- Fast from a favorite 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 favorite activity, keep your eyes on God and tell Him to help you, because you are serious about praying for your country.

How to pray: Choose a time in a day to pray over the prayer items for the day, and hear what God has to say. 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.

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 colors 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.



What do We Understand about Prayer?

READ: Jeremiah 33:3

When you see the word “prayer”, what comes to your mind? Do you picture yourself having a conversation with God?

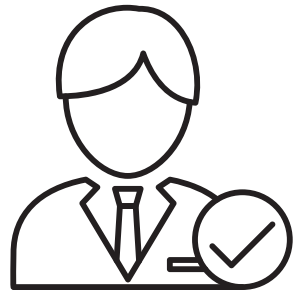
God created us to have a relationship with Him. He loves you and I because we are His children, and like any good parent, He loves when we talk to Him.

As you spend time talking with God, He will show you things and guide you in ways beyond anything you can imagine possible. Talk to God now and ask Him to help you hear Him clearly.

When was the last time you talked to God?

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Business

- **Pray for businessmen who are honest and who do not cheat or bribe:** May they be an example and a good influence.
- **Pray for our country’s wealth:** Ask God to bless and prosper Malaysia, and give wisdom to her leaders to rightly and wisely use her wealth.





How Should We Pray? (Part 1)

READ: John 10:1-17

Many times when we pray, we quickly tell God what we need and want, and then we say “Amen” and carry on with whatever we are doing – before God can have His turn to speak to us.

How does God speak to us? He speaks to us through the Bible. Reading the Bible allows God to speak and reveal Himself to us.

Many times, God is actually speaking to us but we don't realise it because we don't recognise His voice. But if we know the Bible, we will know His voice.

When was the last time you read your Bible?

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Media

- **Pray for journalists, editors and all who work in the media:** That they may report based on truth and not lies.
- **Pray for those in the media who used to be Christians:** That they will find Him again.





How Should We Pray? (Part 2)

READ: Psalm 145

Worship helps connect us to God. When we worship Him, we experience being in His presence – there is love, peace and joy. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we can come to God just as we are and enjoy spending time with Him.

Take some time now to worship God. Maybe you can start by singing a song to praise Him, and let the Holy Spirit lead you to worship Him and pray according to His will.

What is your favourite worship song?

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Arts & Entertainment

- **Spending too much time watching TV, playing computer games or using the handphone?** Ask God to help you to honour Him with your time. Talk about this with your parents or Sunday School teacher.
- **Pray for Christians who work in the area of arts and entertainment:** That they may use their creativity and skills to honour God.





How Should We Pray? (Part 3)

READ: 2 Timothy 2:3-5

Prayer requires discipline. Prayer is something you ought to do daily. To live for God you need to be as disciplined as a soldier or an athlete.

Fasting and praying helps you develop discipline. It helps you to be focused and dedicated to seek God. When you are disciplined in prayer, you will grow deep in God.

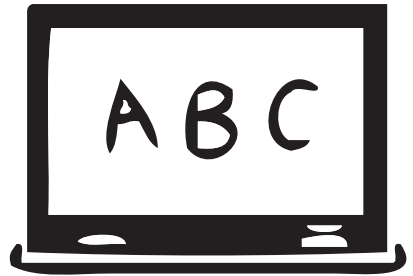
Do you practice praying daily?

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Education

- **Pray for teachers and the Education Ministry:** That they may have wisdom from God and a heart to raise young people who can help build the nation.

- **Pray for equal education opportunities for all**

students and children in Malaysia: For those in the cities as well as in the rural areas.





How Should We Pray? (Part 4)

READ: Hebrews 10

The Bible tells us to keep encouraging one another, to help each other love, and to not stop meeting together. Being together helps us to follow God.

These 40 days of fasting and praying for Malaysia is a good time for us to spend with one another, praying and encouraging each other. It may not be easy to hold on to the fast and discipline yourself to pray every day, for 40 days – but it is more fun when you do it together!

Who can you invite to pray with you?

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Family

- **Think about any friends or relatives, even within your own immediate family, who are having problems at home:** Pray that God will provide peace and healing to these families.





The Character of God

READ Psalm 85:4-5

Most other religions of the world function out of fear. Their followers do good because they are afraid that if they don't, their god will punish them. But God's children obey Him because we love Him, and we know that He loves us.

However, we must not take God's love for granted, because He is also a God of justice, and He cannot tolerate sin. We are saved from God's wrath – which is His punishment for sin – because Jesus died for us on the cross. If we stubbornly continue to sin and refuse to repent from our sins and change, we too will have to face the wrath of God.

