



# Turn to our Father in heaven

**40-DAY FAST AND PRAYER**

22 JULY – 30 AUGUST 2005







## FOREWORD

**P**ersistent intercession brings breakthrough. *Jesus spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1)* God will have us continue in prayer, not to weary us, but to exercise us; therefore we must fight against impatience so that a long delay does not cause us to quit praying.

We rejoice that our Government is responding to the people's desires for transparency and justice. Churches, generally, are prospering in spirit, soul and body. Compared to many countries, our nation is at peace. We are also a caring lot, as demonstrated in the generous giving to victims of the Tsunami tragedy. As a nation and a Church, we seem to be all right.

Yet, we must press on in prayer for the whole nation to have the opportunity of hearing the gospel. Every person has the right to choose to "Turn To Our Father in Heaven". Our heart's desire is to hear Him say, as the father said to his prodigal son, "*Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fatted calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.*"

NECF Malaysia invites you again to be part of the prayer movement for the land. We are excited at the "heavenly celebrations" that will take place with the Father and the angels when we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways and see the promise of His forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our land fulfilled.



## PRAYING ROUND THE CLOCK FOR MALAYSIA

**W**ith the introduction of Praying Round-the-Clock on the NECF website in 2004 a group of 1525 dedicated men, women and youths signed up to praying unceasingly for the nation. Detailed results of last year's Praying Round the Clock are shown on our website.

This year's Praying Round the Clock will continue to focus on praying for the states/ towns. (State profiles are shown after every week in this booklet). Please pray these prayer goals for your states:

### **Malaysia (Your State) toward excellence, glory and distinction. (Isaiah 60)**

- Peace, prosperity and harmony to prevail among all Malaysians.
- Each Malaysian has a stake and a voice in nation building.

### **Equality in economic distribution and development. (Psalm 72)**

- Fully eradicate poverty and reduce income disparity.
- Ensure balanced regional development in all states.

### **Righteousness and justice to prevail in the executive, judiciary and legislative authorities. (Isaiah 28:17)**

- Continue the all-out campaign against corruption without fear or favour.
- Ensure the independence of the judiciary and provide modern infrastructure to facilitate the administration of justice.

### **Divine order in Families. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)**

- Honor and cherish the sanctity of life, cultivate a healthy love and respect for one another at home.

- Foster high moral values and courage to face challenges among the youths.

**Excellence in quality of education, emphasis on godly values.**

**(Deuteronomy 6:7-9)**

- Ensure quality teaching and learning at all levels, improving the working environment for teaching professions.
- Financial assistance to be provided to needy students at all levels.

**Kingdom-minded Church with mission-emphasis (Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 28:19-20)**

- That the Church will be obedient to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.
- That the Church will rise to see and be actively involved in God's eternal purposes and plans for the nation's restoration of social and political order.

**Alpha and Omega – the Lord over Malaysia**

**(Revelation 1:8)**

- Christians be united in one heart and one mind, endeavored to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace under one Lord, one God and Father of all.
- All Malaysians to acknowledge and respond to the love of God.

The NECF Malaysia website [www.necf.org.my](http://www.necf.org.my) will keep a time slot

schedule that will cover each ½ hour of each day of 40days. You may register for **Praying Round the Clock** by emailing your times to [prayer@necf.org.my](mailto:prayer@necf.org.my) or log in to the website.

As you sign up on your particular slot, the names of the state and towns will be shown.

**Individuals:** Anyone may sign up individually and pray through the prayer goals in their own home at the hour of



their choosing for one time slot or several times or every day of the 40days. OR Individuals may want to pray with a friend or with a group of people at times suitable to all. OR Individuals could enlist the help of their small group, Bible study, or other affiliation to cover several hours each day or even take on the

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## MONEY FOR CHARITY

Since 2002, on the average, 265 churches send in their collection yearly to NECF. A cursory glance at the contributing churches shows that many are located in the smaller towns, indicating that the campaign was especially beneficial to small-town churches.

As at 10 Mar 2005, about RM1.707 million has been collected and RM1.014 million has been distributed to selected Christian and non-Christian organizations, both here and overseas. Money collected in 2004 will be distributed to 25 needy schools



throughout the nation this year.

Right from the start, it was agreed that about a quarter of the collection would be given to foreign welfare projects, including those in Muslim countries. Furthermore, charity should be extended to those in need, regardless of their race and religion.

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PRAYING ROUND THE CLOCK FOR MALAYSIA: CONTINUED FROM PG 3

challenge of covering one whole 24-hour period in prayer.

**Congregations:** Your church may want to assign your prayer leader to enlist individuals or groups within the church to sign up to pray **Round the Clock**. This can be done in several ways.

- Your church could pick one 24-hour period and recruit people to pray either at home or at church for ½ hour time slots.
- Your church could pick several hours (4 or 5 or 6 hours) each day of the 40 days to cover in prayer.

- Your church could cover the whole 40 days in prayer.
- Your church could join with a sister congregation to cover a specified amount of hours.
- Time slots could be organized and covered by various groups in your church such as women's group or the youth group. Remember that ½ hourly time slots can be covered by one person or by a group.

*Forms for organizing your church are available from NECF office or email to [prayer@necf.org.my](mailto:prayer@necf.org.my).*



## HOW TO ENJOY YOUR FAST

**F**asting brings a sacrificial dimension to prayer. Biblical fasting is most often the abstaining from food for a spiritual purpose; and there are various ways to fast. Some people also fast from a non-food item.

A **partial food fast** refers to giving up either a meal or two or a type of food (like meat) over a period of time.

A **full food fast** refers to giving up all food except water and/or juices over a period of time.

An **absolute food fast** is refraining from both food and drink, but should only be done for three days.

**Non-food fasts** include giving up something (for e.g. television) that interferes with your spiritual life.

Anyone with medical conditions or on medications should consult their physician before a food fast; and anyone attempting a full or absolute fast should consult their physician.

Decide what type of fast would be best for you. If this is new to you, begin with a partial fast.

### **Partial Fast Options**

- Give up one meal a day.
- Give up two meals on two days (for e.g. Wednesday & Friday)
- Give up two meals a day (breakfast and lunch)
- Give up meat or some other food

### **Full Fast Options**

- Give up food, drinking only water and juices for 24 hours

### **Non-Food Fast.**

- Give up something that distracts you from prayer and spiritual pursuits.



