



Let Your Kingdom Come

NECF 40-Day Fast and Prayer

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40-DAY FAST & PRAYER

DEAR KIDS!

HI THERE!

Welcome to this year's Prayer & Fast!

I am very glad to see that you have taken the step to pray & fast for Malaysia. If this is your very first time doing this 40-day fast & prayer, it is awesome to have you on board. If you have done this before, a big welcome back!

Thank God for your faithfulness!

WHAT IS THE 40-DAYS OF FASTING & PRAYER?

This Fast & Prayer is a special time when all God's people agree to pray & fast for our country. It is a time that is dedicated to God... we believe that as we come before Him sincerely & pray His will, we will see His hand move in our lives, in our neighbour's lives, and in our nation.

IN LAST YEAR'S FAST & PRAYER.

we prayed for God's favour to be on Malaysia's Jubilee Year – the year when Malaysia turns 50 years old. We asked for His special favour to make things new again where things that have been broken, stolen or taken away are given back. We prayed for the sick to be made well again, broken relationships to be mended, and unfair laws to be changed

This year's Prayer & Fast is in Malaysia's Year of Jubilee. In this year of God's favour, we want to focus on this –
THAT GOD'S KINGDOM COME.




**YOU MAY BE ASKING,
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN???**

Well, when we pray for God's Kingdom to come to Malaysia, we are asking for God to reign as King in Malaysia. When God is put in the highest place, His will is done. All powers of darkness will have to go when God's Kingdom is here.

In any place or area, if God's Kingdom does not reign, the power of darkness has the chance to do so. Even though God holds all authority and power, He will only work if He is given the highest place. As His sons and daughters, we can stand in the gap for Malaysia. As we pray and give God the highest place in Malaysia, He is enthroned and darkness has to flee!

Malaysia truly needs God. Darkness still reigns in many of our families, schools, businesses, and leadership. All authority has already been given to Jesus to drive away the darkness, so we need to pray for Him to be enthroned in Malaysia. Truly, may God's Kingdom reign in Malaysia and break the chains of darkness!



I WILL HAVE NO OTHER GODS

Before we pray for God's Kingdom to come to Malaysia, His Kingdom must first reign in our lives. It is impossible to pray for God to reign in our country if He doesn't even reign in our own lives. The truth is, we are really insulting God with our prayers and fasting if we do not put Him first.

Is God first in your life? Is He in the highest place?

All of us are not perfect & every day, things come our way that take our heart away from God. In our weakness, God helps us. He has promised to forgive us if we confess that we are wrong and turn away from our sin.

A heart that is truly turned to God pleases Him.

These 40 days, continue asking God to be first in your life. Placing God first is something we must do every day. As you learn to do this, You will see God work in your heart & you will have the faith that God is with you and hears your prayers!

Then what do we do?

What is important is our posture toward God. Is your heart facing towards God? Do you allow Him to correct you? Do you listen to His voice & obey?

A broken spirit and a heart that is sorry God will not turn away. Tell God your weaknesses and that you need him. Ask Him to continue to help you. Determine in your heart to always place Him first in your life.

Before we move on, take some time now to read this verse:

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139: 23-24

I invite you to make this your prayer:

Dear father,

One thing that always takes first place in my heart is _____.
Father, I confess that I have sinned and that only You deserve the highest place. I surrender this 'god' in my life to You. Lead me in the right way so that I am always walking in Your will. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

Now, you have a few decisions to make!



FASTING

Fasting is a very powerful way of connecting with God & to be strong in Him spiritually. It is a way of humbling ourselves before God and telling Him that we need Him more than anything else, even food and things we like.

We also choose to fast because we are training our natural self to submit to Him. When we fast, we are putting spiritual things first... whenever we are hungry or really want to do something we enjoy, we are reminded that although these things are good, God is much more important.

As you choose a fast to do these 40 days, keep your mind on God. The most important thing is placing Him first & wanting to do His will in your heart.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FASTS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO DO.

Tick the one you choose.

ONE MEAL

You can choose to keep from eating one meal in a day. This can be your breakfast, recess in school, lunch or dinner.



MEAT

You can choose to keep from eating meat during these 40 days, and have fruits and vegetables instead.



FAVOURITE FOOD

You can choose to keep from eating your favourite food. E.g. rice, noodles, chicken or chocolate.



SOLID FOOD

In this kind of fast, you only drink water and don't take any kind of food. Only choose this kind of fast if you feel God is asking you to do it. If you want to have a full fast once a week when you're not in school, you can also ask God to help you do that.



FAVOURITE PASTIME

You can choose to keep from doing something you enjoy. E.g. watching cartoons, reading, playing a computer game, checking Facebook.



If you have problems with gastric or are not used to keeping from eating, drinking a cup of milo will help.



GIVING

Giving to bless someone is good practice for us to learn how to care for others. During these 40 days, I encourage you to give and bless others. Your heart is in tune with God when you learn how to consider others and care for them.

- ☺ **If you receive pocket money from your parents,** you can put aside some of this pocket money to give to someone who needs it. You can put this money in the church offering bag on Sunday, or into your church collection for charity.
- ☺ **If you don't receive pocket money from your parents,** you can also give some of your things to those who need it. You could give some of your clothes, books or toys. Be sure to ask your parents for permission first before giving! In church, there is usually a collection for such things. You can ask your parents or church teachers how to do this. You can also give some of your things to maybe your 'kakak's children or to your school's charity.

PRAY AND ASK GOD FOR A CHANCE TO BLESS SOMEONE WITH YOUR MONEY / THINGS. HE WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO!



CHECK-IN PARTNER

A Check-in partner is someone you choose to do your prayer & fast with. Why choose to have a partner?? In the bible, it says in Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10,

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE. BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR: IF EITHER OF THEM FALLS DOWN. ONE CAN HELP THE OTHER UP. BUT PITY ANYONE WHO FALLS AND HAS NO ONE TO HELP THEM UP.

During these 40 days, you may feel tired and 'not in the mood' to pray & fast on some days. If you have chosen a partner to check-in with, this will help you stay on track! The same goes for your partner – you can be the one to say, 'Hey, let's do this!'

This partner could be your parent, teacher or friend. You do not have to pray with this person every day. What you can do is to check on one another at least once a week to see how the other person is doing. Knowing that you have someone to 'check in' with will keep you on your toes & encourage you to keep going!

Now that you have decided on these 3 things, I want to encourage you to make a Commitment promise. This will help you be clear about what you have chosen & also help you to finish the 40 days of praying & fasting well.

COMMITMENT PROMISE

I, _____,
together with _____
will fast _____

(e.g. breakfast, meat, Facebook) during these 40 days.

I want to also give _____

(e.g. RM 1 every day, clothes) to someone who needs it.

Both of us have decided to pray for

(e.g. 20 minutes every day). We will 'check-in' with each other every _____ (e.g. Wednesday during recess, Sunday morning in church) to encourage and help one another. We will be faithful in our promise & will help each other to the finish line!

WEEK 1: YOUR KINGDOM COME

We will start off the Prayer & Fast by first understanding what it means to pray 'Your Kingdom come' to Malaysia. As you understand a bit more about God's Kingdom everyday, may the Holy Spirit show you how to pray for God's Kingdom to come to Malaysia!