Pray together with your parent or friends, and ask God to help you make right before Him.

PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Religion

- **Pray that God will protect all Malaysians:** Ask God to protect them from influence by those who would want to cause others harm and create trouble in the name of religion.



Provoking the Wrath of God

READ Psalm 66:18

Have you ever seen a patient person get angry? If you have, what caused that person to get angry? Did someone do something so bad that he or she could no longer stay patient?

The Bible shows us three things that God cannot stand – disobedience, rebellion and stubbornness. Even though God is merciful, the Bible tells us in Psalm 66:18 that if we keep on sinning and refuse to change, God will not listen to us. Take some time to ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and help you come clean before God.

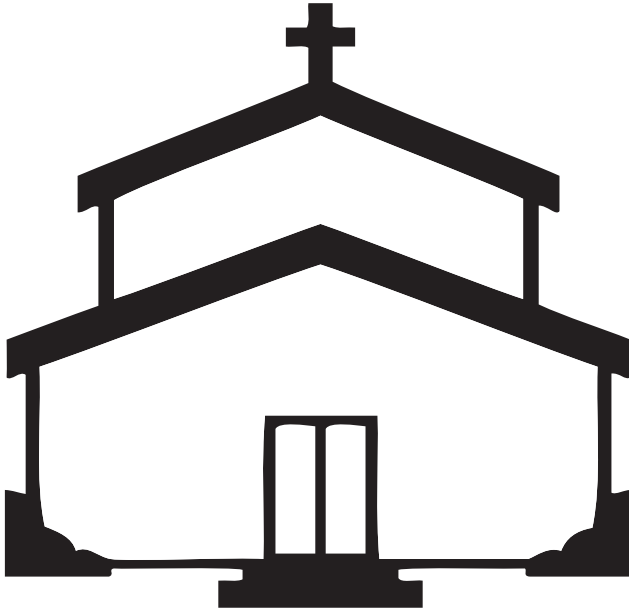
PRAY FOR: 7 Pillars of Influence in Malaysia | Government

- **Pray for the Government:** Pray that God will speak to the heart of every person in the government to do what is right for the country.



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The Condition of the Church Today



Write the name of your church, your pastor and other church leaders on the picture of the church above. After you have written down their names, pray for each of them and also pray for your church – that God will teach your leaders to build a church that seeks after God’s own heart.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Penang

- **Pray for the Church of Penang:** Pray for God to pour out His Holy Spirit on the churches of Penang, that they may have fresh revelation from Him, and be the salt and light in their state.
- **Pray for the State Government of Penang:** Pray for them to govern with wisdom and compassion.



Why Jesus Cried

Read Luke 19:41-44

Underline the parts that tell you why Jesus cried, and discuss this with your parent or prayer group:

But as He came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, He began to weep. “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

The Bible says that Jesus cried because Israel did not realise when He, the Son of God, came to them. Think about Malaysia –pray that we will not miss God when He comes to visit us.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Johor

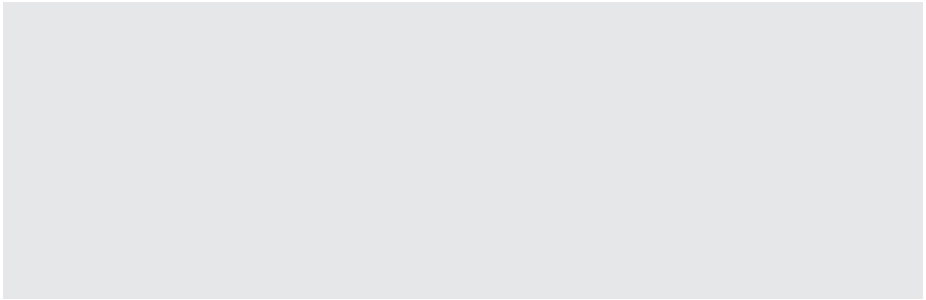
- **Pray for the Sultan of Johor and his family:** Pray for God to speak to them and help them govern the state wisely.
- **Pray for peace and safety in Johor:** Pray that God will keep the people safe and help reduce the crime rate in Johor.



Escaping the Wrath of God

Read Ezekiel 22:30

In the space below, draw your favourite bridge (for example, the Penang Bridge, or the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco).



The Bible says that God is looking for people to stand in the gap and pray on behalf of their country so that they might turn away from their sins and come back to God - and in doing so, escape God's wrath.

