

## **Week 1: Racial Harmony, Migrants and Refugees**

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that He has placed us in Malaysia, which is a melting pot of different cultures, ethnicity and nationalities. We should always be reminded that we are put in this land for such a time as this (Esther 4:14).

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 140:12

### **Prayer Points:**

- (1) During Chinese New Year, Christians will bear the light of Christ to the homes they are visiting.
- (2) God's protection be upon those who are returning to hometowns for the festival.
- (3) God will destroy barriers to racial harmony. Races will come together to live in peace.
- (4) Pray for those who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, war and violence. Pray that they may find God in all His glory through the love of the Christian community for them.
- (5) Protection of young girls and children from traffickers, and that justice to be meted out against traffickers.

*Meditate:*

*Somebody near you is hungry and cold;*

*Send him some aid today.*

*Somebody near you is feeble and old,*

*Left without human stay.*

*Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;*

*Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;*

*Haste to do something to help him along*

*Over to his weary way.*

--Mrs E. E. William.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Father, thank you for this land we have put us in. Though we are different, we are all created by You in Your likeness. We ask that You will unite us--- the people of this land, together. We pray for grace to live together in harmony and Your inspiration to find ways to live in peace with one another. We also pray for courage and love to carry out these commitments with joy. Unite the Christians and the churches together too, so that You will be glorified. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

## **Week 2: Youths and Children**

**Adoration:** Praise the Lord for the blessings of the next generation (Genesis 1:28). May we be faithful in bringing up a generation that will fear the Lord.

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 68:5

### **Prayer Points:**

- (1) More Christians will rise up to be strategic thinkers for the future of children and youth, including the neglected communities, to be a voice for abused, neglected or forgotten children and youth.
- (2) Social justice for all children, including migrant children, that they will be given full access to education, healthcare and housing, regardless of citizenship, race, faith, gender or community.
- (3) Pray for young people and children suffering from disintegration of the family unit, poverty, ill health, poor nutrition, and bad influence from media and peers.
- (4) Pray that every child and youth in the nation will have a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have a life-changing encounter of knowing Him.
- (5) Pray that the church will be active and intentional in preparing them to be transformational leaders for this generation.

**Meditate:** In what ways can I bless a youth or a child?

*“Has someone seen Christ in you today?”*

*Christian, look to your heart, I pray;*

*The little things you have done or said---*

*Did they accord with the way you prayed?*

*Have your thoughts been pure and words been kind?*

*Have you sought to have the Saviour’s mind?*

*The world with a criticizing view*

*Has watched, but did it see Christ in you?”*

### **Closing Prayer:**

Lord, may Your people honour Your name, so that Your will be done without hindrances. May our leaders fear You because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. May the churches in Malaysia arise and shine. Let your gospel be preached throughout the whole nation so that Your name be glorified in Malaysia. Lord, heal this land so that the people and all creations in this land will praise You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### **Week 3: Media**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 40:8

**Adoration:** Thank God for being a God who communicates with His creation---through Scriptures, through creation, through sending His Son, the Living Word, and the many different ways He speaks to us today.

Media includes newspaper, television, radio and the internet. Our generation is the one gifted with the advancement of media and technology. Because of this, the church is able to use these tools to communicate to the society. Church seekers are also locating churches as well as looking for Gospel related materials via the media.

#### **Prayer Points:**

- (1) Thank God for writers, producers, broadcasters and journalists working in the media--- for their abilities, skills and for all who seek after the truth.
- (2) Truth to be reported and disseminated. Media and journalists to uphold ethical, professional and truthful reporting. Our media would be characterised by wisdom and integrity.
- (3) Christian to recognise the power of media and to penetrate and serve through this sphere of influence. Funding and development of Christian production house, producers and artists and for Christian movies and programmes.
- (4) Ask God to raise up godly men and women journalists and in the media line who will champion the powerless and seek truth and justice.
- (5) Christians will use media wisely and faithfully to share the Gospel.
- (6) Pray for yourself, your church, your community and our nation to be wise consumers of information and opinion.

**Meditate:** How have I been using social media?

#### **Closing Prayer:**

God who spoke the world into being and communicates with us still today; we give you thanks for writers, producers, broadcasters and journalists, and all who work in the media. We thank you for their creative skills and technical abilities, and their persistence in seeking after truth. We ask that they may have wisdom, integrity, insight and judgement in their work. May they be a voice for the powerless, a challenge to the powerful; bringers of knowledge and clarity to an uncertain and confused world. Help them to reach for the highest professional standards, especially when budgets are stretched, time is tight, and competition increasing. May they resist the temptation to prejudice or cut corners. Help us, who read, watch, listen and contribute to the media, to play our part by being wise and discerning, so that truth and beauty will be the hallmarks of our media. We offer these prayers in the Name of the One who brought the Good News, declared Himself as the Truth, and gave Himself for a world in need, Amen.

## **Week 4: Family**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 127:3-5

**Adoration:** Praise the Lord for a family, as well as a church family. Thank God that through Jesus Christ, we are a part of the family of God.

Prayer for families is the foundation that keeps a family unit together. When a family prays together, Jesus will be the foundation of the family, and when challenges come, it will not be easily shaken. The family is a small church and our ministry first starts at home (1 Tim 3:5).

Managing your family is caring for each member, teaching them God's ways, leading them to grow in the Lord, and equipping them for adult life. A family who prays together will have a heart of prayer for the world.

### **Prayer Points:**

- (1) Head of the households to take the lead in spiritual matters and contribute to the spiritual development of the family.
- (2) The Church to be a supportive and safe space for people to learn about biblical parenting.
- (3) Pray for strong marriages: marital relationships to be deepened and strengthened and Christian couples will be an example of stable and loving marriages.
- (4) Parents to place high priority on their families and equip themselves with biblical teachings on parenting so that they are able to raise the children in the fear of the Lord.
- (5) God's strength and grace on single-parent families, as well as for families experiencing grief over the loss of loved ones.

**Meditate:** How can I be a better witness for Christ at home?

*"Happy the home when God is there*

*And love fills every breast;*

*When one their wish, and one their prayer,*

*And one in their heavenly rest.*

*Happy the home where Jesus' name*

*Is sweet to every ear;*

*When children early lisp His fame,*

*And parents hold Him dear.*

*Happy the home where prayer is heard,*

*And praise is wont to rise;*

*Where parents love the Sacred Word,*

*And live but for the skies."*

### **Closing Prayer:**

Lord, thank you for the institution of marriage You have made sacred. I pray against domestic violence and the unfaithfulness in marriage. Instill the right perspective and priority of marriage and family into the hearts of the husband and wife so that with Your help, they are able to build their family according to Your heartbeat. I also pray that the church will be active in giving guidance in raising godly families. I also pray for families which are finding it difficult to love one another, that Your peace and love will bring reconciliation and love among them. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.