# Turn to Our Father in Heaven (Luke 15:11-32)

	<b>PERSONAL</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
<b>Week 1</b> <b>The Father's Plan</b> <i>Luke 15:11</i>	22 July <b>Wonderfully Made</b> <i>Psalm 139:13-16</i>	23 July <b>ObeY the Call</b> <i>Genesis 12:1-3; 18:19</i>	24 July <b>Honour</b> <i>Ephesians 6:1-3</i>
<b>Week 2</b> <b>The Father's Gift</b> <i>Luke 15:12</i>	29 July <b>Right to Act</b> <i>John 1:12-13</i>	30 July <b>Unconditional Love</b> <i>1 John 4:9-13</i>	31 July <b>Godly Wisdom</b> <i>Proverbs 1:1-9</i>
<b>Week 3</b> <b>The Father's Longsuffering</b> <i>Luke 15:13-19</i>	5 August <b>Significance</b> <i>2 Peter 3:14-15a</i>	6 August <b>Secure Future</b> <i>Luke 6:46-49 Isaiah 43:11-13</i>	7 August <b>Set Apart</b> <i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
<b>Week 4</b> <b>The Father's Heart</b> <i>Luke 15:20-21</i>	12 August <b>In His Arms</b> <i>Psalm 103:8-14</i>	13 August <b>Legacy</b> <i>Psalm 78:1-8</i>	14 August <b>Be Chaste</b> <i>Psalm 119:9-11</i>
<b>Week 5</b> <b>The Father's Delight</b> <i>Luke 15:22-31</i>	19 August <b>Delight in your ways</b> <i>Luke 15:8-10</i>	20 August <b>Delight to prosper</b> <i>Deuteronomy 30:1-6</i>	21 August <b>Delight to mentor</b> <i>2 Timothy 2:2</i>
<b>Week 6</b> <b>The Father's Blessings</b> <i>Luke 15:32</i>	26 August <b>Inherited</b> <i>Romans 8:12-17</i>	27 August <b>Covenanted</b> <i>Joshua 24:15</i>	28 August <b>Transformed</b> <i>2 Timothy 3:14-17</i>





CHURCH	GOVERNMENT	MARKETPLACE	PEOPLE GROUP
25 July <b>One Family</b> <i>1 John 3:1-2</i>	26 July <b>Providence</b> <i>Proverbs 8:15-16</i>	27 July <b>Father's Business</b> <i>Matthew 6:33</i>	28 July <b>Every Tongue Confess</b> <i>Isaiah 45:22-23</i> <i>Romans 10:14-15;</i>
1 August <b>'Paracletos'</b> <i>John 14:15-17</i>	2 August <b>Gift of Righteousness</b> <i>Proverbs 16:12</i>	3 August <b>Wealth</b> <i>Deuteronomy 8:12-20</i>	4 August <b>Living Water</b> <i>John 4:10-18</i> <i>Ezekiel 47:7-9</i>
8 August <b>His Discipline</b> <i>Hebrews 12:5-13</i>	9 August <b>Self-Reliance</b> <i>2 Chronicles 16</i>	10 August <b>Storing Up?</b> <i>Luke 12:16-21</i>	11 August <b>All Should Come</b> <i>2 Peter 3:9</i>
15 August <b>Spotless</b> <i>Ephesians 5:25-27</i>	16 August <b>Defender of the Weak</b> <i>Psalms 82</i>	17 August <b>Integrity</b> <i>Proverbs 10:9;</i> <i>11:1</i>	18 August <b>Turn Back</b> <i>Hosea 6:1-3</i>
22 August <b>Delight in mercy</b> <i>Micah 7:18-19</i>	23 August <b>Delight to relent</b> <i>Jonah 3:1-10</i>	24 August <b>Delight to give</b> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	25 August <b>Delight to Reign</b> <i>Proverbs 22:27-28</i>
29 August <b>Passed on</b> <i>2 Kings 2:2-12</i>	30 August <b>Redeemed</b> <i>Daniel 6:25-28</i>	31 August <b>Favoured</b> <i>Deuteronomy 28:1-14</i>	1 September <b>Restored</b> <i>Revelation 5:9-14</i>



DAY 1: 22 JULY     PERSONAL

Notes

**WONDERFULLY MADE**

PSALM 139:13-16

Everyone has a unique, God-given personality, endowed with special talents, gifts and abilities. The exquisitely complex and delicate make-up of our physical body exhibits our Father's incomprehensible skill, power and goodness. Indeed, we are wonderfully made, most importantly, in His image, according to His likeness (Genesis 1:26) and in such a way that we feel the necessity of depending on His sovereignty, care and providence.

Pray

- Confess to our Father your struggle in accepting His love and wonderful plan for you.
- Praise God for His wonderful creation.
- Allow God to change us and to reconstruct the distorted view of ourselves.

Act

Stand in awe of God, the Creator, and begin to appreciate His wonderful work.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Bangladesh

Being very small and also fragmented into about 32 denominations, the Church feels insecure and weak. Many of these churches refuse to co-operate with one another. This not only damages their Christian witness to non-Christians but opens the way for Muslim fundamentalists groups to exert pressure on the government to bring Bangladesh under Shariah rule. Pray against this continuing trend.

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DAY 2: 23 JULY FAMILY

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**OBEY THE CALL**

GENESIS 12:1-3, 18:19

**I**n order to fulfil God’s promise to become a great and mighty nation Abraham was to obey His call and direct his children and household to keep His way – to do what is right and just.

Family is the basic unit of a society. It is the first governing institution in the formation of an organised nation. When we have strong godly families we have a strong nation.

Pray

- That we will be open to the Father’s plan for us in every area of our homes and families.
- For parents to obey the call in directing their children to keep what is right and just.

Act

Determine to set your affection on the Lord and obey Him.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

China

According to an ancient legend, China once worshipped the God of the Bible – the God of Heaven. But China has turned its back on God yet God did not turn His back on China. The persecution of the Chinese believers has brought about an unprecedented harvest of souls into the kingdom estimated at 15,000 new believers a day. Praise the Lord for His love for China!

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DAY 3: 24 JULY    YOUTH

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### HONOUR

EPHESIANS 6: 1-3

**A** responsible parent will do everything possible for his/her children to give them a good start for their future. We, as children, are to honour our parents by giving them our unending devotion, care and support even in their old age when they suffer memory loss, dimmed eyesight or become naggy?

#### Pray

- That we have the fear of God and honour for our parents.
- That we will honour and respect those who are older.

#### Act

Spend some time with your parents and/or spiritual parents this week.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### Laos

The need for cross-cultural evangelism is very great. Of the ninety different ethnic groups in Laos, only about a dozen have any believers at all. The vast majority of these ethnic groups have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Since the change of Government in 1975, no expatriate cross-cultural missionaries have been permitted to work within Laos. Pray for God to raise up local cross-cultural missionaries instead.

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DAY 5: 26 JULY NATION

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**PROVIDENCE**

PROVERBS 8:15-16

**A**nation's success has a lot to do with the providence of God. Although the world today is bombarded with problems and experiences many wars and destruction, Malaysians, by God's grace, enjoy relative peace and stability. While we give thanks to our Father, let us not forget His plan for the nation and continue to trust Him for a government who fears God. For by His providence, kings reign and rulers decree justice.

Pray

- For a government who fears God and loves righteousness.
- For Christian politicians to serve with distinction.
- For the Church to rise above her spiritual lethargy and comfort, and play an active role in every sphere of nation building.