When you pray, you act like a bridge between Man and God. However, the Bible also says that not many people are willing to do this, because it requires a great sacrifice. Are you willing to stand in the gap for your country?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Melaka

- **Pray for the Church of Melaka:** This was the first state in Malaya to receive the gospel when missionaries came from Europe. Pray that God will ignite the fire of the gospel again in their churches.



The Mercy of God: Forever His Mercy Stands

In the past week, we talked about the wrath of God – how God is a Holy God who will not tolerate sin. But God loves His children. He knew that we are not able to save ourselves. So out of His great mercy, He sent Jesus Christ to rescue us.

Read some of the verses below that talk about God’s mercy. Then take some time to worship God and thank Him for His mercy that saved us.

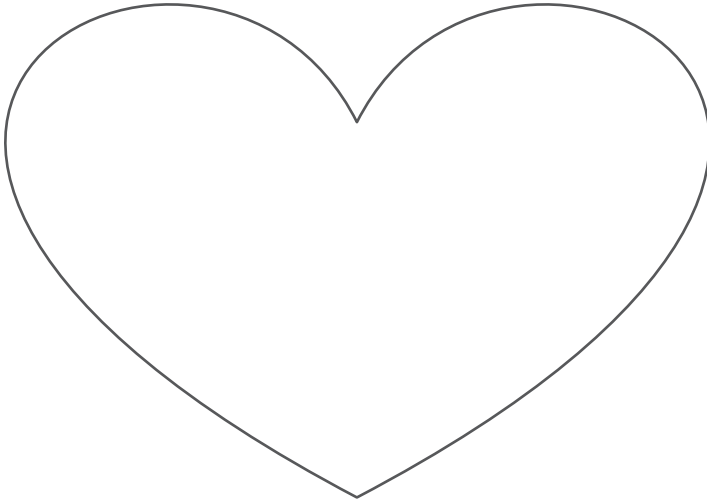
1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 89:1; Titus 3:4-5

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Perak

- **Pray against gangsterism:** Gangsterism is a big problem in Perak, and it is known that gangs are going into schools to influence students into joining them. Pray that God will protect the students and remove the problem of gangsterism from the state.



The Mercy of God: Realign



Can you recall the times when God helped you out of an impossible situation? Write down or draw those times in the heart shape above. When we are going through difficult times, it is sometimes hard to remember that God can deliver us – because He has done it before!

Our country is also facing some serious challenges and problems. Pray that God will have mercy and rescue our country from them.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Kedah

- **Pray for the young people of Kedah:** Many young people in Kedah are exposed to bad things, such as drug abuse and gangsterism, at a very young age. Pray that God will protect the young people of Kedah, and that many will come to know His love for them.



Those Who Seek Mercy

READ Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells of a parable about a Pharisee - teacher of the Jewish law and a tax collector - a sinner in Jesus' day.

Both went to pray. The tax collector sought for God's mercy but the Pharisee praised himself.

Jesus said the prayer of the tax collector was accepted but not the Pharisee. Why was this?

Many times throughout the Bible, God says that those who humble themselves would receive mercy, but those who are proud would not.

Are you praying like the Pharisee or like the sinner?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Selangor

- **Pray for the State Government of Selangor:** That they will govern the state with wisdom and compassion.
- **Pray for churches in Selangor:** That the rich will reach out and share their wealth with the poor.



The Mercy of God: Positioned for Prayer

Our nation needs your help. You can help by praying to God for her. To pray well, you must have the following attitude:

O Lord, let us be broken and contrite in Christ

“If My people who are called by My Name would humble themselves...and turn from their wicked ways.” (2 Chr. 7:14). Let us first acknowledge and confess our faults and come clean before Him.

O Lord, give us peace and confidence in Christ

The problems faced by our nation can be too great for us. Don't let it rob your peace. Keep your eyes on Jesus – He is in the boat with us and He is Lord over the wind and the waves!

