

Divine Order

God is a God of order! In whatever position we may be in, the secret of real peace and joy lies in the maintenance of His divine order in our inner being. Whether in family or church, if we fail to uphold God's order and substitute that with any other for the sake of our convenience and expediency, disharmony and confusion will be the inevitable result. This is what we are facing today individually and nationally! Breakthrough will never come unless we align our lives according to His order and set the right priorities in our lives, with the Lordship of Christ at the helm and all others in submission to Christ as Lord.

Reflection: Isaiah 38:1-4. The Lord sent a prophet to Hezekiah and ordered him to put his house in order. While the context is about the necessary preparation in view of his impending death, we will do well to take heed. In the next 40 days, seek God to reorder your life, family, church and nation, putting our priorities and relationships right. Confess where you have failed and ask Him to correctly order the priorities in your life and ministry.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Church and Nation: Identification and repentance - of our disobedience, violation of His Commandments, substituting and abdicating His Lordship.
 - Idolatry - materialism, self, status, success
 - Independence - pride, strife, manipulation
 - Immorality - lust, adultery, fornication, pornography
 - Impurity - lying, backbiting, gossip, half truths, boasting, malice, slander, etc
 - Injustice - indifference towards the lost, marginalised, poor and oppressed
- Implore the Lord to align the corporate body of Christ back to Him that there will be connection with Him in spirit and in truth. Healing and reconciliation in all broken relationships. Restoring order and unity in churches.
- God's righteousness and justice to prevail in all government and private sectors. Wisdom for PM, DPM and Cabinet to govern the nation in the fear of God. Continual peace, stability, harmony and prosperity.

Wealth in the Nation!

The Lord has ordained the creation of wealth through commerce. Wealth is to be gained through righteous dealings and shared with the poor. This cycle of receiving, generating wealth and giving to the needy is a wondrous picture of God's providence and care for the poor. Let the people of God in every line of commerce seize this truth that through our vocation, we will portray our God as a God of justice, truth, righteousness and uprightness, so that even the unbelievers will be amazed as was the Queen of Sheba with Solomon in 2 Chro 9:2-4, and give glory to God!

Reflection: Deut 8:17-18, Matt 6:33. Ask the Lord to open our eyes to see God as the all-sufficient provider, that through our commercial participation, they will see us as His representation of justice, truth, righteousness and uprightness. Ask the Lord to reveal ways in which you have fallen short in the area of portraying godly ideas such justice, truth and righteousness. Confess and pray that He will strengthen you.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Renounce and repent of sin of greed, materialism, pride and ingratitude towards God's financial blessings to our nation.
- Believers in the financial realm to be a blessing, that Christians demonstrate the divine principle of blessing others financially, showing mercy to and helping those who are under financial distress.
- Exposure and correction of unrighteous dealings in all sectors of commerce, law, policy-making, leadership practices and employee actions. Law and policies governing commerce to be reviewed to cover loopholes on unfair practices.
- Commercial entities to embrace giving to the needy within and outside the nation as part of the company culture. Prov 19:17 affirms that pitying the poor equates to lending to the Lord. What a privilege!

Youths in Sabah and Sarawak

The authorities have made great concerted effort to actively target the younger generation to Islamising the native people, the 'Bumiputeras' of East Malaysia. The Islamic religious authorities have focused their activities on longhouses by for example, setting up hostels or "asrama" where the warden and the staff are Muslims who deliberately influence the students living there towards Islamic values and way of life.

This has caused deep concern as the majority of the Christian population in Malaysia are from Sabah and Sarawak. The urgency is to bring awareness of the strategies used against our younger generation and to educate our youths on the basic foundation of their faith so that they are steadfast and always abounding in the ways of the Lord.

Reflection: Col 2:6-12. To 'continue to live in Him' - what does this mean to you? Is this the reality in your walk with the Lord?

PRAYER POINTS:

- Thank the Lord for preserving Sabah and Sarawak. Continue to ask the Lord to protect our youths in these states from all schemes to influence and indoctrinate them with wrong values.
- Indigenous pastors and leaders in the rural areas to be empowered, awakened and alerted on the schemes of the enemy. They will be vigilant to warn, discipline and strengthen the youths. For strong discipleship and mentoring in the interior churches.
- Releasing of finances and resources to establish Bible schools, training centres, Christian schools and kindergartens so that the younger generation's faith will be preserved and strengthened.
- Raising up more pastors and leaders to empower churches in the interior. More youths will heed the call of God to be church planters; evangelists, pastors and teachers.
- Greater partnership and united effort between the Penisular and East Malaysian churches to formulate mission strategies that will reach the lost.

Unity and Diversity

They would meet for Bible study once in a week, studying the Word of God and singing hymns, united through the Holy Spirit in one faith and under one Lord. When they came across difficult passages in their studies that divide their respective denominations, they would maintain love, patience and care for one another. Yet come Sunday, their differences will be marked in their Catholic, charismatic, Brethren, Anglican, Methodist churches. Some raise hands and speak in tongues, while others sing hymns and ladies cover their heads in reverence. Nevertheless these brothers and sisters believe that “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Eph 4:5). Seeking unity in the things that unite them, they concentrate on the Word, prayer, evangelism and the transformation of the nation, believing in the promise that one day “the Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.” (Zech 14:9)

Reflection: Eph 4:3-5, Ps 133. Thank the Lord for the unique calling and strength in all denominations. How awesome when different parts of the body with all generations come together in unity! The enemy shudders!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask the Lord to forgive us of our pride and arrogance; to seek to celebrate each other’s gifting and doctrinal distinctive.
- Churches will promote activities, conferences that will unite the various denominations in prayer, worship, the Word, evangelism among all the generations, young and old. A spirit of unity and cooperation in sharing and releasing resources with common vision towards transformation of society, community and nation.
- One united VOICE, with clear purpose to face the authorities on issues that are affecting the Body of Christ.
- Bless all denomination heads and pray for one united prayer movement to come forth.