Act

- Take part in *Rukun Tetangga*.
- Commit to pray for the government, army, legal and social services, police, education and health ministries, etc.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Vietnam

Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the evangelical Christians have increased in numbers despite severe persecution from the communist government. This is partly because they give attention to the training of lay leaders. Young Christians and church members have risen to accept the challenge of leadership when many of their pastors were arrested and churches closed.

Pray for these lay leaders.

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DAY 6: 27 JULY      MARKETPLACE

### FATHER'S BUSINESS

MATTHEW 6:33

The marketplace is driven by profit maximisation. Are believers too ensnared by worldly pursuits, self-indulgence and materialism? A doctor who serves without God's calling will focus on expanding his business for his own gain, while a doctor with God's calling will tend to the Father's business by responding to the needs of the people.

Are you struggling in decisions and putting God's plan on hold? "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

#### Pray

- Commit to God your struggle in putting His business first.
- Ask God for His Plan in your investments.
- For willingness to put away worldly pursuits and turn your career into God's calling for His glory.

#### Act

Plan a bible study session focusing on 'marketplace calling' in your workplace.

+0-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### North Korea

Pray for the Christians in the labour camps, from which hardly anyone comes out alive. There are as many as 200,000 people in such camps, including thousands of Christians. Please pray for the thousands of Christians and tens of thousands of other innocent people who are languishing in Stalinist torture camps. Pray that they will not loose their faith, but that they will persevere in following God.

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DAY 7: 28 JULY      PEOPLE GROUPS

**EVERY TONGUE CONFESS**

ISAIAH 45:22-23, ROMANS 10: 14-15

**T**he world population has reached 6.35 billion people (16,019 people groups by country). According to Joshua Project, 42.9% (i.e. 2.48b people) of the people groups falls into the category of the unreached or least evangelised. The Project has also identified the Japanese as the largest group of least-evangelised individuals (more than 120 million). <http://www.joshuaproject.net/index.php>

Our Father's salvation plan includes every single person on earth. But how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?

Pray

- That we rid ourselves of selfishness and an inward-looking mindset, that our hearts be enlarged for the unreached.
- That every tribe and tongue will turn to Him and be saved.
- For more missionaries to be sent to Japan.

Act

Share your testimony /give a tract to your unsaved friends (who can be Japanese as well) this week.

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PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

JOHN 17: 18-23; ROMANS 10:13-15

Jah Hut or Jah Het is the name of an OA group at the heart of the peninsula. Jah means "people" and het means "no" in their own language. However, they refer to themselves as Jah Hèq which means "our people".

Today, a number of these 'No People' have become God's People.

We praise God that they and other OA brethren from among the Semai, Temuan, Jakun, Semelai, Mah Meri, Temiar, Orang Seletar, Jahai, Semaq Beri and Chewong are worshipping Jesus as their Lord.

Pray

- That the many churches serving in this ministry will be united in witness to the OA community, and united in purpose to finish the task.
- Ask the Lord to send labourers to those groups that have no church planted among them: Kensiw, Kintak, Lanoh, Batek, Mendriq, Temoq, Orang Kanaq, Orang Kuala.

Act

A published bibliography lists 1700 references to research materials on the OA. Check out the NECF website for resources on the OA.

Map showing distribution of OA groups Adapted from Geoffrey Benjamin (1985) and Razha Rashid (1995)



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### PRAY FOR THE STATES

Perlis: the smallest state whose economy is based on rice, rubber and fishing.

Area: 795 square kilometers.

Capital: Kangar

People [% of Christians (2000): 0.5%]

Population (2000): 204,450

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 83.9%, Other Bumiputera 0.3%, Chinese 10.2%,

Indians 1.3%, Other ethnic groups 2.8%, Non-Malaysians 1.5%

Religions (2000): Islam 85.4%, Christianity 0.5%, Hinduism 1.0%, Buddhism 11.4%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 1.4%, Other religions 0.1%, No religion 0.1%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 90.8% / 20 year-old & above: 12.9%

Poverty rate (2002): 10.1%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalulail Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim

Kedah: due to the economic and political stability, streams of new investors are locating their industrial operations in this rice bowl state.

Area: 9,425 square kilometers.

Capital: Alor Star

People [% of Christians (2000): 0.8%]

Population (2000): 1,649,756

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 75.2%, Other Bumiputera 0.2%, Chinese 14.6%,

Indians 7.0%, Other ethnic groups 1.4%, Non-Malaysians 1.6%

Religions (2000): Islam 76.9%, Christianity 0.8%, Hinduism 6.5%, Buddhism 13.5%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 2.0%, Other religions 0.1%, No religion 0.1%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above : 90.2% / 20 year-old & above : 12.9%

Poverty rate (2002): 10.7%

**Head of State:** His Royal Highness Al-Sultan Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain



Penang: the Pearl of the Orient, manufacturing contributes 46.5% to the state economy.

Area: 1,031 square kilometers

Capital: Georgetown

People [% of Christians (2000): 3.6%]

Population (2000): 1,313,449

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 40.6%, Other Bumiputera 0.3%, Chinese 44.8%,

Indians 10.2%, Other ethnic groups 0.4%, Non-Malaysians 3.7%

Religions (2000): Islam 44.2%, Christianity 3.6%, Hinduism 8.7%, Buddhism 33.7%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 8.8%, Other religions 0.3%, No religion 0.4%, Unknown 0.2%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 93.8% / 20 year-old & above : 15.7%

Poverty rate (2002): 1.4%

**Head of State:** His Excellency Tun Dato' Seri Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas

**Chief Minister:** Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon

## Reflection

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DAY 8: 29 JULY    PERSONAL

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**RIGHT TO ACT**

JOHN 1:12-13

**A**s citizens, we have legal rights to vote, own properties, and enjoy civil amenities like healthcare and education. Believers are children of God through faith in His Son, clothed in His righteousness. If we belong to Christ, we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3: 29). As heirs of the promise, we are given the authority, the spiritual rights, to extend the Father's gift to Malaysia.

Pray

- Confess any area of our lives that hinders us from walking in full authority.
- With thanksgiving and gratitude for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- That we exercise the authority to appropriate God's gift to Malaysia.

Act

Share with someone how you have received this privilege.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

South Korea

Pray for our brothers and sisters in South Korea, so that they will be able to continue evangelising and will be able to be a support for the Christian refugees in North Korea. On 12 April 2002, the South Korean Pastor Bond-Il Choi was arrested in China because he was providing aid in the form of shelter, food, clothing and the Word of God to North Koreans who had fled. Please pray for his protection and for the other evangelists.

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DAY 9: JULY 30 FAMILY

### UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

1 JOHN 4:9-13

One of the results of our Father's sacrificing His Son on the cross is that we understand unconditional love. The real threat to our homes is not a defiled society, nor an unhealthy peer pressure nor a poor schooling system. It rests within the homes and families that have not secured their future and hope in the unconditional love of our Father. Have our homes become like the Church in Ephesus, which though not weary in deeds, has left the first love?