O Lord, give us clarity

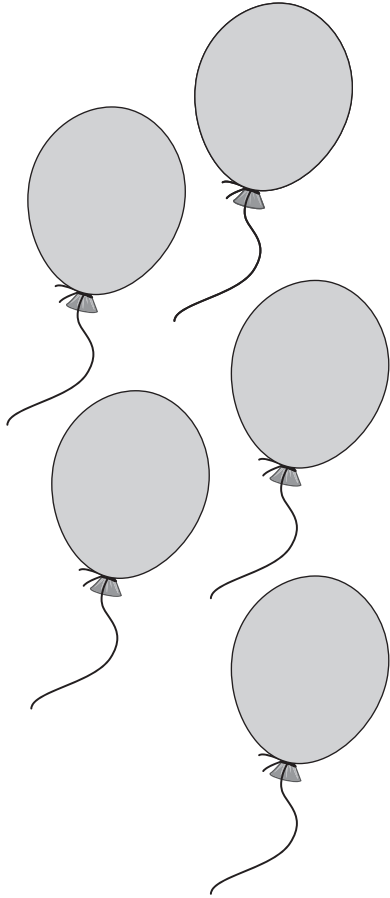
Sometimes we don't know how to pray. Seek the Holy Spirit. He is given to guide us in our prayer. He will help us overcome any confusion and to pray according to God's will.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: KELANTAN

- **Pray for the Church of Kelantan:** Pray the God will visit them and empower them to be a shining light for Jesus in their state – that many others will come to know Him.

Day 15
AUG 21

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice”



Read Matthew 9:9-13

Some religious teachers complained that Jesus was mixing with sinners. They have not understood the heart of God. God cares for the sinner just as much as He cares for us. This is the mercy of God. He doesn't want us to judge and condemn them. Rather He wants us to help them come back to Him. Just as God came and forgave us when we were sinners, we should do the same with those who are far from Him.

In the balloons on this page, write the names of some friends you know who needs God's mercy and forgiveness. It could be someone who has wronged you, or someone who annoys you, or even someone who is in need of a little bit of kindness. Then pray for them.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Terengganu

- **Pray for a heart of compassion:** That will compel the Church of Terengganu to reach out and share the gospel through kindness and love. Pray for the passion of God in the churches to be reignited.



Rebuilding from Ruins

A 'ruin' is a building structure that has been torn down. Take some time to think - which are the areas of this country that are in ruins? Write them down.

Are there also areas in your family or personal life that lie in ruins, and need to be rebuilt?

READ Nehemiah 2

Like Nehemiah who rebuilt the broken walls of Jerusalem, God has called His children in Malaysia to rebuild parts of the country that lie in ruins - both by prayer and physical work.

Pray for the areas that you have written down and ask God to help His children in this nation to rebuild them.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Perlis

- **Pray against human trafficking:** The state of Perlis is next to Thailand where there are many cases of human trafficking - where people are smuggled across the border. These people are often treated very cruelly, and some have even lost their lives. Pray that God will put an end to the human trafficking at the border.



Obeying the Call

Read Nehemiah 1-2

Seeing Jerusalem, his home city, lying in ruins made Nehemiah sad. With its walls torn down, it was easy for the enemies to attack the city.

Nehemiah prayed to God about the problem. When God opened the door, he immediately returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt them.

God is calling His children to be like Nehemiah to rebuild the broken walls of this nation. Will you obey His call by praying for this nation daily?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Negri Sembilan

- **Pray for the state government:** Pray that God will give them the wisdom to develop the state in a responsible way. Pray that He will bless these efforts to develop the state.



Where are you going?

If you have a smartphone, you might have tried using Google Maps to find a place. It can help direct you to your destination when you are lost.

Nehemiah thought his life was to be in the palace. He was the Babylonian king's cupbearer – which was a pretty high and important role. But then God suddenly called him away to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and he obeyed.

Are you willing to put down what you are doing to obey God's call and pray for this nation?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Pahang

- **Pray for the state government:** Pray that they will protect the natural resources in the state. Pray that they will say no to corrupt and greedy developers who want to exploit these resources in an irresponsible way.



Consecrated

Obedying God's call, Nehemiah and God's people in Jerusalem went to work rebuilding the wall. They worked diligently from beginning to the end. They did the work as serving the Lord. As they laboured, God blessed their effort with success.

When you pray for the nation, you are also working for God. As a worker, you must daily surrender yourself to God and to the work. As you do this, God will give you His strength to finish the work and bring His blessing on the nation.

Are you willing to surrender your life to serve God's purpose for this nation?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Sabah

- **Pray for God to protect Sabah's borders:** There have been many cases of kidnappings and militant attacks in recent years.
- **Pray for God to light up the Church of Sabah:** That the gospel will be made known to everyone in the state.



Courage to Contend

READ Nehemiah 4:14

Think about the times you faced discouragement – when someone told you, “you can’t do it”. Did you let that discouragement stop you?

