

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. New Sarawak State Cabinet

- a. The newly elected Sarawak State Cabinet was announced May 13, 2016 with 10 cabinet ministers including 3 deputy ministers assisting the Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem who also named himself as finance minister and minister of resource planning and environment.
- b. Pray for the new Sarawak State Cabinet under the leadership of Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem. Pray that the men and women chosen will be people of integrity, who will not succumb to bribery of money politics and who will safeguard the rights of the people of Sarawak in terms of autonomy and freedom of religion. Pray for God's redemption and against unhelpful interference from the Federal Government.
- c. Pray for continued constitutional safeguards with respect to the religious freedom which was agreed upon during the formation of Malaysia in 1963. As two thirds of the people of Sarawak are non-Muslim, pray that following from the Roneey Rebit's case, that the promise to look into all such cases to be dealt with fairly will be fulfilled.

2. Media and online media freedom

- a. Pray for the media space that those working in the media will uphold their professional ethics and integrity to report truth. Pray that the government will ensure that all its laws, existing and future, fully respect freedom of expression, including the free flow of ideas on the internet.
- b. Pray especially for laws that encompass the media space especially the Communication and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA) and Official Secrets Act (OSA). Amendments to the CMA is expected to be tabled at the current parliamentary sitting. Pray that the government will take heed to the voices of various human rights organisation. Pray for a prevention of the effect of further stifling freedom of speech online through the means of (a) regulating online content; (b) licensing and registration requirements for news providers and bloggers; (c) additional enforcement powers; (d) widening the range of offences; and (e) imposing stiffer fines and harsher penalties for existing offences.

3. Parliamentary sitting

- a. The 2nd Meeting of the 4th Session of Thirteenth Parliament 2016 began 16th of May, the House of Representatives (Dewan Rakyat) will sit for 8 days till 26th May while the Senate (Dewan Negara) will sit for 6 days from the 13th of June to the 21st of June.
- b. Pray for each bill and each amendment being debated, that God will hold back the passing of bills that suppress and restrict the rights of the public. Pray for all Members of Parliament that they will debate, decide and vote with the welfare of the people in mind and heart and for parliamentary democracy to be upheld.
- c. Pray for justice in the nation and for truth to be revealed with regard to the mismanagement of funds in the various government sectors, and for recovery of any missing funds.

4. 1MDB and Economy of the Nation

- a. Pray for 1MDB, pray for a quick and just resolution. As the authorities from various parts of the world such as Singapore and Switzerland investigate and consider criminal action against money laundering and violations of banking and compliance rules, we pray that the Malaysia authorities will look into taking the necessary action to bring appropriate actions without fear or favour.
- b. Given that 1MDB bonds have defaulted on their coupon payments, and that the Ministry of Finance has announced taking on 1MDB debts under the government, this could further weigh down the debt situation of the nation, creating contingent liabilities; all these issues will hurt our sovereign rating and lead to downgrading. Pray for wisdom for the Ministry of Finance as they navigate difficult waters.

5. 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.

6. Pray for Muslims over Ramadan

Pray for peace and protection for all especially the Muslims in our nation throughout the month of Ramadan. Pray for understanding, tolerance and love between races and religions, and that in all engagement between groups, God

will be lifted up. Pray for an increase in prayer for the Muslim world and for a growing love for them.

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