#### Pray

- For husbands and wives to faithfully fulfil the covenant relationship, first with God, then with one another, and consistently build intimacy in marriage.
- That children are accepted and loved unconditionally and grow in an atmosphere of affirmation, appreciation and encouragement.

#### Act

Determine to spend as much time as you can with family members this week and enjoy them.

+0-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### Bhutan

Christians are forced to pledge in writing not to gather to worship or to proselytize. The penalties for defying such undertakings include withdrawal of all state benefits, loss of free education for their children, loss of promotion and training opportunities, termination of employment, cancellation of trade licences, restriction of movement and, for repeated offences, exile.

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DAY 10: 31 JULY YOUTH

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**GODLY WISDOM**

PROVERBS 1:1-9

**W**ise youths will know that excessive time spent on television/movies, video games, Internet, clubbing, 'lepak-ing,' and the like will distract them from the time spent with God. They know they need to grow in wisdom, in learning and godly guidance, so that their lives will move in the right direction. They are careful to guard their destiny.

Pray

- Pray according to Luke 2:52 that our youths (you) will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man'.
- That they (you) will make a commitment to spend time with Him and to study His Word.
- For godly wisdom and exemplary youth leaders in disciplining and guiding the younger ones.

Act

If you are a youth, share your struggles with an older person you trust (parents, pastor or youth leader) and ask him/her for prayer. Be accountable to this person. If you are an adult, talk to a youth today and pray with him/her.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Burma

Christians are the people of the hills. It was on 15 March 1899, that American missionaries first encountered these animist peoples. The Chin are now almost completely Christianized - to the intense annoyance of militant Buddhists backed by the ruling powers. This annoyance has resulted in a strong drive to evangelize the Chin for Buddhism. They face great persecution and temptations to renounce their faith.

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DAY 11: 1 AUGUST CHURCH

**'PARACLETOS'**

JOHN 14:15-17

**P**aracletos,' the one that comes alongside, the Holy Spirit, is the Father's gift to the Church so that believers would not be left as spiritual orphans. He is the Spirit of truth that guides us into all truth. By Him also, the Church is empowered to fulfil God's purpose to witness, heal, and set the captives free.

Pray

- Confess any apathy in us that hinders our communion with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
- For humility and total dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- For the power of the Holy Spirit to be evident in the lives of all believers.

Act

Read a book on revival. Two such books are " Drunk before Dawn" and "Bario Revival " on the Sarawakian revival in 1973.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Brunei

The Ministry of Education requires all students, including non-Muslims to follow a course of study on the Islamic faith and learn the jawi (Arabic script). However, the Government does not prohibit or restrict parents from giving religious instruction to children in their own homes. Pray for all Christian parents to effectively instruct their children in the ways of God at home.

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DAY 12: 2 AUGUST NATION

Notes

GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

PROVERBS 16:12

The Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, leads the nation by example. He is a man of integrity and honour, with moral and civic convictions, who cherishes peoples from all walks of life. His motto 'work with me, and not for me' makes room for the people to take part in nation building. A righteous leader values honesty not only in himself but also in others.

Pray

- Thank God for the wisdom and godly values bestowed upon the Prime Minister.
• For PM's family, especially his wife, Datin Paduka Seri Endon Mahmood, for good health and wisdom as helpmate to PM.
• For all government leaders and local authorities to be united in one vision and submit to PM's leadership.

Act

Uphold PM's vision for Malaysia – cultivating respect, humility, accountability, integrity, sincerity and justice.

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India

Because of increasing persecution, the church is beginning to realize the need for unity. For the first time in the history of India the Catholics, the Protestants and the Evangelicals have joined together to form a United Christian Forum, which is already functional and recognized by the Government. Let's pray that with this unity, India will know that Jesus is Lord!

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DAY 13: 3 AUGUST

MARKETPLACE

Notes

**WEALTH**

DEUTERONOMY 8:12-20

**T**he people in Israel depended on God for the necessities of life while in the wilderness. Fearing that they might forget God and become proud in their new-found prosperity, Moses warned the people of the danger in abundance: the spirit of independence.

The ability to make wealth is a gift given by God. Let us cease not to praise the Lord our God, forget not all His benefits upon us, and be a good steward in administering His wealth for the extension of His kingdom.

Pray

- Praise God for all that we have.
- Confess our wrong thinking that investment in God's kingdom is a waste.
- Ask for the heart of servanthood that we may serve God with the best that we have.

Act

Have you considered sponsoring a needy student in your church or even setting up a scholarship fund for your community? If not, go for it!

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Nepal

The church in Nepal has seen huge growth in recent years. Operation World reports a doubling in numbers to 400,000 during the 1990s. However, Christians in the world's only Hindu kingdom still experience persecution. Hindu extremists have declared they will shed blood to protect Hinduism in Nepal. Pray that the blood of the martyrs will be the seed of the church.

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DAY 14: 4 AUGUST

PEOPLE GROUPS

Notes

**LIVING WATER**

JOHN 4: 10-18; EZEKIEL 47:7-9

**M**any in the village believed because the Samaritan woman went back to tell about her encounter with Jesus. The very living water that she received became life and healing to the village.

Where the river flows, everything lives, every tree bears fruit and its leaves heal (Ezekiel. 47: 8-9), nations will flock to hear the gospel and be cleansed of their superstitious beliefs and rituals. For Jesus is the Living Water.

Pray (for people groups)

- For personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.
- Healing and restoration.

Pray (for Christians)

- For more labourers in the harvest fields.
- For protection and perseverance for missionaries.

Act

Send an encouraging note to a missionary that you know and let him/her know that you are praying for him/her.

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## PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

### CHOSEN AND APPOINTED TO BEAR FRUIT

JOHN 15: 1-17

**M**issionary activities started among the Semai, the largest OA group, in the 1930s. Today, there are many churches still working among them, and many Semais, are in full-time Christian ministry. Some of these Semai churches are less than 10 years old. There is still much work to be done – many more villages to be reached, believers strengthened, churches established, communities transformed.

In contrast, the Jahai, Semaq Beri, Jah Hut and Chewong congregations are less than 5 years old. But they have already faced, and are facing many challenges to their faith; their loyalty to Christ are being tested.

#### Pray

- For renewal within churches that have been long established, and that they will be 'pruned' so that they may bear more fruit.
- For a hunger for God's truth and desire to know Him and obey Him.
- For grace and strength in times of testing.
- For God's protection and providence for those who serve the OA Church and community, and that the fruit of their ministries will last.
- That the OA churches will be salt and light in their communities.

#### Act

- If you have gone on a missions trip to an OA village, why not contact the pastors/missionaries who hosted you, and encourage them?
- If you have never fellowship with any OA brethren, plan to join/organise a missions team to an OA church, or invite them to your church.

