

## *Praying through in the midst of darkness*

Our eyes see darkness...and we may lost heart in continuing to pray and watch. But, we may have forgotten that darkness is part of creation and is made by God to serve His own purposes. God, who is light, was in the thick darkness when Moses drew near to Him (Ex. 20:21). In the darkness, God is revealed (1<sup>st</sup> Kg 8:12-13, 9:1-9).

The darkness is not dark for God see the night is bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to Him (Psalm 139:12). He is able to see through the thickest darkness and is never blinded by the darkness on earth.

In view of the above, what then should we pray as we journey forward in 2016?

### **Prayer for ourselves**

1. Pray for humility that we understand the fact that we who have physical eyes have no advantage over the blind when it comes to seeing God. We may not see what God see.
2. Pray that our souls will continue be enlightened by grace, staying focus in our listening to God, and keeping alert in our ministries of praying-watching for our nation.

### **Prayer for His Church**

1. Pray for the Malaysian Church, especially our MCM, to have a deep awareness of God's divine transcendence and incomprehensibility. This will help us to grow as a God fearing Church with humility and holiness as marks.
2. Pray that MCM will continue after God's heart, stay focus in growing disciples that all His people called Methodists will engage actively in works of piety, works of mercy, evangelism, and social justice in our community and our nation.

### **Prayer for Our Land**

1. Pray that God will continue to shine upon our land that even there is darkness, such darkness will become luminous darkness that we see God's heart and God's hand.
2. Pray for the rulers, the cabinet, all parliament members, and civil servants that they will use their positional leadership to advance righteousness, peace and stability in this land. Pray particularly for Christians MPs, leaders and others in positions of influence, that they will have the wisdom and courage to stand up for integrity. Pray that they will find grace to stand up for justice and act for the common good of all people.