FOR THE LORD IS THE GREAT GOD. THE GREAT KING ABOVE ALL GODS. PSALMS 95:3

7 Aug / Wed

God's Rule

Spiritual food ~ Luke 11: 1-4

What do you normally pray about?

(E.g. God will help you score an A for Maths, God will protect your mom and dad).

Write down / share with your partner 3 of your top prayer points:

From the bible passage today, we can see that Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray. To teach them, Jesus gave a few prayer points... what was the very first prayer point?

Do you know what it means to pray, "Father, let your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"? (Yes, the first prayer point). When you pray this prayer, you are saying, "God, I want you to rule, to be KING – in my life, family, school, country, the world." When you are willing to let God rule, He is able to work!

If you are a Christian and believe in Jesus, you are saying that He is your King. If He is your King, then are you praying for Him to rule on earth?

Today, let's pray that:

- Christians in Malaysia will invite God to rule in their lives.
- Men & women everywhere will come back to God's rule.
- God will rule in Malaysia

8 Aug / Thurs

God's Kingdom is powerful!

Spiritual food ~ Luke 11: 14-20

When you're in a very dark room and light a candle, what happens? There is a glow of bright, orange light, right? If the room is very large and very dark, will the candle still glow? Of course! Even if the room was 100 times darker than the candle, when it is lit, its light will glow and take away the darkness.

God's kingdom is just like light. Wherever His Kingdom is, Satan's darkness will have to go! People are set free from their problems and have hope. Just as Jesus drove out demons in the bible passage, the presence of God's kingdom will drive out darkness in Malaysia.

Today, let's pray that:

- Christians in Malaysia will pray with all their hearts for the presence of God's Kingdom in Malaysia.
- Thank God that when His Kingdom is present, darkness goes away!

9 Aug / Fri

Powered by the Holy Spirit

Spiritual food ~ Luke 4:18

If you want to charge a cell phone, what do you need? A charger, right? But imagine... you connect the phone to a charger... but then, you decide not to plug the charger into the main switch... well, the phone can be plugged into the charger for a whole week and the phone will still be the same – with no power at all!

It's the same with the Kingdom of God. We as God's sons and daughters can drive out darkness wherever we go not because we have the power, but because GOD has the power! We are His chargers but we need to be plugged into God – to be filled with His Holy Spirit – so that we have the power to bring hope to those who are suffering and without God. When Jesus healed the blind, the lame, the deaf and the broken-hearted, it was because God's power was with him – he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Today, let's pray that:

- Christians in Malaysia will depend on the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit will fill Christians so they have the power to drive out darkness in Malaysia.

10 Aug / Sat

Welcome the King!

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 21: 1-11

In today's passage, Jesus was entering Jerusalem during the Passover festival, riding on a donkey. Crowds of people went out to meet him because they were excited – they wanted him to be King!

What were the 3 things they did to welcome him?

If you were part of the crowd, which one would you do?

What happened in Jerusalem is a beautiful picture of people welcoming their King. Our hearts need to be as open as the crowd that day to welcome Jesus into Malaysia. Where the King is exalted, celebrated & welcomed, there He will be. Jesus promised in Revelations 3:20 – Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Today, let's pray that:

- Christians will open their hearts & welcome King Jesus everywhere in Malaysia.
- Malaysians will see how awesome & glorious King Jesus is!

11 Aug / Sun

Jesus' Second Coming

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 24: 30-31; Revelation 11: 15

Jesus has made a promise to us – that He will be coming back to earth, and when he does, he will come in all his glory and power! True peace, love, joy, righteousness and justice will finally come to earth when this happens.

As God's children, do you look forward to Jesus' glorious return? It is truly something to long for because nothing is more wonderful than being with God who loves us and gives us His indescribable joy and peace.

No one knows when Jesus' second coming will be, but if we pray and long for our King to return, Jesus will come back more speedily!

Today, let's pray that:

- Jesus' will return to earth in all His glory and power!
- Malaysia will be ready when Jesus returns.
- Christians all over the world will be ready for our King's return!

WEEK 2: A PERSONAL JOURNEY

Last week, we prayed for God to **RULE** on earth and in our country. When we as His children enthrone Him as King, His kingdom reigns and His power drives out darkness. There will be His hope, joy and peace for everyone around us... in our homes, schools and country. However, **BEFORE** God's kingdom can reign in our country, He must first reign in our lives your life and mine.

Take some time now and ask yourself...

Is Jesus my King? How important is it for me to do what He says?

Place an **X** along the line to show your answer.



Tell God honestly what your answer is. Wherever you are along the line, God will help you when you sincerely ask Him.

THIS WEEK. WE WILL ASK GOD TO HELP US GROW PERSONALLY IN MAKING HIM KING IN OUR LIVES.

12 Aug / Mon

Today, I will introduce you to three little trees...

~ Part 1 ~

** Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and be filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!"

The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world!"

The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world."

Of the three trees, which tree do you think had the best dream?

What is your own dream? What do you want to be when you grow up?

Today, tell God your dream.

**Dear father, I really want to _____
when I grow up. I really want to because _____.**

13 Aug / Tues

Today, let's continue with the story of the three little trees.

~ Part 2 ~

Years passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the first tree fell. "Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold wonderful treasure!" The first tree said.

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters!" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings!"

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven. But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me." He muttered. With a swoop of his shining axe, the third tree fell.

If something like this happened to you, would you feel like the first & second tree, or would you feel like the third tree?

How do you feel about the third tree getting cut? Is it fair?

Today, tell God how you would feel if something like this happened to you.

Dear father, I would feel excited / happy / sad / angry / confused if something like this would happen to me. I would also feel that you are finally making my dreams come true / were unfair to me if this happens to me. At that time, help me to always remember that _____.

14 Aug / Wed

Today, we will see what happened to the three trees after they were cut down...

~ Part 3 ~

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feedbox for animals. The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, nor with treasure. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals.

The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail to an ocean, or even a river; instead she was taken to a little lake.

The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard. "What happened?" The once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..."

If you were the first or second tree, how would you feel when your hopes do not come true?

If you were the third tree, how would you feel when your hopes do not come true even when your dreams were to please God?

Today, tell God how you would feel if this were to happen to you. Would you give up on Him, or would you still try to believe that He is a good God?

**15 Aug /
Thurs**

Today, let's see what happened to the three trees after a long while...

~ Part 4 ~

Many, many days and night passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams.

But one night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feedbox. "I wish I could make a cradle for him", her husband whispered. The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and the sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful", she said. And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain.

The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the king of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beam was yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel.

But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. That was better than being the tallest tree in the world.

What treasure was the first tree carrying?

Who was it that made the second tree strong?

Why did people think of God when they saw the third tree?

Did you expect for these three trees' dreams to come true this way?

Today, will you surrender what you hold dear to God?