Some OAs gave the following reason for becoming Christians: they felt pressured to choose a religion, so they chose Christianity because it does not require them to be circumcised or give up some of the foods that are vital sources of protein. It was also reported that some, especially young female activists, turn to nominal (emphasis ours) Christianity as a way to preserve their traditional values.

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## PRAY FOR THE STATES

Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur: a modern, bustling city.

Area: 243 square kilometers

People [% of Christians (2000): 5.6%]

Population (2000): 1,379,310

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 39.8%, Other Bumiputera 0.9%, Chinese 40.6%, Indians 10.6%, Other ethnic groups 1.4%, Non-Malaysians 6.7%

Religions (2000): Islam 46.2%, Christianity 5.6%, Hinduism 8.4%, Buddhism 34.2%,

Confucianism/Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 2.7%, Other religions 0.7%, No religion 0.9%, Unknown 1.4%

Literacy rate (2000) 10 year-old & above: 96.2% / 10 year-old & above : 25%

Poverty rate (2002): 0.5%

**Federal Territories Minister:**

Tan Sri Mohd Isa Samad

**Mayor:** Datuk Ruslin Hasan

Federal Territory Labuan: the least populated state.

Area: 92 square kilometres

Capital: Victoria

People [% of Christians (2000): 12.8%]

Population (2000): 76,067

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 38.1%, Kadazan Dusun 6.4%, Bajau 5.3%, Murut 0.5%, Other Bumiputera 12.4%, Chinese 12.5%, Other ethnic groups 3.6%, Non-Malaysians 21.2%

Religions (2000): Islam 76.3%, Christianity 12.8%, Hinduism 0.4%, Buddhism 9.3%, Confucianism/Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 0.5%, Other religions 0.2%, No religion 0.3%, Unknown 0.2%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 91.7% / 20 year-old & above: 13.3%

Poverty rate (2002): 16% (Included in Sabah)

**Mayor:** Datuk Suhaili Abdul Rahman



Federal Territory Putrajaya: Malaysia's new administrative capital.

Area: 4,931 hectares

A metropolis of landscaped gardens and domed buildings. This new city will ultimately provide for an approximately 330,000 people and will function as the principal seat of government. It will be served by advanced communications and transportation infrastructure.

**Perbadanan Putrajaya:**

The President who acts as Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Azizan Zainul Abidin

### Reflection

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DAY 15: 5 AUGUST PERSONAL

Notes

**SIGNIFICANCE**

2 PETER 3:14-15A

**C**hrist died for us while we were still sinners and His love for us is everlasting. Regardless of what others say of us, the Lord holds us in high regard. No matter what we think of ourselves, God sees who we can become, rather than what we are now. Let us be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless and regard His longsuffering as salvation, for we are significant in Christ Jesus.

Pray

- That the joy of being significant becomes a contagious blessing to others.
- Confess our lack of interest for the lost and our short-sightedness for not valuing their significance in Christ.

Act

Share God's peace and love today with a friend.

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Indonesia

The result of a survey released on 11 November 2004 indicated that a significant percentage of Indonesians are intolerant toward people of other faiths. And early this year, Islamists in Java and Sumatra have used legal means to close down several churches. They cite a government ruling that states that churches can be closed down if the local community objects to them. If that be the case, pray for Christians to continue meeting in homes.

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DAY 16: 6 AUGUST

FAMILY

Notes

**SECURE FUTURE**

LUKE 6:46-49, ISAIAH 43:11-13

What kind of foundation are our homes built on? Is Christ the Chief Cornerstone? Let us examine every brick, nook and corner of our hearts and dedicate our homes to the Father. For the only Certificate of Fitness (CF) of a secure home rests in how much we have surrendered it to Him.

Pray

- That Christ reigns in our homes.
- To release our homes and families to Him.

Act

Open our homes for meetings such as follow-up sessions for the Alpha course, Bible study, care groups, etc.

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Mongolia

The religious groups: Buddhist Lama 50%, Atheist 40%, Shamanist and Christian 6%, Muslim 4%. There is freedom of religion in the country though the law do limit proselytizing. Pray for the small minority Christians and the many foreign mission agencies in the country to be successful in evangelising the people.

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DAY 18: 8 AUGUST

CHURCH

Notes

### HIS DISCIPLINE

HEBREWS 12:5-13

**M**any churches are busy with their respective programmes and activities. The importance of building relationship and accountability with one another may thus be neglected, though we recognise the reality of spiritual attacks and temptations. While the Church has to be vigilant and persevere in upholding one another in accountability, we are also encouraged to learn that divine discipline is an evidence of divine love, for all God's children are subject to His discipline.

#### Pray

- For those who have fallen and succumbed to temptation and deception, not to despise the Lord's chastening, but be willing to come under submission and discipline.
- For grace and wisdom for those who are in the process of ministering discipline and restoration.
- For strong relationship and accountability among the leaders.

#### Act

- Renew your commitment to pray for your leaders.
- Take part in NECF's Ministers Appreciation Month (October).

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### Maldives

Maldives population of 300,000 is supposedly 100% Muslims. The Government observes Shari'a (Islamic law) and the practice of any religion other than Islam is prohibited by law. Last December's tsunami had devastated the country's precious tourism industry, which provides two-thirds of employment and the largest proportion of GDP. Pray for God to open doors for His Gospel into this country through this crisis.





DAY 20: 10 AUGUST

MARKETPLACE

Notes

**STORING UP?**

LUKE 12: 16-21

**L**egally we hold Malaysian citizenship, but the Bible tells us that our citizenship is in heaven and we are all exiles and strangers on earth.

Many of us easily set our affections on earthly things for they feed our pleasures and meet our instant wants. We spend a lot of time and energy accumulating possessions that seem promising to us now. But ultimately, when uncertainty sets in, even the best storehouse containing them will perish.

*Pray*

- For willingness, courage and obedience in making choices that please our Father's heart.
- That we will make the most of our time to glorify Him.

*Act*

Contemplate at which storehouse you want to invest in today.

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Macau

Many years ago Macau was given the title; "Macau, city of God, there is none more loyal!" Today, Macau's loyalty is to false gods and the immoral things of man. Gambling is the major industry of the city. Though the gospel had been preached for almost 200 years, there are only about 3,000 believers (less than 1% of the population). Pray for a breakthrough in the salvation of souls.

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DAY 21: 11 AUGUST

PEOPLE GROUPS

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### ALL SHOULD COME

2 PETER 3:9

“**T**he Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

Are you ready for His coming? Are you willing to be part of God's plan in His desire for all to be saved?

*Pray*

- Praise and thank God for the worldwide spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the world.
- For the fullness of the Gentiles and salvation for the Jews.
- That the Church will not be weary of mission works.

*Act*

Plan to go on a mission trip this year.

