

## **247@NECF PRAYER GUIDE**

### **May-June 2015**

#### **A. Parliamentary Sitting from May 18 (Monday) to June 16 (Tuesday)**

##### **1. Parliamentary Sitting**

Parliament will sit for 16 days again. Among the main highlights are:-

- i) The 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan to be tabled on May 21, 2015.
  - ii) The Private Member's Bill on Hudud deferred from the last Parliamentary Sitting, is expected to be in the order paper.
  - iii) Bill of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Act 2015 will also be tabled.
- a. Pray for God's hand to be upon this Parliamentary Sitting.
  - b. Pray that sufficient time be given to debate bills.
  - c. Pray for boldness that Members of Parliament will vote led by their conviction and conscience.

##### **2. 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan**

- i) The 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan from 2016 to 2020 is the last phase of the development plan to raise Malaysia to high income status and this plan will prioritise poverty eradication, education, security, public transportation and rural infrastructure;
  - ii) As for education, there will be a special focus on technical and vocational education and training, which will be reinforced by the Education Blueprint.
- Pray that the government will be committed to the following:-
- a. Reducing inequality and relative poverty across all races, and beyond just nice plans on paper;
  - b. Serious in implementing structural reforms that will reduce corruption, decrease leakages and increase competitiveness.

##### **3. PAS' Private Member's Bill On Hudud**

PAS-ruled Kelantan passed key amendments to its Syariah criminal code on March 19 at the state level, in a move to enable the eventual implementation of Hudud in the Muslim-majority state. It was passed at state level with full support of the UMNO assemblymen who sat as the opposition of the state assembly. At the last sitting in Parliament, a Private Member's Bill on Hudud was submitted for tabling but it was deferred.

- a. Pray that it will not be tabled at this upcoming Parliament sitting either.
- b. If tabled, pray that the bill will not be passed.

##### **4. Bill of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Act 2015**

- a. Pray for constructive debates over long overdue amendments to the Anti-Trafficking Act. Pray that these amendments will not conflate the serious rights abuse of human trafficking and will address properly the immigration violation of people smuggling too.
- b. Pray that Malaysia will be fully committed to combating human trafficking and instil best practices in every level of government dealing with refugees and migrants, such as the police, immigration and the navy.
- c. Pray for the protection of migrants and refugees, especially children with no papers to allow them to be educated.
- d. Pray too for the massive humanitarian crisis overflowing from the discovery of human trafficking camps in Southern Thailand. Pray for all evil deeds to be exposed, the people freed and find full restoration. Pray for nations to be compassionate.
- e. Pray also that Malaysia will ratify the UN Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, which it has not.

#### **B. PAS Party Polls Election from June 3 to June 6, 2015**

PAS (Parti Islam Se-Malaysia) will be having its party polls election during its 61st Muktamar in Kuala Selangor, from June 3 to 6.

- a. Pray for moderate and progressive leaders to be elected into office.
- b. Pray for the party to pursue after democratic and progressive agenda.

#### **C. Political and Economic Headwinds**

Given the financial, economic and political turmoil as a result of the 1MDB saga, the confusion that arising from the launch of the Goods and Services Tax, and spill over from the spat between the current Prime Minister and the former Prime Minister, let us....

- a. Pray for God's hand to be upon our nation.
- b. Pray for the shakings will lead constructive change.
- c. Pray that the nation's wealth be protected given the challenging global and domestic climate.

#### **D. Celebration of Harvest Festivals from May 30 to June 2, 2015**

Sabah will be celebrating Kaamatan from May 30-31 while Sarawak will celebrate Hari Gawai from June 1-2.

- a. Pray for safe travels as the Sabahans and Sarawakians return home to celebrate Gawai and Kaamatan.
- b. Pray that Christians will live out exemplary and holy lives during this period. Pray that during this time of festivities, Christians will be salt and light.
- c. Pray for families to be restored, relationships healed and a time of great rejoicing in their reunion celebration.
- d. Pray for the indigenous church, that they may continue to grow in spiritual maturity and be a blessing to the nation. Pray for more pastors and leaders to be raised, strong in the Word of God, able to teach and lead the next generation.