The builders who were building the wall with Nehemiah also faced such a challenge. The work was hard and there were enemies that were threatening to attack them. Nehemiah encouraged them by reminding them that God was able to keep them safe and give them the strength that they needed.

Is there anything discouraging you at the moment? Remember what Nehemiah said. Your God is great and awesome and He is with you. Don’t quit praying for this nation.

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Sarawak

- **Pray that God will bless the state of Sarawak:** That God will send a revival of His Holy Spirit over the state – that every people group will have a fresh encounter with Him.



Prayer Altars: A Spiritual Gateway

God wants us to set up prayer altars. However, we do not need to set up physical altars like the ones you see with the idols and incense. Our altars are our prayer times that we have with God. Every time we pray to God privately, with our family, with the church or with other believers, we are raising an altar to the Lord.

As you worship God and pray, you are raising your altar and God will come and fill His presence in your life, family, church and nation. Your altar is a spiritual door for God to come to earth and rule over it.

How often do you pray privately, as a family or at your church prayer meeting?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur

- **Pray for the urban poor in Kuala Lumpur:** There are many poor people struggling to survive in Kuala Lumpur. Some of them are homeless and sleep on the dangerous and dirty sidewalks at night. Ask God to help the government to find ways to help them.



Holy and Unholy Altars

When we worship God and pray, we draw God's presence to earth and fill it with God's light. In the same way, when those that don't belong to God pray at their altars, it will bring Satan's presence on earth and his darkness.

Unholy altars are altars that don't belong to God. There are many unholy altars in our nation. What happens when God's people do not pray? The land will be filled with darkness, death and destruction through the unholy altars in the land.

This happened to Lot, Abraham's nephew. He failed to pray and seek God while living in Sodom and Gomorrah. He didn't raise any prayer altar like his uncle Abraham. Sodom and Gomorrah became a wicked city. Because of their wickedness, God destroyed that city.

Is your lack of prayer helping Satan fill this nation with darkness?

PRAY for the States of Malaysia: Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan

- **Pray for Church of Labuan:** That God will help it to be a light in the darkness, and a safe refuge for those in need. Pray for the church of Labuan to build prayer altars and take back the state for God's kingdom.



Prayer Altars: The Presence of God

What is the purpose of a prayer altar? Is it just for asking God the things that we need or want? Or is there more to it?

God is not a Santa Claus – just to give the things that we want. God wants to live in us. The Bible says that our body is the home for His Spirit. When He lives in us, His presence will answer our need, produce our miracles and change our world.

Therefore, when you come to your altar, your desire should be for Him and His presence. As you worship and seek Him, He will draw near to you and make you His home.

PRAY for the states of Malaysia: Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya

- **Pray for those in the government department:**
For godly men and women to be placed there. To bless and protect those who are working there.



Prayer Altars: The Place of Sacrifice and Worship

READ Romans 12:1-2

The prayer altar is your place to find God's presence. It is also a place to offer your worship to God. You cannot worship God without offering a sacrifice to Him. He is God and deserves your worship.

In the Old Testament the Temple Priest would offer animal sacrifices on it. Today, we no longer offer animal sacrifices. The offering that God desires of you is to be a living sacrifice for Him. It means, to live your life for His purpose and will.

Have you offered your all as a worship sacrifice to Him?

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Malays

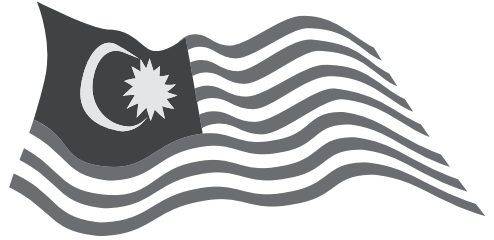
- **Pray that God will bless, protect and prosper the Malays:** They are the majority people group in Malaysia. Pray especially for those who live in rural areas – that parents will know how important education is, and encourage their children to study hard.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



Prayer Altars: Building Church Altars

Read Acts 2:42-47

The Church during Peter's time did not focus much on activities. They did not have Games Day or Youth Rallies. Rather they focused on raising daily prayer altars to God.



There are personal prayer altars and family prayer altars but the church prayer altar is the most important altar. It is where members of the church can come and ignite the fires for their own personal prayer altar. When the church focuses on raising its prayer altar, it will cause the church to grow to love God more and more, and teach them to raise their own prayer personal altars.