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PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

**FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD**

JAMES 2: 14-20

**P**roverbs 13:23 says, “A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.” Loss of access to the forest and land results in an erosion of their economic self-reliance. They become increasingly dependent on wage labour and the money economy for survival. But because of their limited education and skills, they have few job options.

“Loggers have chopped down our durian and petai trees. We want the jungle to be left as it is. We prefer to live near the jungle, as we have no skills to work outside the settlement. We don't like to be estate (plantation) labourers because we have been cheated of our wages in the past.”

Penghulu Yen of Sungai Bersih (Quoted in Man Yuke Foong and Amanda Hoh's *Living in Fear of Outsiders*, Sunday Star July 5, 1987.)

Pray

- Repent of our lack of concern for the needs of the OAs or for dismissing their problem as one that is caused by their laziness and unwillingness to change.
- For wisdom for the OA communities to cope with their changing environment.
- For the JHEOA, other government agencies, as well as Christian organisations and NGOs; for effective measures and programs to help the OAs.

Act

- Contact Malaysian CARE, and Foundation of Community Studies and Development (an NGO) to find out more about community development programmes for the OAs and how you can help.

Statistics revealed by the Director-General of the JHEOA show that 80.8% of Orang Asli live below the poverty line (compared to 8.5% nationally), of which 49.9% are among the very poor (compared to 2.5% nationally)

(The Star, 19.2.1997).

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## PRAY FOR THE STATES

Perak: was once the richest state during the tin boom and Ipoh was known as the city of millionaires. This is no longer the case since the worldwide drop in tin prices.

Area: 21,005 square kilometers

Capital: Ipoh

People [% of Christians (2000): 3.1%]

Population (2000): 2,051,236

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 51.4%, Other Bumiputera 2.3%, Chinese 31.3%,

Indians 12.8%, Other ethnic groups 0.3%, Non-Malaysians 1.9%

Religions (2000): Islam 53.9%, Christianity 3.1%, Hinduism 11.0%, Buddhism 24.0%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 5.9%, Tribal/folk religion 0.6%, Other religions 0.6%, No religion 0.8%, Unknown 0.1%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 91.8% / 20 year-old & above : 10.3%

Poverty rate (2002): 7.9%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Sultan Azlan Shah Muhibbuddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Yussuf Izzuddin Shah Ghafarullahu-Lah

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Seri Mohamad Tajol Rosli Ghazali

Selangor: the most populous state, the Klang Valley is a big industrial centre containing the cities of Petaling Jaya, Shah Alam (its capital), Klang and Port Klang, the second largest port in Malaysia.

Area: 7,960 square kilometers

Capital: Shah Alam

People [% of Christians (2000): 4.3%]

Population (2000): 4,188,876

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 49.8%, Other Bumiputera 1.3%, Chinese 29.4%,

Indians 14.0%, Other ethnic groups 1.1%, Non-Malaysians 4.4%

Religions (2000): Islam 55.7%, Christianity 4.3%, Hinduism 12.1%, Buddhism 24.4%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 2.0%, Tribal/folk religion 0.3%, Other religions 0.4%, No religion 0.5%, Unknown 0.4%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old and above: 95.6% / 20 year-old and above: 24.9%

Poverty rate (2002): 1.1%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo



### Reflection

Negeri Sembilan: the state is set on industrialisation as its agriculture has already been fully developed.

Area: 6,644 square kilometers

Capital: Seremban

People [% of Christians (2000): 2.7%]

Population (2000): 859,924

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 54.5%, Other Bumiputera 1.3%, Chinese 24.6%,

Indians 15.4%, Other ethnic groups 0.5%, Non-Malaysians 3.7%

Religions (2000): Islam 58.6%, Christianity 2.7%, Hinduism 13.9%, Buddhism 20.3%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 3.0%, Tribal/folk religion 0.6%, Other religions 0.3%, No religion 0.5%, Unknown 0.1%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 93.7%/ 20 year-old & above: 13.2%

Poverty rate (2002): 2.2%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Yang Dipertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Mohamad Hasan

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DAY 22: 12 AUGUST

PERSONAL

Notes

## IN HIS ARMS

PSALM 103:8-14

**T**he father daily watched out for the prodigal son's return (Luke 15:20). When he finally did, the father took him into his arms with compassion. There was no room for harsh chastening. The finest robe that clothed him signified his father's acceptance and favour. Likewise, our Father's arms are always open irrespective of our individual conditions. Bad behaviour can grieve Him but it will not stop Him from loving us for He is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

### Pray

- For forgiveness for grieving our Father's heart in any area of our lives.
- For ability to identify with His longing for us.
- For any misconception of who God is to be replaced with a right perception: He is stern, yet merciful.

### Act

Do you know someone who is far from God? Telephone or pay him/her a visit.

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### Singapore

Singapore was founded as a British trading colony in 1819. It joined the Malaysian Federation in 1963 but separated two years later and became independent. Today, the two countries are disputing over issues such as deliveries of fresh water to Singapore, Singapore's land reclamation works, bridge construction, maritime boundaries, and Pedra Branca Island/Pulau Batu Putih. Pray for both countries to come to an agreement over these issues.

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DAY 23: 13 AUGUST

FAMILY

Notes

**LEGACY**

PSALM 78:1-8

**H**ow will our families and children remember us when we die? Wealth and property left behind can be squandered or lost. What we have been and all that we have done can be forgotten as time moves on.

Family is the foundational place where godly values are transferred from one generation to another that the commandments of God may be kept. Therefore, let our lifestyles testify the strength and wondrous works of our Father in heaven.

Pray

- Confess the times when we have passed wrong values to our children.
- For commitment to pass on God's principles and commandments to our children.
- That God will guide and help us to imitate Christ so that others see only Christ manifested in our homes.

Act

- Read Philippians 2:1-11
- Share a legacy of any godly character in Christian history with your children/youth.

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Thailand

The capital city, Bangkok, is the sin capital of Asia, with a sex industry of 100,000 male prostitutes and 700,000 female ones. There may be 2 million Thais infected with AIDS. Crime, drugs and alcohol are also ubiquitous. The Catholic Church has been here for 400 years, the Protestant for 175, and yet a mere 1.6 percent of the population is Christian. Pray that God would bless His servants' efforts to sow His Word amongst the Thai people.

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DAY 24: 14 AUGUST      YOUTH

Notes

## BE CHASTE

PSALMS 119:9-11

**W**hen we succumb to peer pressure and lower standards, we adopt the herd mentality of the masses. How can a young man keep his way pure? Daniel, as a young man, did not compromise nor lower his standards with that of the world, and therefore won the favour of both God and men.

Today, we face pressures to drink, smoke, and lower our moral standards to keep up and to be in the 'cool' or 'in' group. Like Daniel, let us not yield to worldly pressure but keep our ways pure according to God's word, and aspire for an excellent spirit to serve with distinction!

### Pray

- For the desire and passion for the Word of God.
- For courage and strength to resist all temptations and to stand firm on God's principles.

