



## **NECF 40-Day Fast & Prayer 2013 – Let Your Kingdom Come**

THANK you for participating in this year’s NECF 40 days of fasting and prayer. As we enter a season of seeking the Lord with the theme “Thy Kingdom Come”, we wish to set the tone for our intercession so that all of us may pray with understanding and discernment.

We have provided a launch kit comprising a video to explain the theme of this year’s prayer booklet on “Thy Kingdom Come”, as well as additional prayer points that your church can use when launching the 40-day fast and prayer.

The additional prayer points reflect NECF’s concern for the current events in our nation, which is in a period of relative uncertainty after the general election. The government has stated that it wishes to be a government for all people, yet, whether they can live this out, only time will tell. As Christians who love the nation, we bear this in mind as we pray for Malaysia.

Part of the uncertainty mentioned is due to the multiple election petitions that will be heard over this period concerning alleged fraud and electoral manipulation. Amidst this scenario, the possibility of unfair laws being introduced is real, such as a proposed law similar to the Emergency Ordinance which is already repealed.

In the midst of this uncertainty, the door is always open to irresponsible parties with selfish agendas to abuse race, religion and the rule of law for personal gain. It should come as no surprise if the Church, in trying to exercise her witness, is caught in the crossfire.

As such, as we pray according to “Thy Kingdom Come”, let us be mindful of three concerns to always bear in mind. The additional prayer points reflect these three aspects:

- Strengthening the Church
- Preserving religious freedom, and,
- Engaging in nation-building.

May you be blessed as you seek the Lord.

## ***Suggested Prayer Launch Program***

1. Welcome
2. Worship
3. Collection for NECF (optional)
4. Video Launch
5. Exhortation
6. Intercession
7. Benediction

## ***Prayer Items***

### ***1. Strengthening the church***

- Pray for stronger discipleship and dynamic leaders in weaker churches, especially the rural and *Bumiputera*, that they will fulfil their purpose and mission as a church.
- Pray that discipleship and leadership in these churches will be holistic and effective, so that these churches can have a robust social witness.
- Pray for younger emerging leaders to be identified and for opportunities to be given to them for exposure and learning. Pray that this next generation of leaders will benefit from effective leadership development.

### ***2. Religious freedom***

- Pray that all believers will be aware of and understand the need to preserve this freedom, which is essential for the spread of the Gospel, for church growth and church planting.
- Pray for the right strategies and multi-prong approaches to preserving religious freedom.
- Pray that Christians will work and pray for a strong faith and for faithful discipleship, to understand the threats to religious freedom and to engage these threats by way of dialogue, apologetics and by a bringing positive influence on policy matters.

### ***3. Nation building***

- Pray that the Church will grow in her concern for the nation and be part of various initiatives to address issues that affect all Malaysians.
- Pray that issues such as corruption and national reconciliation will be addressed urgently.
- Pray that the Church will be bold, courageous and wise in contributing her resources to the good of the nation so that the Church will be a visible stakeholder in impacting and addressing national issues for the good of all.