In Proverbs 3: 5-6, it says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Let's pray this prayer together:

Dear father, help me to see that You are greater than my strengths, my own understanding and my dreams. Help me not to be proud and to think that I am in control. Help me to realise that You are the one who makes things possible. I acknowledge that You are God, and I trust that You will do things in Your time and in Your way. In Jesus' precious name I pray, Amen.

16 Aug / Fri

Teach me Your ways

Spiritual food ~ Romans 12: 2

I truly pray that the story you've been reading for the last 4 days has changed your heart. Just as the three trees had learnt in their lives, we must learn this truth – that God's ways are greater than our ways.

To grow up in God, we need to pray – God, teach me your ways! One way God shows us his ways is through His word. The bible reveals what is in God's heart, and many times, his Holy Spirit convicts us of things that are not pleasing to him – our ways – and shows us his way.

Today, will you ask God to transform how you think through His word?

- Ask Him to help you see what He sees when you read His word
- Ask Him to help you obey what He says in His word

Only when we see things the way God does & live by His ways are we able to truly understand God's will & be true citizens of His Kingdom!

17 Aug / Sat

Fill me with your Holy Spirit

Spiritual food ~ John 7: 37-39

Do you know that God gives us the Holy Spirit when we believe in Jesus? Jesus says that the Holy spirit is like rivers of living water flowing from inside us – what a privilege!

Living water speaks of life – love, joy, and peace. It is this love, joy and peace that comes from God that will be able to touch others around us & bring them into God's kingdom.

Now, I would like to ask you a very important question: Have you asked God to fill you with his Holy Spirit? If you believe in Jesus, this is your privilege – Jesus has promised to give you his Holy Spirit.

Pray this prayer with me if you want the Holy Spirit to fill you.
Dear father, I thank you for your promise to live in us through your Holy Spirit. I thank you that your love, joy, peace and power will live in me when your Spirit is on me. Please give me the Holy Spirit so that rivers of living water will flow through me. In the name of Jesus your son, Amen.

If you sincerely prayed this prayer, God has heard you and His Holy Spirit now lives in you! Give thanks to God for this privilege! From now on, ask God to help you hear what His Spirit is saying. His Holy spirit will teach you God's ways & bring life to you and those around you

18 Aug / Sun

I live to serve and glorify You

Spiritual food ~ Revelations 5: 9-10

Let's go back to the story of the Three Trees that we read early this week. At the end of the story, all the three trees found themselves serving Jesus, their King. The first tree provided the greatest treasure in the world a place to sleep in, the second tree helped the disciples see the strength of God in the midst of a great storm, and the third tree helped God fulfill His plan of saving the world through His son when He died on the cross. In the end, the three trees found true purpose and meaning when they were serving and glorifying God.

As God's people, our true purpose is also to serve and glorify Him. In the bible passage today, it says that we are a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. We are in fact, God's priests! A role of a priest is to serve, glorify and bless His name. As a priest in God's kingdom, do you take your role of serving God seriously?

Today, let us pray that we will fulfill our purpose to serve and glorify God.

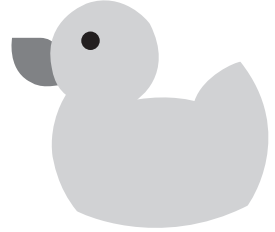
- Ask God to forgive you if you only serve and worship Him when you feel like it.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how God wants you to serve Him.
- Thank God for this week, for doing a good work in your heart.

* The story of the Three Trees was written by an unknown author.

WEEK 3: MAY GOD'S KINGDOM REIGN IN FAMILIES

There is one thing ducklings do very well, that is to follow! You may have seen ducklings doing this in a neighbour's backyard, or maybe in pictures. If you'll like to see them following, google these key words: Ducks crossing busy street Phila youtube ... they do it so well!

Ducklings don't follow just anyone; they follow the first moving thing they see when they hatch, which is usually their mother. Once they have decided to follow this leader, they will do it from the moment they are hatched.



This 'following' instinct is not only found in ducklings – some other bird species like chicken, geese, turkey and swans also do this. Several scientists have found this intriguing and have investigated this quirky behaviour – one of the most well-known one is Konrad Lorenz, an Austrian naturalist. He hatched a few goslings and made sure he was the first moving thing they saw. What happened was that the goslings decided he was their 'mother' and followed him wherever he went!

WHY DO YOU THINK DUCKS,
GEESE AND OTHER SIMILAR SPECIES DO THIS?

Share your thoughts with your Check-in Partner
if you are doing this together.

Refer to answer on last page

All of us are like ducklings in some ways. Many things that we know, do and say are learnt from our parents. This is a very simple example because our relationship with our parents is much more complex compared to ducklings and their parents. However, there is something important we can learn here – the relationship between parents and their children is necessary because of what they can teach us.



IN PSALMS 78: 1-8, IT SAYS:

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their ancestors – a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

THIS WEEK. we will be praying for the kingdom of God to reign in families. May each family be strong in God so that God will reign as their King!

19 Aug / Mon

Pray for a Legacy of Faith

Spiritual food ~ Psalms 78: 1-8

If you are not sure what a legacy is, it is something we talked about in this week's introduction. A legacy is something that is passed down, usually from parents to their children. It can be a legacy of a million dollars (that would be nice!), a legacy of kindness to others or just about anything that is given and passed down.

We will start this week by praying for a legacy of faith among Christian families in Malaysia. It is in families that children begin to deeply love God through what their parents teach them. Parents have a big responsibility to bring their children to God and teach them about who He is, how good He has been, and how great He is. If the parents do not pass down this knowledge, their children and their children's children will be lost, without a love and knowledge of God. This is a very serious matter and we need to pray for parents to carry out this heavy responsibility!

Let's pray that:

- Parents in Malaysia will understand that they are responsible for passing down their love and knowledge of God to their children.
- God will give parents the wisdom & commitment to do this.
- There will be a legacy of faith in Malaysia!

20 Aug / Tues

Pray for Churches to support families

Spiritual food ~ 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14

Families need their church to support them. God built the church in a special way where everyone has something to give so others can be helped. Families are one part of the church, and they need the advice, prayer, help and guidance from other parts of the church. Churches in Malaysia need to see that their help is very much needed to build healthy families.

- *Think of one family in your church to pray for.*

Write their surname here _____.

You could pray for God to give the parents wisdom so they can teach their children about Him. Maybe you see that a family needs some help with money. You could also pray about that.

Let's also pray that:

- Churches in Malaysia will know their responsibility of guiding, helping, and praying for families.
- Families will grow strong because of their church's support.

21 Aug / Wed

Pray for the Fathers

Spiritual food ~ Joshua 24: 14-15

What's the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat? Well, a thermometer tells the temperature. For example, if you're sick, the nurse would usually stick a thermometer under your tongue to find out how hot your body is. A thermostat is different. It sets the temperature. If you're feeling hot in a room, you'll normally turn on the air conditioner, right? The air conditioner has a thermostat that would control how hot or cold a room is.

Fathers are like thermostats in a family. They are called by God to be the spiritual leader in their family. What they do will set the spiritual environment in the home – whether or not the family will be 'hot' or 'cold' for God. In the bible passage today, Joshua acts as the spiritual leader in his family and decides that his family will be 'hot' for God.