### Act

Take this time to make a commitment to be pure and to stand on what is right because you want to win the favour of God and men.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

## Japan

Suicide rates are skyrocketing: global statistics show that poverty-stricken Mexico has the lowest suicide rate at 3.4 suicides per 100,000 in population, while wealthy Japan's rate is more six times that at 18.8! Chat rooms and websites help depressed young people find the easiest ways to kill themselves, and also connect with others for suicide pacts. Please pray for Japan's young generation that is so desperate for hope and a reason to live!

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DAY 25: 15 AUGUST      CHURCH

Notes

**SPOTLESS**

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

**T**he Church must come to know the depth of the Father's heart: she is set apart as Christ's own forever. As the Bride of Christ, the Church is to eagerly make preparation for the marriage of the Lamb when He will present her to Himself in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle, holy and blameless.

Christ shed His blood that He might cleanse the Church and make her holy.

Pray

- That the Church will lay down her life and be consecrated to the Lord.
- That we will stay loyal and obedient to His call and not get distracted.

Act

- Ask God to shine His divine torch into our hearts and that He will create in us a pure heart and a steadfast spirit.

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Taiwan

The pursuit of wealth here has dulled the heart to know God. Only 1% of Taiwan's 22 million population are Christians and they are mostly confined to large cities. Many country towns have never been penetrated by the gospel. These areas are very difficult to reach and the people are passionately resistant to foreigners trying to convert them. Pray for God to open the door for evangelism into these areas.

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DAY 26: 16 AUGUST NATION

Notes

### DEFENDER OF THE WEAK

PSALM 82

**O**n September 10, 2004, the Prime Minister unveiled the four-point strategy Budget 2005. One of the strategies is to ensure the 'wellbeing of the rakyat through improving their quality of life.' Among the beneficiaries are the country's poor. Some of the decisions made were (New Straits Times):

- RM94.2m was set aside for housing aid, to increase incomes, nutritious food programme, human intellectual development, training and education of hardcore poor.
- RM205m tuition voucher scheme for children from lower income families.
- RM77.3m was set aside to upgrade the livelihood of 147,500 Orang Asli.

#### Pray

- For fair and proper disbursement of funds.
- For wise and good stewardship in implementation.
- For citizens to partner with government agencies in helping the poor.

#### Act

Round up a team from your church to minister to an orphanage, old folks' home, rehabilitation centre, etc

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### East Timor

After 2 1/2 years of UN transitional government which followed 24 years of brutal Indonesian occupation and over 400 years of Portuguese colonial rule, East Timor finally became an independent, sovereign nation on 20 May 2002. But the country has been devastated by years of war and destruction. Pray for God's wisdom for President Xanana Gusmao to rule this new nation where 92% of the population are Catholics.



DAY 27: 17 AUGUST

MARKETPLACE

Notes

**INTEGRITY**

PROVERBS 10: 9; 11:1

**W**ere you forced to lie at work for a better deal? Have you given bribe for approval of licence? Are you in a position where you choose to go against your conscience and give in to clients or suppliers' unethical demands?

Dato' George Ting, who was instrumental in developing the KFC restaurant chain in Malaysia and Singapore, is a man who has chosen to stand firm on God's principles in his business dealings. He knew there was a penalty to pay by saying no to bribery or unhealthy demands (Ethix, Nov/Dec 2004), yet he stuck to God's principles because he sought to please the Father in heaven.

**Pray**

- For wisdom and courage to stand firm on God's principles at work or in business.
- For integrity and honesty to be our "bodyguards" (Psalm 25: 21 Living Version)

**Act**

Share with someone at work how God has helped you to overcome temptations when there were occasions for you to succumb.

+0-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

**I**ran

Iran is the modern name for Persia. It was here that Esther and Mordecai struggled to save their people, and Daniel faced the lion's den. In our time, many modern day Daniels such as **Mehdi Dibaj**, **Haik Hosvepian** and **Tateos Michaelian** have made the same choice but have paid for it with their lives. Pray that their blood will not be shed in vain but will produce a harvest of souls.



DAY 28: 18 AUGUST

PEOPLE GROUPS

Notes

### TURN BACK

HOSEA 6:1-3

Prevalent scepticism and unbelief leads to apostasy and spiritual apathy. When we see wickedness swarming our land (e.g. violence, rape, murder, and apathy), let us not be disillusioned for our Father has promised to heal, revive and restore. Let us press on to share His word that the people may know the Lord.

#### Pray

- For the backsliders to turn back to the Lord.
- All those who are going through trials and testing to remain faithful.
- For the hardened hearts to receive spiritual awakening.
- For all the nationwide merdeka prayer rallies that will take place from 25-31 Aug.
- Especially for the national conference speakers:  
Rev Dr Xiao Wan (Chinese) 23-25 Aug.  
Pr Peter Tsukahira & Pr Djohan Handojo (English) 25-27 Aug.  
Rev Rachmatt T. Manullang (B.M) 29-31 Aug.

#### Act

- Read and pray over today's newspaper headlines.
- Plan to attend any of the national conference and the merdeka prayer rally in your town.  
(Call up NECF office for details)

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## PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

### **LET JUSTICE ROLL ON LIKE A RIVER**

AMOS 5:21-24; JEREMIAH 22:16;

PROVERBS 21:13, 29:14

**M**any seek the ruler's favour, but justice for man comes from the LORD. (Proverbs 29:26, NKJ)  
 Most, if not all, who work among the OAs would have had to deal with issues that are not within the sphere of experience of the average urban churchgoer. They would sooner or later become familiar with the Jabatan Hal Ehwal Orang Asli or JHEOA (Department of Orang Asli Affairs), the Aboriginal Peoples Act 1954, the District Land Office, and perhaps even the Forestry Department. These are some of the authorities that directly or indirectly affect the lives of the OA.

Should we take action or speak up only when it touches the Church directly (as in the case of the demolished church building)? Should we continue to enjoy the prosperity of our nation without a thought for the OAs who are lagging so far behind?

#### Pray

- Ask "What would Jesus do?"
- That intimidation and fear will be countered by boldness and courage from the Lord.

#### Act

- Read Chapter 9, Orang Asli: The Aboriginal Peoples of Peninsular Malaysia in "Doing The Right Thing: A Practical Guide on Legal Matters for Churches in Malaysia", published by Kairos Research Centre Sdn Bhd. (2004)

Pastor A was not scheduled to go to the Orang Asli village that day, but he decided to take some things there.

Off he went, blissfully unaware of the scene awaiting him. Imagine his shock, when he arrived, and saw the newly constructed church building demolished!

And this was one week before the scheduled dedication of the building. What would you have done?

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## PRAY FOR THE STATES

Malacca: the state is industrializing rapidly and it is also noted for its history and remnants of its past colonisers.