Selamat Hari Merdeka! As we celebrate our country's Independence Day, let's pray for Christians to set up prayer altars all over Malaysia, so that God's presence will fill our country and truly set it free.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Chinese

- **Pray that God will bless, protect and prosper the Chinese community:** Pray that the Chinese will not allow culture to stand in the way of receiving the gospel.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



The Voice of God: Know, Listen, Follow

Read John 10

Have you ever gotten lost in a shopping mall when you were small? One minute you are holding your parent's hand, and the next thing you know, you're holding hands with a complete stranger. You look around but your parent is nowhere to be found!

Then you hear a familiar voice calling you, and you know that voice belongs to your mom or dad because you recognize it. You hear it every day. You follow that voice, and you're not lost anymore.

Jesus said that He is the good shepherd, and His sheep know His voice. They know it because they hear it every day, they know what it sounds like. Even if they wander away, they won't be lost when the Shepherd calls because they can follow His voice to safety.

Have you spent enough time with God to be able to recognise His voice?

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Indians and Sikhs

- **Pray that God will bless, protect and prosper the Indian and Sikh community:** Pray that they will not allow culture to stand in the way of receiving the gospel.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



The Voice of God: Being Sensitive to His Voice

Read Acts 16

PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS were going from town to town to share the gospel. Churches were being strengthened and grew in great numbers. Upon reaching the Roman province of Mysia the Holy Spirit stopped them from going eastward. So they went west instead.

Paul and his companions were always listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, the Spirit led them to the people that were open to the gospel.

Do you seek God's guidance when making important decisions?

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Peranakan/ Baba Nyonya

- **Pray that the Baba Nyonya will not hold on to godless superstition and rituals:** Pray that many will encounter God and through His Holy Spirit they will be set free.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



The Voice of God : Clear and Definitive

Read Matthew 2:12-23

Joseph had been warned that his new-born child, Jesus, was in danger. So Joseph packed up his family and escaped to Egypt.

Years later, the Lord spoke to him again – King Herod was now dead, and it was now safe to return to Israel. But in yet another dream, God warned Joseph not to go to Judea, and they went to Nazareth instead.

When God speaks, He always enables us to understand what He is saying. He never confuses us, but always speaks clearly. Joseph's story is an example of how God wants to show us clearly what to do in a confusing situation.

Are you lost? Do you need a clear word from God? Let God speak to you.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Chitty

- **Pray that God will bless, protect and prosper the Chitty community:** Pray that many will encounter God and give their lives to Him, and bring His salvation to the rest of the community.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



The Voice of God: Still and Quiet

Read 1 Kings 19:9-18

Elijah the prophet was going through a terrible time. He was running away from the wicked Jezebel, who wanted to kill him. After 40 days of running through the wilderness all by himself, he arrived at Mt. Horeb – the mountain of God – and hid himself in a cave. The Lord then told Elijah to come out of the cave and stand on the mountain, for He was about to pass by.

First, the Lord sent a great and powerful wind, followed by an earthquake and after that, a fire. But the Lord was in neither of these. Instead, He spoke to Elijah, in a still and quiet voice. It represented the kindness of God. At Mt. Carmel, God had spoken through fire. But this time, He knew that Elijah's wounded soul needed to hear His gentle and kind voice.

Are you discouraged? Are you sad? Come to Him and let Him encourage you with His still and gentle voice. Your soul will be revived and strengthened.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: the Orang Asli of West Malaysia

- **Pray that God will protect the Orang Asli:** They have lived in Malaysia longer than any other people group, yet their land is being taken away by greedy developers. Pray that God will not allow this to go on, pray that more Orang Asli will be represented in government.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



The Voice of God: Heeding the Stern Voice of God

God loves you. Because He loves you, He would sometimes warn you of punishment if you don't repent and change. It is like how your parent would warn you, "if you don't stop, I'm going to punish you".

God warned King Nebuchadnezzar that if he did not humble himself and acknowledge who God is, he would lose his mind. But the king was stubborn and refused to obey God.

Even if God punishes you, He still loves you. Just like a good parent, He will never leave or forsake you.

Is God giving you a warning? Quickly repent and obey Him.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Portugese descents/Kristang

- **Pray that God will bless, protect and prosper the Kristang community:** Many claim to be Christians or Catholics, pray for a revival of faith in this community - for fresh encounters with the Lord, that each member will have renewed passion for the gospel, and zeal to live their lives for Jesus.
- **Pray for racial harmony** among all people groups in Malaysia.



