

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. Hudud Law

- a. During the last parliamentary sitting, PAS MP for Marang YB Dato' Seri Hadi Awang's Private Member's Bill was permitted to be tabled for debate. The Private Member's Bill seeks to primarily remove safeguards which we refer to as the "3-6-5 Safeguards" from the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965, otherwise known as Act 355. As mentioned by Kelantan Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Mohd Amar, the Bill tabled recently seeks to elevate and streamline the powers of the country's entire Syariah justice system in the whole of Malaysia, with the plan to control the Syariah courts, not just for Kelantan but for the whole country.
- b. Pray against covert plans to implement Syariah law via the various state administrations with the intention to eventually Islamise the Federal Constitution and harmonise all laws under hudud.
- c. Pray for righteous men and women in the Parliament and Government to speak up for justice and uphold human rights. Pray in advance for the next Parliamentary Sitting in October, where the PAS Private Members Bill will be potentially tabled and debated, for God's intervention.
- d. Pray for Muslims and non-Muslims alike, that each will be aware of the potential consequences of such bills and not to be confused by people wishing to use religion for their own political gain. Pray that God will bring about a widespread response against the implementation of Hudud, and that God will grant even the Royalty to speak up. Pray that Malaysia will remain a nation where the Freedom of Religion is upheld.

2. 1MDB

- a. Following the recent developments on 1MDB, pray for justice in the nation and for truth to continue to be revealed with regard to the mismanagement of funds in the various government sectors, and for recovery of missing funds. Pray that God will work through national and international agencies, mounting the necessary pressure and bringing about the whole truth of the matter, that justice may prevail in our land

- b. Pray for righteous leaders who are full of integrity to be raised up and for accountability of elected leaders to support legislation that reflects truth, justice and mercy. Pray for a quick and just resolution to this issue.

3. That God Will Reign Sovereign As Malaysia Enters A Time Of Great Shaking

- a. Pray that as the nation enters a time of great shaking, that God will overrule in every situation in the nation. In line with 2 Corinthians 10:4, which says 'For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but have divine power to destroy strongholds,' let us pray that every dark force of evil and disunity in the nation be bound in the name of Jesus.
- b. Given the latest revelations over the IMDB and all the other difficulties we are experiencing, pray that God will overrule in the midst of all the uncertainties and politicking behind the scenes. Let us ask God, in spite of all these, to bring to past His sovereign purposes so that righteousness and peace will prevail in our nation.

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. Following reports of shooting and crime, pray for security and safety in the nation, against crime and gang fighting. Pray for protection over Malaysia's borders. Pray for improved coordination between the police, army, coastguards and navy in their defence of the waters and borders of Sabah and against any form of compromise by these armed forces.

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