

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Intercessors,

As we enter the month of October, we give thanks for the many prayer gatherings held on 16th September 2015. Thank God for His protection and for all who participated in all the combined prayer gatherings across the nation, including Miri, Sibü, Kuching and Klang Valley.



While we continue to see the need for fervent, corporate, unceasing prayer for the nation, we also acknowledge the need for holiness in our personal lives and in our dealings, the need to seek God's face, *'to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness'* **Matthew 6:33** Let us thus pray for a deepening and maturing of faith, and a growing in wisdom and holiness.

A. KEY EVENTS

No.	Event	Date	Highlights
1.	Parliamentary Sitting	19 th September 2015 – 3 rd December 2015	<p>Parliament will sit this October for 25 days. Key notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tabling of <u>The Supply Bill (Budget) 2016</u> by The Minister of Finance on 23rd October 2015 2. A new, comprehensive <u>Child Act</u> now in the final stage of completion to replace the Child Act 2001, is to be tabled. 3. Likely tabling of the <u>Atomic Energy Regulatory Bill.</u> 4. It is yet to be known whether a fresh application for the <u>Private Member's Bill on Hudud</u> has been submitted.

B. ITEMS FOR PRAYER

1. OCTOBER 2016 PARLIAMENTARY SITTING

- a. Pray for the tabling of Budget 2016:
 - i. That the welfare of the poor and oppressed, and especially the indigenous in our nation will be taken care of. Pray that steps will also be taken to care for the migrants and refugees in our land.
 - ii. For proper accounting, allocating and distribution of budget that is inclusive and beneficial to all citizens in the country, that peace and prosperity will reign in our land. That the government will be good stewards of the wealth of our land, giving back to the people what is due.
- b. Pray for all Members of Parliament:
 - i. That they will debate, decide and vote with the welfare of the people in mind and heart. Pray for sober judgement, wise counsels, and alert minds.
 - ii. Pray that parliamentary democracy will be upheld, and that Parliament proceedings will be run with fairness and the fear of God in the management of motions.
- c. Pray for righteousness to reign and against bills that will cause harm to the upholding of the rights of the people and the democracy of the country.

2. UNITY IN THE CHURCH

- a. Pray for personal holiness and a return to our First Love. For restoration and reconciliation as we forgive one another following the breakdown of relationship whether in our personal lives, families or church.
- b. Pray that in the church in our relationships with one another, we will *'...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus' Phillipians 2:5* Pray for the removal of interdenominational barriers, and unity at all levels in the church. Ask God to help us to lay down our prejudices of one another, that we will humbly value our relationship with one another above thinking we are right.

3. THE NATION'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION

- a. As we see the nation's economic and political climate, let us realign our will and ways to our Heavenly Father. Let us be reminded that *'The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.'* *Proverbs 21:1*
- b. Let us pray for the hearts and minds of those holding positions of power in our nation, that God will turn their heart away from wickedness and that they will steward with integrity, justice and the fear of the Lord. Pray for Christians in the

political arena, that they will live lives of no compromise. Pray that all will ‘*do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*’ *Micah 6:8*

- c. Pray that truth will come to light, and for evil plots to be extinguished.
- d. Pray that in view of the slowing economy of the nation and the sliding of the ringgit:
 - i. We as Christians will take the opportunity to be ambassadors of Christ love, being salt and light in a time of difficulty for all.
 - ii. That businesses will not resort to unjust gain, that in the face of financial difficulties, groups will not turn against each other instead work together for the good of all.

C. OUTSTANDING LEGAL CASES AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us continue to persevere in prayer for the deliberations and pending judgements of important court cases. These include the Tuai Rumah Sandah Land case which could be a legal precedent for all similar ones to come and the Victoria Martin Case which impinges on the Constitution. *Refer to previous newsletters for detailed information on the cases.*

No.	Court Case	Update	Items for Pray
1.	Tuai Rumah Sandah Case	Court hearing was on 9 th September, judgement deferred to another date to be fixed later.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the panel of judges, that they will be righteous God-fearing men who will rule justly without fear or favour. 2. For justice to prevail in every ruling, that the state government will recognise the Iban Adat of Pemakai Menoa and Pulau Galau.
2.	Victoria Martin Case	Federal Court Hearing was on August 13, The Federal Court has since reserved its judgment for a later date.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As this is a constitutional issue of monumental importance, let us pray that our Federal Constitution will continue to be upheld, that the right to fair trial for non-Muslims will not be jeopardised.
3.	Jill Ireland Case	CD's have been returned. However, MAIWP and MAIS have sought to intervene, this time regarding the bid to recognise her constitutional rights to practice her faith and her rights as an individual in her use of 'Allah'. Case management is November 4.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to uphold the lawyers handling the case. Pray for a favourable closure in the matter, that God will be glorified.