Revival in Our Land

In 1973 and 1984, two revivals took place in Sarawak – the Bario Revival and the Ba’Kelalan revival. As a result of these revivals, two generations were transformed, and many went on to do great things in Malaysia for the Lord.

During the revivals, miracles happened very regularly – water turned into cooking oil, rice turned into flour. There were fireballs in the sky and angels came to visit. Many people repented of their sins and were saved.

It has been a long time since our nation Malaysia saw a revival, and we really need one. Let us pray and ask God to forgive our sins, let us turn away from our wicked ways, so that He will hear our cries from heaven and heal our land.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Dayak

- **Pray for the Dayaks:** That God will bless, protect and prosper them
- **Pray for Dayaks in government:** That God will place righteous Dayak men and women in positions of governance and authority, who will work to protect their people, as well as their homeland and its resources.
- **Pray for the Dayak’s faith:** That God will loose the chains of animistic beliefs among them, that they may know the freedom Christ has bought for them through the cross.



New Testament Revival

READ Acts 2

It was the Feast of Pentecost. Many people were gathered in Jerusalem. Up in a small cramped room in the city, the Holy Spirit fell upon 120 disciples who had been praying faithfully. What looked like tongues of fire rested on them and they began to praise God in other languages, startling the crowds. Peter stood and told the crowd about Jesus. Three thousand believed and were baptized. The church continued to grow as they gathered and prayed. God's power was manifested among them and many glorified God.

However, in every revival, there will always be persecution. People will oppose and make life hard for us. If we seek revival, we must prepare for hardship. For revival will not only strengthen us but will also put our faithfulness to the test. Are you ready for such a revival?

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Iban

- **Pray for young Christian Ibans:** That they will only marry god-fearing Christians. That they would be strong in their faith to build families that would serve the Lord.
- **Pray for city Ibans:** Those who have achieved success in the big cities, that they will not forget their people, but work towards helping the young people in their communities.



God's Glory in Revival

Moses saw the glory of God at the burning bush in the desert.

God revealed His glory to the Israelites in the form of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night when they left Egypt.

God revealed the weight of His glory when His presence fell on the temple built by King Solomon, and the priests could not enter in it.

When the prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the glory of the Holy God, his own righteousness looked like filth in contrast.

This same glory lives in you. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit. His presence will transform you and everything around you. Through Him you can experience and bring revival.

Are you treasuring God's glory in you?

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Bidayuh

- **Pray for Bidayuhs in the state government:** To have a fear of God and exercise their influence and authority with wisdom.
- **Pray for their families:** That God will bless and protect them and that parents will realise the importance of progress and education.



The Effects of Revival

When revival comes, people are set free to live to please God and worship Him. Miracles happen, changes take place, the sick are healed and our enemies defeated.

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat was in battle. The enemy had attacked Israel, and they were winning. When King Jehoshaphat instructed his men to sing praises to God and worship Him, God fought their battle and defeated their enemies.

Paul and Silas sang hymns to God when they were locked in a dungeon. Suddenly, an earthquake forced open their prison doors.

As we pray for our nation, let us worship the King of Kings. He is the one who fights our battles for us, and defeats the most powerful enemies.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Orang Ulu

- **Pray that Orang Ulu families:** For God to bless and protect. That their parents will realise the importance of progress and education as an important key against exploitation.
- **Pray for fair and equal education and work opportunities:** Especially in the rural areas.



After the Revival

Pastor Philip first visited Bario in 1993. It was there that revival broke out in 1973. Each morning they gathered at 5am for dawn prayers. Later, he was shown the school and the classroom where the fire of God first fell. The revival turned the mediocre students there into excellent ones. Many of them hold top influential positions in the country today.

In 2011, Pastor Philip visited Bario again. The spiritual climate had changed since then. The students of 1973 were now the elders of Bario but two generations had arisen that never experienced revival. Many of these young people were now spiritually dry. Some had left to work in the cities and many have backslidden.

Revival is vital but it is not the answer to everything. The church must rise up and disciple each generation to walk in personal revival as well, and to pray.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Kadazandusun

- **Pray for equality in raising education levels and employment:** To lift the standard of living for the Kadazandusun. Greater efforts would be made to reach out to those living in the interior areas without any group being side-lined.
- **Pray for a personal encounter with Jesus:** To follow him wholeheartedly. The local groups would constantly encourage one another in their faith and be intentional about breaking spiritual bondage and old practices.



When Revival Comes: He Will Speak Peace

Revival is a time when God accepts our repentance and change of heart. He forgives our sins and receives us with His love. He speaks His words of love, comfort, encouragement and blessings to us. The old is forgotten and a fresh start begins.

