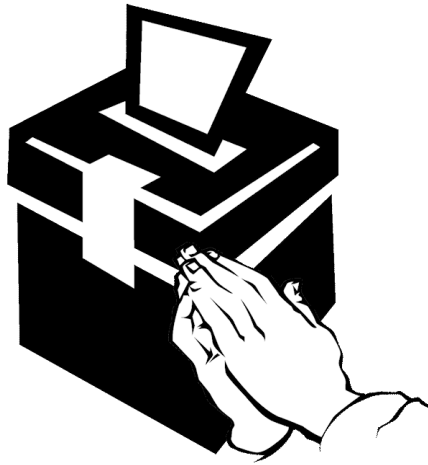


Prayer for the Nation's 13th General Election



The long-awaited 13th General Election is just around the corner. A total of 222 Parliamentary seats and over double that number of State seats will be up for contest.

Malaysia, as a democratic nation, forms its government through the will of the people as expressed through their votes. The government that is voted into power will have the mandate to govern and administer the nation for a five-year term.

The responsibility of governing a nation is not a trivial matter. The fate and future of Malaysia's 28 million citizens are placed in the hands of the new government. How they run the administration and arrive at their decisions will determine the future of the nation.

Therefore, as Malaysians and as God's people, we must be diligent and careful in casting our votes. We must also be prayerful for the right people to be voted into office so that the incoming government will be one that benefits the nation.

With this in mind, we call upon the Church to pray for the election. The prayer items are divided into five focus areas. Each focus area covers items related to the election.

Please consider using this prayer guide in your personal or group devotions. Churches are also encouraged to use this prayer guide in local church prayer meetings or 24/7 initiatives.

Focus 1 – Church

1. Pray for the Church in Semenanjung, Sabah and Sarawak.
2. Pray for the Churches in your constituency.
3. Pray for the Church to have a strong sense of concern and loyalty towards the people of this country.
4. Pray for the Church to be awakened to the corrupt and worrying state of the nation.
5. Pray for the Church to seek the welfare of the nation by voting righteous and upright candidates into office.
6. Pray for the Church to oppose and reject all corrupt candidates.
7. Pray for the Church to reject and denounce all forms of vote buying and bribery.
8. Pray for Christians to come forward to be polling agents, counting agents and as election observers.

Focus 2 – Voters

1. Pray for God's hand to be upon all voters, for the removal of apathy and disillusionment and to take their duty as voters seriously.
2. Pray for God's hand upon voters in your constituency.
3. Pray for the eyes of voters to be opened to the corrupt and worrying state of the nation.

4. Pray for voters not to be afraid to reject corrupt, self-seeking and arrogant candidates and parties.
5. Pray for voters to have the courage to vote for righteous and upright candidates.
6. Pray for voters to abhor and oppose all forms of vote buying and bribery.
7. Pray that all voters will be able to come out to vote without obstacles or hindrances.

Focus 3 – Candidates

1. Pray for God’s hand to be upon all contesting candidates.
2. Pray for God’s hand to be upon candidates contesting in your constituency.
3. Pray for corrupt and self-seeking candidates to be exposed and rejected.
4. Pray for righteous and upright candidates to be identified and elected.
5. Pray for the efforts of righteous candidates to prevail over corrupt ones.
6. Pray for righteous candidates elected to occupy key positions in the government and nation.

Focus 4 – Electoral Process

1. Pray for the electoral process throughout the nation.
2. Pray for the electoral process in your constituency.
3. Pray for safe and free elections. Pray that no one will be denied their right to vote either through fraud or administrative negligence.
4. Pray for fair elections. Pray that all contesting candidates and parties be granted equal opportunity to campaign. Pray for a clean electoral roll free from phantom voters and other irregularities.
5. Pray for clean elections. Pray that the Election Commission (SPR) will take action against candidates and parties that resort to bribery and corruption. Pray that all will say ‘NO’ to money politics.
6. Pray for the fear of God to be upon SPR officials, that they will be diligent, firm and fair.
7. Pray for those volunteering as polling agents and counting agents (PACA). Pray that there will be sufficient PACA volunteers at every polling station. Pray that they will be alert, observant and courageous in challenging any attempts to subvert the electoral process.
8. Pray for election observers. Pray that there will be sufficient number of volunteers to cover the important polling stations. Pray that they be granted free access by the Election Commission into polling stations for observation.

Focus 5 – Incoming Government

1. Pray for the Lord’s hand upon the incoming government.
2. Pray for the incoming government to be led and represented by candidates who are upright and righteous, who will place the interests of citizens and the nation first.
3. Pray for the incoming government that they will govern and administrate the nation with transparency, humility, integrity, fairness and righteousness.
4. Pray for the incoming government to do away with unjust and repressive laws.
5. Pray for the incoming government to oppose and prosecute corruption and abuse of power.
6. Pray for the incoming government to uphold the Federal Constitution in its true spirit and to defend the rights of all citizens.

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Let us arise to bless our nation!

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