

# 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 values especially the Parliament, State Assemblies, the Judiciary and the Civil Service.
- **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:

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### 1. Retirement Of the Central Bank Governor And the Auditor-General

- a. Let us pray that the appointees to replace these two well respected civil servants will be men and women of calibre who are godly, bold, clean and upright. Let us pray for the independence of such important institutions. Pray that the government will protect such pillar organisations from being undermined, and to stem further loss of investor and business confidence in a weakening economy.

### 2. Sarawak State Elections

- a. The outcome of the election is vital for the preservation and upholding of the rights of the people of Sarawak according to the Malaysian Agreement. It is important to see that new leaders elected will uphold justice, truth and righteousness, and defend the state against unhelpful interference from the Federal Government.
- b. In the run-up to the state elections, most likely due in April 2016, let us pray that only upright, incorruptible and good candidates will be nominated and elected who will uphold the rights of all races. Pray against the nomination of extremists, those inciting hatred and stir racial divides.
- c. Pray for clean elections, and against the use of money to bribe voters. Pray for all election officials, including polling and counting agents, to serve with honesty and integrity.

### 3. 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. Pray for the Muslim youth, that they will be protected from being radicalised by extremist ideologies taking them captive through hate, fear, disillusionment, enticement and a wrong theological interpretation of their faith.

### 4. Conversion Case: Rooney Anak Rebit

- a. Sarawakian Rooney was born a Christian but was converted to Islam when his parents converted when he was eight (8) years old. He has filed a judicial review and seeks reliefs: that he is a Christian, and to have Islam dropped from his identity card. Rooney was granted a letter of release, but the National Registration Department (JPN) insisted that he should get an order from the Syariah Court instead of the High Court.

b. The High Court of Kuching has directed parties to exchange submissions and the decision is fixed on 24 March 2016. In this landmark case, pray that the High Court will continue to be deemed the correct avenue for matters pertaining to conversions out of Islam in Malaysia. Pray that administrative rules will not triumph over the fundamental liberty of its citizens which is guaranteed under Article 11 of the Federal Constitution. Pray for the Federal agency of the National Registration Department to recognise Rooney's rights to convert out of Islam and make subsequent changes to his records. Pray for godly counsel, and righteous judges.

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