

PRAYERUNITED

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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. October Parliamentary Sitting

- a. The 3rd meeting of the 4th Session of the Thirteenth Parliament 2016 began 17th October. The house of representative will meet for 6 weeks (25 days) till 25th November while the senate will meet for 3 weeks (10 days) from 5th November to 21 December.
- b. **PAS MP for Marang YB Dato' Seri Hadi Awang's Private Member's Bill.**
 - i. This was permitted to be tabled for debate during the last parliamentary sitting and 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. 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.
 - ii. Pray for exposure of any form of manipulation and trickery, that every stronghold of the enemy will be brought down and bow before the Lordship of Christ. Pray that there will be no last minute introduction of bills and that the church will be watchful at all times and the MP's alert. Pray for greater synergy between godly leaders. Pray for continuous pressure against the implementation of any oppressive laws whichever form they take.
 - iii. As the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Jamil Khir has indicated the intentions of the federal government of expanding Syariah jurisdiction 'beyond political ploy to religious ideology', we know the battle is far from over. Let us press in for continuous freedom of Religion in the nation, that the Federal Constitution will continue to stand, with Malaysia as a secular state as agreed by our forefathers. Let us remember that salvation comes from God, placing our trust in Him and not getting misled or manipulated by political play. (Psalms 20:7). Pray for righteous MPs, especially those in Sabah and Sarawak. Pray for all who are being persuaded, tempted or threatened to compromise, that they will all stand with the right conviction.

c. Budget 2017 debate

- i. It is noted that a significant chunk of the budget continues to be set aside for supporting Islamic Institutions and advancing the Islamisation agenda in the country. Pray that the church at large will be prepared against every effort to weaken its life and ministry and diligently watch over its members to prevent them from being drawn away. Pray that Christians will be “prepared in season or out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2), always putting “on the full armour of God” (Ephesians 6:10-20).

2. BERSIH rally scheduled on November 19

- a. We remember the grace and mercy God showed us during the peaceful BERSIH 4.0 rally and we seek His protection over BERSIH 5.0. In light of all the plans of trouble stirrers, pray for everyone involved in the rally: participants, media and organisers alike, for peace and protection throughout the gathering as well as before and after. Pray for exposure of any attempts to stir up trouble and inciters justly dealt with. Pray that all plots to disrupt or demonize will fail, that the objectives will not be hijacked. Pray for peace, harmony and unity for the common good will be displayed throughout the event.
- b. In light of the death threats targeted at various organisers and activists, pray for the protection of all involved, regardless of their political standing. Pray for law enforcers, that they will protect those under threats and maintain peace and order, acting without partiality.

3. Protection Against Threats Of Terrorism And Insurgency

- a. Continue to 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. Pray that all attempts at terrorism will be exposed through God’s Sovereign action.

4. 1MDB

- a. 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.

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