Nothing can be compared when we are at peace with God. When we find peace with God, we will find peace in us.

In such moments, let us not return to our stubborn ways to provoke Him to anger again. Instead let us be thankful and grateful. Let us appreciate His love and tender voice. Let us believe His promise and obey His commandments. Let us seek revival by being at peace with God.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Bajau Laut

- The Bajau Laut are known as the “sea gypsies”. They spend most of their lives on boats and depend on the ocean for their livelihood. While some Bajau villages are located within Malaysian borders, many are stateless, and have no legal identification or formal education.
- **Pray for the Bajau Laut:** To experience the love of Jesus, to know that they are His children, their identities are found in Him, and that they have an eternal citizenship in heaven.
- **Pray for the Malaysian government:** To take more effective initiatives to recognise this community, protect them, and allow their children to attend local schools.



When Revival Comes: Glory Will Dwell In the Land

Before the fall of Jerusalem, God showed the prophet Ezekiel a vision of His glory leaving the land. It was the glory of God that had kept Jerusalem safe from her enemies. When the glory of God left, Jerusalem was destroyed.

The glory of God is God's Presence. Where the Presence of God is, there is peace and liberty. It is the glory of God which helps us and our nation to be successful and fruitful. Without His glory, we will miss our best.

We must be careful not to drive the glory of God away from our lives by stubbornly holding on to our sin. Instead let us desire and seek Him that He may abide in us and among us.

Let us seek revival by seeking His glory.

PRAY for the People Groups of Malaysia: Murut

- **Pray that God will bless and protect the Murut people:** that He will send revival among them and prosper them.
- **Pray for those who leave their villages to seek better opportunities in the larger cities:** That they will safeguard their salvation and allow God to use them to bless others and share the gospel.



When Revival Comes: Truth will Spring Up

When revival happens, truth will be honoured and lies will be despised. Liars will repent and lying will be rejected. Satan will no longer be able to deceive, and darkness will be cast away.

When revival breaks out, the Bible will be accepted and its message shared to all. It will prosper because it is the Truth.

When revival breaks out, the servants of God will be honoured. They are honoured because they preach the Truth. Every time they preach the Truth, many will be set free.

When revival breaks out, our Lord Jesus Christ will be exalted and worshipped. People will finally know Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Lasting freedom and life will be theirs.

Let seek revival by living in Truth.

PRAY for Malaysia: The Economy

- **Pray for Bank Negara, banks and financial institutions:** For wisdom to look what God has given us, pray against misappropriation and plundering.
- **Pray for families:** Many are worried about the future economic security of the nation, for the sake of their children.
- **Pray for God's strength and protection:** That the nation weathers through economic cycles.



When Revival Comes: Righteousness Will Rain Down

To be righteous means to live according to God's moral standards. In revival, people will live by God's standards. God's standards are found in the Bible. People will repent from evil lifestyles and follow God's ways.

He will give them a new heart and a new desire. They will begin to desire for what is right and hate that which is wrong.

Violence will cease and corruption will end. The nation will be filled with peace and joy.

Let us seek revival by keeping God's standards.

PRAY for Malaysia: The Judiciary and Legal System

- **Pray for complete independence of the judiciary:** For everyday decisions of the Courts to be fair, just and righteous.
- **Pray that the judiciary will be beyond corruption:** They cannot be "bought", they will stand up to refuse any bribes or favours.
- **Pray for godly and righteous judges, court officers and lawyers:** For young Christian lawyers to be Kingdom-minded and to place righteousness and justice above and beyond anything else.



When Revival Comes: The Land shall Increase Her Yield

When revival comes, it's the beginning of a fruitful season. Just as spring breathes new life to the earth, revival breaks the winter of darkness and brings the warm presence of God upon the earth.

The presence of God, like sunshine, will cause the earth to be alive and fruitful. Plants will produce fruits and animals will reproduce after their own kind. The earth will yield her increase.

Prayers will begin to be answered. Hearts will turn to the Lord. The church will overflow with saints and the streets void of crime. Every work will begin to prosper and every need will be met. Every potential realized and every destiny unveiled.

This is what Malaysia needs. Let's pray to God to revive Malaysia!

PRAY for Malaysia: The Church of Malaysia

- **Pray and ask God to have mercy on the Church of Malaysia:** To teach us to repent from our wicked ways, teach us to build our prayer altars and light our fires again that we may see revival in our land.

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