We need to pray for the Christian fathers in Malaysia. Mothers are also part of the leadership in the family, but without the fathers, a family does not have a strong direction.

- Pray for fathers who do not stand up as spiritual leaders, and fathers who are not Christians. Pray that God will change their hearts.
- Pray that God will give fathers in Malaysia wisdom, courage and commitment to lead their families in God.

22 Aug /
Thurs

Pray for Strong Marriages

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 19: 4-6

Marriage is sacred in God's eyes. This means that marriage is holy in God's eyes, and He takes the promise made by the married man and woman to love and honour one another for the rest of their lives very seriously.

However, many married couples in Malaysia are not obedient to God in this. Husbands and wives decide not to continue loving and honouring one another when they have problems, and many divorce one another. Sadly, this is also happening in Christian families and many families are torn apart because of this.

The break-up of a family is one of the most painful things to go through for the couple and also the children. Maybe you are going through the same problem in your family. If you are, pray this prayer with me:

Dear father, I am very sad that my parents are having problems in their marriage / have decided to divorce. Even though this is happening, I know that You are with me and You are there to help me go through this. I want to continue to pray for my parents, that You will help them with their problems. Help them to forgive one another, and to love and honour one another. I give them to You, and I give all my problems to You because You care for me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Thank you for praying this prayer. God hears you and knows how you feel. Today, let us also pray for other families in Malaysia:

- Pray that God will help & comfort families who are facing problems.
- Pray that married couples will remember their promise to God & ask God for strength to keep that promise.
- Pray that God's Kingdom will be in all marriages in Malaysia.

22 Aug /
Thurs

Pray for Parents to raise their children wisely

Spiritual food ~ Ephesians 6: 1-4

Raising up children is such a big responsibility – and God has given this responsibility to parents. This is one of the reasons children are commanded by God to honour their parents. God has put their parents in charge of them, and they need to honour that.

With such a big responsibility, parents need a lot of wisdom. Many parents now are not spending enough time taking care of their children. Many are busy with work and have other people care for their children.

Many problems arise when children see less and less of their parents. Children feel unloved by their parents and begin to behave badly. Children also do not learn about God because their parents are not there

to teach them. Also, parents begin to rely on the church to teach their children about God, which is not enough. In the end, many children do not follow God, and they also find it hard to honour their parents as God has commanded.

Today, let's pray for God to give parents wisdom. Sometimes, it is very hard for parents to make the decision to spend more time with their children because there is so much work for them to do. However, we need to pray that God will show them a way, and will help them see that they must make sure their children are raised properly.

- Pray that parents will know whether or not they are spending enough time with their children.
- Pray that God will make a way for them to spend time with their children and teach them about Him.
- Pray that parents in Malaysia will raise their children well!

24 Aug / Sat

Pray for Single Parents

Spiritual food ~ Psalms 118: 5-7

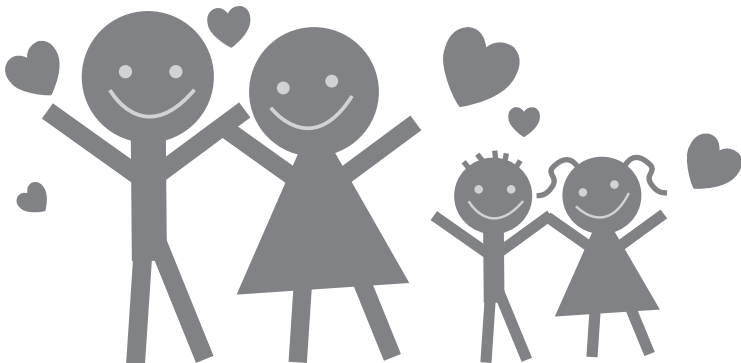
Not everyone has the privilege of having both father and mother in their family. Some families may have lost a father or mother because of sickness or in an accident. Other families may have parents who are divorced.

It is not easy being \a single parent because they have to do the job of two people. Single parents are often tired or face problems of not having enough money to support their family. However, they can hope in this – no matter how difficult their problems are, God is bigger than their problems. God Himself is their helper and will support them.

Today, let's lift up Single Parents to God:

- Pray that God will give them the ability to take care of their family.
- Pray that God will give them special favour in everything they do.
- Pray that the church will be very ready to help single parents.

May God's Kingdom reign in these families!



25 Aug / Sun

Pray for Spiritual Strength in families

Spiritual food ~ Ephesians 6: 10-18

After reading today's passage, can you fill in the blanks?

1. Helmet of S _____
2. Breastplate of R _____
3. Shield of F _____
4. Sword of the S _____
5. Belt of T _____
6. Shoes of vR _____
7. P _____

These are the weapons God has given us to fight the Kingdom of darkness! Families are always under the attack of the Kingdom of darkness. However, many Christian families are not fully equipped with the spiritual weapons God has given them! Every family needs to start 'gearing up' so they can stand strong and have victory over all the challenges in front of them!

Today, we will pray that:

- Every Christian family will know what weapons God has given them & will use them!
- Churches in Malaysia will train every family in using these weapons.
- Christian families in Malaysia will stand spiritually strong in the Kingdom of God!



WEEK 4: MAY GOD'S KINGDOM REIGN IN THE CHURCH

GOD LOVES THE CHURCH!

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **Romans 8: 31(b) – 33**

Are you able to understand how much God loves the church?

This beautiful passage in Romans gives us an idea of how much God really loves us.

Have you ever given something that was precious to you? We have all given things to people we love – maybe we put aside some pocket money & used it to buy a present for our mom. Or it could be a card that took us a long time to make and write in. These presents are gifts of our money, time, effort and heart.

God also gave us a gift because he loved us – he gave his own son! Can you imagine that? He allowed for His son to suffer on the cross and to carry our sins so that we can be forgiven and free and come back to him. That is a love that is hard for us to even begin to understand.

If God loves us so much, who really can be against us? What challenges are too big for the church that we cannot overcome? God has already given us his own son – do you think he will not help us with everything else? Truly, in God, we are more than conquerors!

THIS WEEK, let us pray for Churches. Let us pray that Churches in Malaysia will be faithful in everything God has called them to be. God treasures the Church, and we must pray fervently for the Church to be righteous, spotless and blameless before him! And God who loves us will surely give us all things. His grace is more than enough for us!



26 Aug / Mon

Pray that Churches will return to their First Love

Spiritual food ~ Revelations 2: 4-5

What can the Church give God that God values? Is it the many things that we do? In the bible, we can see that it is not these things that are most important to him, but it is our heart for God – how much we love him.

Jesus says that the greatest commandment in the bible is to love God with all our heart, strength, mind and soul – meaning to really love him! God values what we do for him, but it must first be from a heart that really loves and honours him. He wants us to give ourselves to him, to spend time to listen to his voice, to trust him, and to do what he says. Our focus must be on God, not anything else!

Today, let us pray for the churches in Malaysia.

- Pray that Churches will love and worship him with all their hearts, mind, strength and soul.
- Pray that Churches will wait to hear from him, be led by his Holy Spirit, and not do things for God without even hearing from Him!

