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A NATION FOR ALL

This year Malaysians celebrate the 56th anniversary of Merdeka for Malaya and the 50th anniversary since the formation of Malaysia in 1963.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the wisdom and strength He has granted to our national and state leaders over the years and for the relative peace and prosperity we have enjoyed as a nation.

As with our founding fathers of Malaysia we pray and seek the help of Almighty God to assist us as we envision and foster a nation uniting all peoples together; an inclusive nation rather than a divisive one. A nation for ALL.

A journey of 50 years is a small step in the evolution of nations. Yet we can take pride that even as we have faced many difficulties, we have endured as a nation of many people welded together in peace and harmony because of our mutual respect for and harmonious relationship with each other.

However, let us not be presumptuous but together actively work at building a nation under God and continue to seek blessing, peace and goodwill for each other and our communities.

We call on all Malaysians to strengthen our nation upon the twin pillars of truth and justice in order to give everyone hope and a place under the Malaysian sun.

We urge all Malaysians to continue to fashion a legal system that will provide equality and equal protection under the law for all Malaysians.

We call on all peaceful and peace-loving Malaysians to reject those who are racists and religious chauvinists in both their speech and actions. We need to actively resist all who use race and religion to drum up fear and hatred against others for political mileage and advantage.

We ask all Malaysians to continue to show mutual respect, compassion and care for the human rights and dignity of each other and to demonstrate that with the courage to speak up against injustice and extremism of all kinds.

Let us heighten our consciousness of and consideration for those others living around us and treat all peoples with love, honour and respect as we are all children of the living God.

As Christians in Malaysia we continue to pray for the well-being and good of our beloved nation MALAYSIA. We pray that Almighty God will assist us in our nation-building endeavours as we continue to build and to prosper a nation on the basis of truth and justice so that we may live together in unity, peace and harmony.

We pray for our police and armed forces to be vigilant and diligent to ensure the safety and security of our beloved nation.

We continue to pray for the blessings of wisdom and moral courage from Almighty God to be upon our Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, the Rulers, the Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet, the state Mentris Besar and the Chief Ministers and members of their Executive Councils, and all our Members of Parliament and State Assemblypersons, that they may represent the Rakyat with responsibility and integrity, and govern honestly and fairly, seeking always the common good.

Signed

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