

Newness in Christ

Christ has risen! What left is only the wrapping cloth and the strips of linen lying in the tomb (Jn. 20:3-7). Linen is valuable (cf. Ex. 39:27-29; 2 Sam. 6:14; Est. 8:15), but the Risen Christ left it in the tomb! The resurrection of Jesus Christ signifies that the old paradigm has indeed passed, and the new has begun. We live in the new paradigm when we embrace His resurrection and salvation.

As such, let us continue to experience Christ's newness as we pray along this Easter season.

Praying for ourselves and our family

1. Pray for determination to die and rise up with Christ. Let not sin reign in our lives but offer ourselves as instruments of God's righteousness (Rom. 6:4-14; Eph. 4:20-24).
2. Pray that the Risen Lord will show us what is truly valuable in our temporal journey on earth and live accordingly.

Praying for His church

1. Pray that our local churches would embrace and live in Christ's newness that His Church will truly be His Church.
2. Pray for the General Conference (20-23/09; Episcopal election and Discipline reviews) and all Annual Conferences (25/10-27/11; Presidential election, elections of lay leaders and all Boards' members).
3. Pray for all the General Conference & Annual Conferences local & overseas discipling & outreach/missional initiatives, such as the building of the Wesley Methodist School Penang [International] which has just begun.
4. Pray for the preparation and registration for the Methodist School of Intercessors (MSI; www.methodistchurch.org.my).

Praying for our nation

1. Pray that God will bring His newness into our land, Malaysia, especially into our national political, economic and educational arenas.
2. Pray that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be more stringent in issuing the UNHCR card. Pray also that they will work with our national authorities, eg. Foreign Ministry Affairs, National Security Council, Immigration Department, and PDRM, in curbing the card fraud and the syndicates behind.
3. Pray for the Sarawak state election. Pray for leaders with integrity to be nominated and elected in the coming election, so that God's will and purpose for this state as well as for our nation shall be fulfilled.
4. Pray for the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), that they will uphold freedom in the social media space.