27 Aug / Tues

Pray for the Church to cry out to God

Spiritual food ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

Have you ever been desperate before? Maybe you lost something precious to you like a cell phone and were desperately looking for it. Or maybe you saw a computer game in a shop that you really liked and desperately wanted to have it. Remember how it felt like? A feeling of wanting something so badly that you would do anything to get it.

Seeking after God is being desperate for Him. If we want God to change Malaysia, we the church need to be desperate for Him. The truth is, the Kingdom of God cannot come to our country unless it first comes to the church, His people. God has made it clear that if His people will humble themselves and pray, seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, He will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal the land. This means that the church plays a very important role in our country – we must be desperate for God for the sake of our country!

Today, let's pray for the Church to be desperate for God.

- Pray that we as the church will recognise that we really need God.
- Pray that we will cry out to Him, asking Him to come into our lives and transform us.
- Pray that we will be serious about asking God to change us after receiving His forgiveness.

Unless the church is serious with God & allow his Holy Spirit to transform us, we cannot expect any change in Malaysia. May God's people truly seek after Him!

28 Aug / Wed

Pray for faithful Spiritual Leaders in Churches

Spiritual food ~ 1 Peter 5: 1-4

Taking care of God's church is a big responsibility. God requires that Church leaders have the right heart & attitude – they need to be willing, ready to serve, careful, and good examples to the church. In the end, they will have to answer to God for how they care for His church.

We need to commit Church leaders to God. Many churches do not disciple new leaders well – they only teach them how to be skillful, but do not help them grow as spiritual leaders that are mature, faithful and love the church. Because of this, some church leaders do not take care of the church with the right heart & attitude, and the church suffers.

Today, let us pray for faithful church leaders:

- Pray that new leaders will be taught to be mature, faithful and to love the church.
- Pray that spiritual leaders will have His Shepherd heart for the church.

29 Aug /
Thurs

Pray that churches will love & serve one another

Spiritual food ~ Romans 12: 4-8

God made the church so that we are all made up of different parts with different gifts. In a church, every member has a gift that can be used to strengthen the church. Not only that, every church as a whole also has its own calling and special gifting from God.

Gifts are to be just that – to be given. God gives us these gifts not so we can keep them for ourselves but so that we can bless the church whom He loves & fulfill His purpose.

Today, let us pray for the church to be faithful with whatever gift they have. Every church member needs to use their gift to strengthen one another. Besides that, Churches in Malaysia also need to work together as one body as the Holy Spirit leads them. Right now in our country, the churches in East & West Malaysia need to ask God, what can we do to strengthen one another? Let us seek God for his wisdom and leading so that the church in Malaysia will be strengthened!

Let's pray that:

- Each member in a church will serve one another faithfully with their God-given gift, cheerfully & without grumbling.
- Churches in Malaysia will know their special calling from God & be generous with serving one another.
- Churches in East & West Malaysia will understand from God how they can help & serve one another.

The Malaysian church needs to faithfully serve one another if we want to see God's kingdom come!

30 Aug / Fri

Pray that churches will be salt & light

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 5: 13-16

We as God's church have a high calling – we are to be the salt & light of the earth! Salt is such a small ingredient, but without any salt, the food that you eat will be yuck – tasteless. Likewise, a light however small will brighten up a room & allow people to see clearly.

What does it mean for the church to be salt & light? What it simply means is that the church needs to bring God's love & presence wherever He send us, which gives life & drives away darkness.

We as His church must be faithful in being salt & light in the world because this is our high calling. Many Christians are not effective as salt & light because they do not bring God's presence & love into every part of their lives – at home, in school, at work, and in the community – when they are out and doing ordinary, everyday things. We are called to bring God's love & presence wherever we are; not just to church. If we want to see God's kingdom at home, in school, at work, and in the community... then why are we not salt & light there?

Today, let's pray that:

- The church will understand that they are salt & light everywhere they go.
- The church will stay in God's presence every day & draw from Him so that they can touch others with His love!

31 Aug / Sat

Merdeka!

Today is the day our country achieved independence from British rule. Merdeka! It is a day God has given us a country of our own. Praise God for His blessing!

Today, let's declare this prayer in faith over the country God has given us. Let us declare that God's Kingdom reigns in Malaysia, and that the Kingdom of darkness has no place here. May Malaysia stand strong for God & experience God's salvation!



DECLARATION

We as your Church declare that Your Kingdom reigns in Malaysia.

We humble ourselves before You and acknowledge that
You are God and King. Without You, we can do nothing.
Forgive us for not walking in Your ways & bring us back to You.

May You reign in our lives so that salvation
can come to our country.

Today, we ask for You to come to every part of Malaysia –
may You transform our leaders, communities,
workplaces, schools and homes. Place righteous and
wise leaders over us who fear You.

May they run this country with Your wisdom so
that our country may bring You glory.

Bless the wealth of our country.

May Malaysia not be the tail but the head in our region.

May our leaders be wise and careful with how
they manage our wealth so that there will be more
than enough for everyone in the country.

May you heal the sick, the blind, the lame, the deaf,
the broken-hearted & the oppressed in the land.

We declare Your freedom and salvation over their lives!

May the government care for them & may You bring
people to help care for their needs.

We also declare Your salvation over the poor in our land.
May the laws in our country protect them. May You provide them
with what they need so they do not go hungry, thirsty or naked.

May Your Church care for them & bring Your hope
and peace to the poor.

Let Your purposes be fulfilled in our country.
We your church pray that Your kingdom come –
reign King Jesus in Malaysia!

1 Sept / Sun

Pray that churches will make disciples of nations

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 28: 18-20

What is written in the bible passage today is the Great Commission. It was Jesus' final word to his disciples before he ascended to heaven. It was a victorious word because at that moment, Jesus had conquered the Kingdom of darkness and had risen from the dead. He declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me". He was King and Lord over all!

Now that Jesus is King of kings, what does this mean for all his disciples, which includes us? He says in his final command, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." We as his disciples are to make disciples or followers of Jesus, with the King of kings by our side!

To obey this command, we must purposefully seek to make disciples. Discipling people takes time & the leading of the Holy Spirit. Jesus spent the 3 years of his ministry teaching & caring for his disciples, and after ascending to heaven, he gave them the Holy Spirit. The early church was also taught biblical truths & cared for by the early disciples.

Today, let's pray that churches will continue making disciples of all nations. Many churches today start by introducing Jesus to people, but then do not continue to disciple new believers. If churches are to teach new believers to obey everything Jesus has commanded, introducing Jesus to them is not enough – churches need to take time and be led by the Holy spirit to teach and care for them!

- Pray that churches will not take the easy way out but take the time & effort to disciple believers.
- Pray that every church in Malaysia will focus on building strong believers who understand what Jesus has taught in his kingdom so they will be true disciples of Jesus.



WEEK 5: MAY GOD'S KINGDOM REIGN IN THE COMMUNITY

...But I go to church.

There is a parable that Jesus told which shows what he really thinks a true Christian is.

It starts off with an expert of the law who wanted to test Jesus. Obviously, the expert went to worship God at the temple regularly, knew God's word well, and thought very highly of himself.

He asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied with a question, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

Being an expert, this man gave the right answer. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus accepted his answer. "You have answered correctly," Jesus said. "Do this and you will live."

Although the expert gave the right answer, he felt uneasy. He probably felt that he didn't love his neighbour as much as he should. He continued to ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

So, Jesus answered him with this parable.

A man was on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. On his way, he met with a gang of robbers who attacked him. The robbers were cruel to him. They took away his clothes, beat him up and then left him. The poor man was half alive.

Soon, a priest passed by. It just so happened that he was going past that way. Of course, he saw the man who was lying on the road dying. What did the priest do? Well, he crossed over to the other side of the road to avoid the man, and went on his way!

After that, another person walked by. This time, it was a Levite. Levites are people who assist priests in the temple and are considered 'holy'. Anyhow, this Levite came to the same place and saw the dying man. What did he do? The exact same thing! He crossed over to the other side of the road, and went on his way.

However, a third person passed by along the way. This time, it was a Samaritan. Now, Jews do not like Samaritans and do not mix with them.

Would this Samaritan help a dying Jew at the side of the road since most

Jews in his life do not even consider talking to him? Very surprisingly, the Samaritan felt pity for the man.

He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds, and bandaged him. The Samaritan got off his donkey and put the man on it. He looked for an inn so the man could get better, and there, the Samaritan took care of him.

The next day, he took out two denarii (that's the same as 2 days pay), and gave the money to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will pay you back for any extra cost for taking care of the man".

The Samaritan had shown such kindness to a stranger.

When Jesus had finished telling this parable, he asked the expert of the law, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The answer was obvious. The expert replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus then told him, "Go and do the same."

What can we learn from this parable?

If we are honest with ourselves, many of us are like the Priest and Levite.

: We know a lot about God, we read
: His word, and we go to church every
: Sunday. However, we lack one thing
: – loving others. 'But I go to church...'
: we think. However, when we see
: someone in trouble, or someone who
: needs our help, we pretend not to
: see because we do not love them.
: We can only think about how trou-
: blesome it is for ourselves and have
: no thought for how the other person
: is doing.

: Jesus used the Samaritan as an ex-
: ample because it shows that going
: to church, reading His word and
: knowing a lot about God doesn't
: mean we are doing God's will. The
: Samaritan showed what it really
: means to do God's will by caring for
: another person.

Do you want to be like the Priest and Levite, or like the Samaritan?

: The truth is, many of us know it is
: good to be like the Samaritan but find
: it hard to care for others even when
: they really need help. Our thoughts
: are on ourselves – how troublesome
: it would be for us, how much money it
: would cost, or how much time it would
: take. Our hearts are hardened, just
: like the Levite and the Priest.

: But... there is good news. Jesus has
: made a way for us. All of us really do
: not deserve eternal life because we
: do not love our neighbour. However,
: Jesus took our unrighteousness when
: he died on the cross and bore our
: sins. Now, we have forgiveness from

the father because of what Jesus has done. We can now seek to do God's will in peace, knowing that God has forgiven our sins.

: ask for God's forgiveness for our
: lack of love for others, and ask God
: to help us in this by the power of the
: Holy Spirit.

Well, does this mean that we do not have to be like the Samaritan?

: We cannot do things on our own
: strength, but truly, we can do ALL things
: through Christ who strengthens us!

No! What this means is that we can

THIS WEEK. we will be praying for God's Kingdom to come in our Communities. What God really wants for us to do is to love our neighbour – who is really anyone we might meet in our community. Our community is not only those we know who are in church, but those who live around us. It is really in God's heart for us to care for them, to show them His love, and to help them when they need it. Let us pray and ask the Holy Spirit to enable Christians do God's will in our communities!

2 Sept / Mon

Thank God for our Community

Spiritual food ~ Psalms 68: 6

It today's verse, it says that God 'sets the lonely in families...' Some other versions write it as God 'sets the abandoned in a homeland'. This means that it is a blessing to belong somewhere, where you are safe and taken care of.

Where do you feel safe and taken care of? Most of us will start by saying, 'in our families'. In our families, we are protected and loved. Besides our families, we also belong to a homeland or country. That is our larger community. Who lives in our country? Those whom we meet in school, in shops, in our parents' offices, in the cities and villages... just about anyone who is in Malaysia. Some people in our community we may know, and some we may not. But they are part of our community because together, we belong to the same place.

Today, let us thank God for the community he has given us. It is a blessing from God to belong somewhere.

- Thank God for your family & what they have done for you.
- Thank God for your friends, school and church members.
- Thank God for people living in Malaysia.
- Thank God for a place to belong to.

3 Sept / Tues

Pray for our Community to experience God's Kingdom

Spiritual food ~ Acts 2: 42-47

In the early church, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the people with great power, they experienced a wonderful thing – living together

as a community God's way! They prayed and learnt about God together, took care of one another by sacrificing what they had, and enjoyed each other's company over meals. This community was truly blessed because they were living in a community that honoured God and one another.

This kind of community living is what we as Christians can have. When God is number one in our lives, we will honour Him and one another and truly live together as a blessed community.

Today, let's pray for the Kingdom of God to come upon our communities, just as it does in his church.

- Pray that Christians will put Him first & be able to live in a blessed community.
- Pray that the Church will be a good example to the rest of our larger community in Malaysia.
- Pray that the Malaysian community will be changed because of the Kingdom of God.

4 Sept / Wed

Pray for God's grace over the darkness in our Community

Spiritual food ~ John 1: 4-5

At the heart of all problems in a community is a lack of love for one another. In Malaysia, there are a few things that cause people to become more selfish and stop caring for one another.

- *A love for material things, which causes people to consider their own needs more than others.*
- *A big gap between the rich and poor, which causes people to live separately from one another, stop mixing around and not trust one another.*
- *Unfair laws that gives more privileges to a certain group. This causes anger and unhappiness in the community.*
- *Problems with drug addiction and poor morals, which tear families apart and cause problems like robbery, disease and abuse in communities.*
- *Greed and poor planning, which cause some groups in the community to lose their land to those who are more powerful.*

We need to pray for our Community. The darkness that breaks up our communities can only be overcome by God's hand.

- Pray for God to have mercy on our communities, that He will change these situations in the community.
- Pray that God will give Christians the ability & power to be the Good Samaritans in the community.
- Pray that God will change the hearts of people in the community and put in them a love and concern for one another.

5 Sept / Thurs

Pray for the Church to shepherd the Community

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 9: 36-38

God loves the community, and His heart is moved when he sees them suffering. In the passage today, we can see how Jesus felt when he saw the crowds of people. They were unsettled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. What did Jesus do about this? He told his disciples to ask God to send workers into the community. Here, we can see that our Lord wants more workers to care for His sheep.

As His church, He is our head and we are His hands and feet. His will is for us to care for not only ourselves, but for the community. Many people in the community are lost and helpless. They face many problems, as what we prayed for yesterday. They truly need God's light, power and love to save and protect them. As God's church, we need to go out into the community to care for His sheep.

Today, let us pray for the church to shepherd the community.

- Pray that the church will understand that God's heart is for the community.
- Pray that the church will be God's workers to care for the community He loves.

6 Sept / Fri

Pray that Churches will follow the Holy Spirit's leading to be united

Spiritual food ~ John 17: 20-21

Even when Jesus was on earth, he was already praying for us. He prayed that all Christians will be united with God & with one another. When Christians live this way, the world will see God's glory and believe in Jesus.

Jesus' prayer is being answered even today and until the end of times when He returns to earth again. The Holy Spirit works to unite all of us, and we as His people must listen to the leading of His Spirit. This glorifies God and as people see our unity and turn to Jesus, God's Kingdom comes into the community.

Today, let us pray for churches to follow the Holy Spirit's leading to be united.

- Pray that Malaysian churches will listen to and obey the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that there will be strong unity among the pastors and leaders of every church in Malaysia.
- Pray that God will give pastors and leaders wisdom in knowing how to unite churches in Malaysia.
- Pray that the Community will be touched by the Kingdom of God through the churches in Malaysia.

7 Sept / Sat

Pray that Christians will agree with one another in prayer

Spiritual food ~ Matthew 18: 19-20

Praying is one of the most powerful weapons we have against the enemy. Jesus promised us that if even two people agree about anything they ask for, He will be there with us and our prayer will be answered. What a promise!

How can we love the community through prayer? One of the things we can do is to get together with a partner or a few people and pray! If everyone agrees about what they are asking God for, according to His will, God has promised that He hears and will answer!

Praying together does not only have to be in church. Praying can also be done together in a friend's place, in school, or on the streets outside your house. As all of you walk around your neighbourhood, schools and community to pray, you can pray for those around you. You can ask God for His Kingdom to come to neighbours' families, classmates, teachers, shopkeepers, businesses, and wherever you walk by. This will help you focus on whom and what you want to pray for. Agree on what you pray for and God will answer your prayer!

Today, let's pray that:

- Christians will be united and pray together for God to touch their communities.
- God will give them things He wants them to pray for as they walk around their neighbourhoods, schools and community.

8 Sept / Sun

Pray that Christians will build good relationships with the Community

Spiritual food ~ Philippians 2: 3-4

We prayed on Thursday that the church will shepherd the community. Jesus loves the community and wants us to bless them, care for them and help them with their needs.

Nothing speaks louder than when we genuinely love the community. When we do this, the community will not only have their needs met, but will also be open to us as we have built a relationship of trust. This is the opportunity we have to tell them about Jesus and His salvation for their lives. Only when we genuinely love and build relationships with people will we be able to share the good news with them.

Today, let's pray that God will give Christians good relationships with the community.

- Pray that God will give churches the opportunity to build strong relationships through community work.
- Pray that people in the community will trust Christians and be open to God when they see the good works of Christians among them.

WEEK 6: MAY GOD'S KINGDOM REIGN IN OUR NATION

This is the final week of our 40 Days of Fasting & Prayer!

Before we pray for our nation, there is a song I would like to share with all of you. It's entitled 'Malaysia for Your Glory'. This song asks for God to fulfill His will in our country, and is really our prayer for these 40 days.

If you have access to a computer (I hope you do!), GOOGLE these keywords:

**"Malaysia bagi kemuliaanmu
(with chords) youtube"**



As the song plays, worship God & put Him first.

Surrender Malaysia to Him for His glory & ask Him to fulfill His will in Malaysia. If you are not able to watch this on a computer, I encourage you to read the lyrics out loud worshipfully & make it your prayer for our country.

Malaysia bagi KemuliaanMu

Yesuslah Tuhan yang layak ditinggikan
Layak disembah oleh suku-suku bangsa
Dengan darah-Mu, Kau t'lah tebus bangsaku
Genapi Tuhan Firman-Mu atas Neg'riku

Korus 1:

Hatiku rindu melihat kemuliaan-Mu
Hatiku rindu melihat curahan kuasa-Mu
Di tanah tercinta Negara Malaysia
Ku berdoa Malaysia penuh kemuliaan-Mu
Malaysia bagi kemuliaan-Mu

Korus 2:

Ya Allahku, nyatakan kemuliaan-Mu
Ya Allahku, nyatakan curahan kuasa-Mu
Di tanah tercinta Negara Malaysia
Ku berdoa Malaysia penuh kemuliaan-Mu
Malaysia bagi kemuliaan-Mu

TRANSLATION IN ENGLISH:

Malaysia for Your Glory

Jesus is Lord, worthy to be exalted
Worthy to be worshipped by all nations
With Your blood, You have redeemed my Nation
Lord, fulfill Your Word on my Motherland

Chorus 1:

My heart yearns to see Your glory
My heart yearns to see the
outpouring of Your power
On this beloved land of Malaysia
I pray that Malaysia will be filled with Your glory
Malaysia for Your glory

Chorus 2:

My God, reveal Your glory
My God, reveal the outpouring of Your power
On this beloved land of Malaysia
I pray that Malaysia will be filled with Your glory
Malaysia for Your glory

(Written and adapted from the album, 'Gift from God' by Julita Manik)

THIS WEEK. let us pray fervently for our nation, Malaysia. Malaysia is our home & our Motherland. It is where all of us have grown up in. God has given us this country as our home, so let us put in all our heart, mind and energy to pray for the nation of Malaysia! May His Kingdom reign in this nation!

<p>9 Sept / Mon</p>	<p>Pray for Sabah & Sarawak <i>Spiritual food ~ Acts 17: 26</i></p> <p>Even from the beginning, God has planned when in history everyone would live & where they would be living. Isn't that amazing? This means that God had already planned long ago when you and I would be here on earth and which country we would belong to. If it is God's plan for us to live in Malaysia at this present time, we must think about what challenges our country faces at this time & pray.</p> <p>What are the challenges we need to pray for Malaysia right now? One big challenge is the protection of Sabah & Sarawak's interest. When Malaysia was first formed, there were specific interests that Sabah & Sarawak had asked special protection for. The government at that time had agreed to protect these special rights. Right now, we need to pray for the government to fulfill its promise to continue protecting these rights.</p> <p>Today, let's pray that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The government will protect the special rights of Sabah & Sarawak, as was agreed when Malaysia was first formed.• It will be clear to all Malaysians, especially those in Sabah & Sarawak, what these special rights are so they will be able to stand up for what is right.
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<p>10 Sept / Tues</p>	<p>Pray for the Freedom of Speech & Religion <i>Spiritual food ~ 1 Corinthians 14: 33</i></p> <p>God is not a God of disorder but of peace. As Christians, we should pray and stand up for order in our country so that God's peace will reign.</p> <p>A supreme law in our country is the Constitution. The Constitution contains specific laws about different areas like education, religion and racial relations. Malaysians should always refer to the Constitution as it shows the basic values of Malaysia and brings order to our country.</p> <p>Another challenge we need to pray for has to do with the freedom of speech and religion in Malaysia. It is one of the laws written in the Constitution. We need to pray that the rights of Malaysian Christians to freely speak and practice their religion, as written in the constitution, will be protected. We also need to pray that Christians will be involved in protecting this right and make the effort to understand the situation.</p>
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Today, let's commit this challenge to God:

- Pray that the freedom of speech & religion of Christian Malaysians will be protected.
- Pray that God will give wisdom & knowledge to Christians in knowing how to actively stand up for this right.
- Pray that Malaysians will know the laws of the Constitution and stand up for their rights if these laws are not followed.

11 Sept / Wed

Pray for Good Leadership

Spiritual food ~ Proverbs 29: 2

A country needs good leaders for it to do well. In the proverb we read today, it points out that when righteous leaders rule, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. How good and peaceful our lives are in Malaysia depends very much on the leaders we have. This is why we must pray and ask God for good leaders.

So, what kind of leaders should we be praying for? We need leaders who are wise and skillful, who consider what is good for the country in the long run rather than what is good for themselves. They must also be honest and fair, and do what is right in God's eyes.

How can Malaysians ensure that we have good leaders? One way is by voting for the right people as our leaders. Also, we as citizens need to make sure these leaders carry out what they have promised after they have been made leaders.

Today, we need to pray for good leadership in Malaysia.

- Pray for good and righteous leaders in our government.
- Pray that selfish and unfair leaders in the government will be removed.
- Pray that Malaysians will be wise in choosing our leaders.
- Pray that Malaysians will ensure our leaders do what they have promised.

12 Sept / Thurs

Pray for the Peace & Prosperity of Malaysia

Spiritual food ~ Jeremiah 29: 7

When the Israelites were brought into a foreign land, God asked them to pray for its peace and prosperity. Why do that since it was not their land? The reason God gave was that if the place they were living in prospered, they too would prosper.

There is an important principle to learn here. The peace and prosperity of a place we are living in will determine how good and peaceful our lives are.

Today, let us pray for the peace and prosperity of our country. Although Malaysia's economy is estimated to do better this year, our country also has a lot of debt. We need to pray that unnecessary spending is stopped, and good and wise methods are put in place so that our economy will prosper.

- Pray for our leaders to manage our country's wealth wisely & righteously.
- Pray that prices of things will not increase at a fast rate so that the people, especially the poor, will not suffer.
- Pray that Christians will bring the Kingdom of God into their businesses & workplaces.

13 Sept / Fri

Pray for Malaysians to be united

Spiritual food ~ 1 Peter 3: 8

There are a few things that lead to unity and harmony among people – agreeing with one another, being understanding and compassionate, being humble, and loving one another. This is what the bible teaches us so that we can be united as God's people.

Our country also needs this unity. We are made up of many different races, each with its own culture. Each ethnicity has its own strengths and weaknesses. Many times, the weakness of another ethnicity is looked down upon by another ethnicity. Also, some smaller ethnic groups in Malaysia are side-lined because of their numbers and political power.

We need to pray for God's Kingdom to come in this area of racial unity in Malaysia. Let us pray that each ethnicity will not think themselves better than the other, but be humble, understanding and compassionate with one another, and truly love one another. Let us ask God for His values in the lives of all ethnic groups in Malaysia so that there is true unity amongst us.

- Pray for Christians to repent of the times they have looked down on another ethnic group because of their weaknesses.
- Pray for humility among every ethnic group in Malaysia.
- Pray for love, respect and understanding among different races.
- Pray for fair laws that will promote good racial relations.
- Pray for everyone to be united because they are all Malaysians.

14 Sept / Sat

Pray for Christians to actively build our nation

Spiritual food ~ Titus 3: 1-2

We as God's people are called to be good citizens in a country. We are to honour the authorities, be ready to do good, and treat others well.

One thing that Christians in Malaysia need to be more active in is to work for the good of our country. Besides praying for our nation, we can better our country by actively participating in different areas. We can be

involved in politics and influence important decisions, work with government organisations and other non-government groups, and give our time to help the community. By being a blessing to our nation, we glorify God's name and bring His presence and Kingdom to Malaysia.

Today, let's pray for Christians to actively build our nation.

- Pray that Christians will be active in doing good for our nation.
- Pray that God will open doors for Christians to do His good work.
- Pray that others will appreciate and be changed by what Christians are doing for Malaysia.

15 Sept / Sun

Dedicating Malaysia to God

Spiritual food ~ Revelations 7: 9-10

Today's verses show a picture of what is to come when Jesus returns to earth and establishes His Kingdom. People of all nations, tribes, ethnicities and languages are standing before Him and worshipping Him. How beautiful this is!

Tomorrow, we will celebrate our 50th Malaysia Day as a nation, as well as Malaysia's Jubilee. It is a time for giving thanks to God for Malaysia & celebrating the day He made us a nation.

At the end of days, Malaysians will be standing together with people of all other nations, tribes, ethnicities and languages and giving glory to Jesus our King. Let us remember that although we face many challenges and problems in our nation, we are still a nation planned for and formed by God.

Today, on the very last day of our 40 days of Fasting & Prayer, let us declare this prayer together to dedicate Malaysia to God:

Almighty God, we want to stand together as Malaysians to bless Your name. We thank you for forming us & giving us a place to belong to.

We pray for Your favour and endless grace to be upon this country, that its people will experience Your goodness, mercy and presence.

We surrender all of our challenges and problems to You, and we ask for You to change our situation for the better. Keep us, prosper us & give us a good government.

May Your name be glorified, honoured and lifted up in this nation! In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN!

May God's Kingdom reign in Malaysia!



It's the end of the journey!



CONGRATULATIONS!

you have just completed 40 days of Fasting & Prayer for Malaysia!

Give your Check-in partner a high-five
if he/she is next to you

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Do a mental high-five with the Holy Spirit!

Thank you for your faithfulness in committing our nation to God. I trust that God has done a good work in your heart & you have grown in praying for His will to be done in Malaysia.

**Before you go, say this thank you prayer to  
God who gave you strength for the journey:**

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank you that you have been with me these 40 days. Thank you for keeping me focused & for working in my heart. I pray that even though I have finished praying & fasting these 40 days, you will continue to work in my heart. May I ask you to reign in my life every day that I may bring Your love and hope to my country. May I continually pray for Malaysia, that truly You will reign in our homes, schools, churches, communities, businesses, leadership, economy and nation.

**I love you and thank you for the hope I have in You!  
In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN!**

**See you next year!!!**



## Week 3 – Something Ducklings Do

### ANSWER:

Well, one of the most important reasons is because they need the protection of their mother from the moment they are born. Such species have many predators and need to start staying away from danger as soon as they can.

But another important reason for following a parent is this – so that they can learn what is important in their life; like what to eat, what to stay away from, and where to fly to for more food.

Naturally, birds that are born in captivity do not have parents that can teach them these important lessons. One Italian hang-glider pilot, Angelo d'Arrigo, found a crazy solution to help several species of captive birds out. He hatched the chicks under the wing of his glider, and then taught them how to fly and hunt. In other words, he became their 'parent' so he could teach them how to survive.

In his lifetime, a few species he helped were eagles, which he taught to fly across the Sahara and the Mediterranean Sea to Sicily, a flock of Siberian cranes that flew with him from Siberia to Iran, and Nepalese eagles, which he taught to fly over Mount Everest.