Area: 1,652 square kilometers

Capital: Malacca Town

People [% of Christians (2000): 3.9%]

Population (2000): 635,791

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 60.4%, Other Bumiputera 1.1%, Chinese 28.0%,

Indians 6.3%, Other ethnic groups 0.6%, Non-Malaysians 3.6%

Religions (2000): Islam 64.2%, Christianity 3.9%, Hinduism 5.6%, Buddhism 24.1%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 0.1%, Other religions 0.2%, No religion 0.4%, Unknown 0.1%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 92.4% / 20 year-old & above: 13.7%

Poverty rate (2002): 2.7%

**Head of State:** His Excellency Tun Datuk Seri Utama Syed Ahmad Alhaj Syed Mahmud Shahabuddin

**Chief Minister:** Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam

Johor: is a leading agricultural state, especially in rubber, palm oil and pineapples.

Area: 18,987 square kilometers

Capital: Johor Bahru

People [% of Christians (2000): 2.2%]

Population (2000): 2,740,625

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 52.6%, Other Bumiputera 1.3%, Chinese 33.4%,

Indians 6.6%, Other ethnic groups 0.6%, Non-Malaysians 5.5%

Religions (2000): Islam 58.8%, Christianity 2.2%, Hinduism 5.9%, Buddhism 28.7%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 3.2%, Tribal/folk religion 0.2%, Other religions 0.2%, No religion 0.4%, Unknown 0.3%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 93.3% / 20 year-old & above: 11.6%

Poverty rate (2002): 1.8%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Mahmood Iskandar Al-Haj Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Ismail

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman Ahmad Zahri Jamil





Pahang: is rich in natural resources. About two thirds of the state is covered by rich tropical forest.

**Area:** 35,965 square kilometers  
**Capital:** Kuantan  
**People [% of Christians (2000):** 1.2%]  
**Population (2000):** 1,288,376  
**Ethnic groups (2000):** Malays 68.8%, Other Bumiputera 4.7%, Chinese 16.9%,  
**Indians 4.8%, Other ethnic groups 0.5%, Non-Malaysians 4.3%**  
**Religions (2000):** Islam 73.8%, Christianity 1.2%, Hinduism 4.4%, Buddhism 13.7%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 2.5%, Tribal/folk religion 3.4%, Other religions 0.2%, No religion 0.8%, Unknown 0.1%  
**Literacy rate (2000):** 10 year-old & above : 92.2% / 20 year-old & above: 11.7%  
**Poverty rate (2002):** 3.8%

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'ddzam Shah

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob

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DAY 29: 19 AUGUST

PERSONAL

Notes

### DELIGHT IN YOUR WAYS

LUKE 15:8-10

**P**arents delight in a baby's first step, his first tooth or even his first fumbling attempt at calling "mama" or "papa." Our Heavenly Father was similarly delighted in us the first time we came to Him, acknowledging Him as our Abba Father. He has made provision for us in His will. He delights in us and desires to prosper us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Let us continue to draw closer to Him and walk in ways that please Him.

#### Pray

- That we choose to practice the presence of God wherever we are and in whatever we do: May we walk in ways that please Him.
- That we will continue to reflect the joy of being His delight even in the midst of trials.

#### Act

Meditate on Psalm 131.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### Pakistan

The Blasphemy law stipulates that any person who *'by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or by any imputation, innuendo, or insinuation, directly or indirectly'* defiles the name of Prophet Mohammad, is punishable by death. Extremist groups have continually misused this law in accusing minority groups of blasphemy and threatened judges to convict them despite the lack of evidence. Pray for justice for those accused.

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DAY 30: 20 AUGUST

FAMILY

Notes

**DELIGHT TO PROSPER**

DEUTERONOMY 30:1-6

**O**ur Father desires to bless and prosper us. However, we will not enjoy His ‘delight to prosper’ if we do not understand and practise the basic principle: obey Him with all our heart, mind and soul according to all that He commands us.

Regardless of our situation, our hope is simply in the Lord. Even the rich are told “not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” (1 Timothy 6:17, NIV).

**Pray**

- That we make decisions consistent with the principle of an uncluttered lifestyle and contentment as opposed to materialism and consumerism.
- That we will find opportunities to give ourselves to the needy, poor and the underprivileged.

**Act**

Celebrate God's delight with another family (e.g. picnic/outing, dinner fellowship, etc.)

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

**Oman**

Oman has undergone rapid change and development in the past years. Omani people are becoming better educated and the culture is more and more opening itself to the outside world. Pray that this will result in new openness to the good news of Jesus. Pray especially for God to raise up many more believers in Jesus from among the national population.

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DAY 31:21 AUGUST

YOUTH

Notes

### DELIGHT TO MENTOR

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

**A** wise father who sees and does what Christ is doing will delight in his children walking in his footsteps. Many younger men and women are watching the older adults for clues on how to live their lives properly. If they are neglected, they will be tutored by the world and become a 'fatherless generation' left aimless without spiritual mentors.

#### Pray

- For healing of any hurtful feeling or unforgiveness.
- For willingness and humility to be mentored.
- For the older generation to repent from their shortcoming of being poor role models.
- For fathers, leaders, and spiritual mentors to take up their responsibilities to disciple and to walk with the youth.

#### Act

- Seek to reconcile with your father/mother, spiritual father, pastors, church leaders, or teachers who have failed you.
- Approach and tell those who hold good Christian values that you want to be disciplined by them.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

### Lebanon

It is a unique country among all the other Arab countries. Here, the president must be a **Maronite** Christian, the Prime Minister a **Sunni Muslim**, and the president of the National Assembly a **Shi'a Muslim**. It is also legal for a Muslim to convert but the social consequences remain great. Pray for the Church to be a key centre for ministry to the other Arab nations and not die out because of the temptation to emigrate to the West for a better life.



DAY 32: 22 AUGUST CHURCH

Notes

**DELIGHT IN MERCY**

MICAH 7: 18-19

**T**he whole relationship between the Father and the Church is based on covenant love. It is an unchanging love that is abounding in mercies and compassion. Our Father delights in His mercies as the Church eagerly obeys and wholly submits to Him, displaying His love for mankind.

Pray

- That our love for the Father is not hypocritical.
- That we will keep our hearts soft and tender before our God.
- That the believers will put away differences, having hearts of grace and mercy and love justice.

Act

Be an advocate for mercy in the face of unjust human rights and legislation when an opportunity arises.

+0-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Egypt

The Church has been in existence for 2000 years and they are the largest Christian population in the Middle East. Last March, a historical prayer conference was held in Alexandria where thousands gathered to fast and pray for a great move of the Holy Spirit all over Egypt and the Middle East. Pray that '*the LORD will make Himself known to the Egyptians and in that day, they will acknowledge the LORD.*' (Isaiah 19:21).

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DAY 33: 23 AUGUST      NATION

Notes

**DELIGHT TO RELENT**

JONAH 3: 1-10

**P**raise God for His mercy that Malaysia did not suffer severe drawbacks from the recent calamities, e.g. the tsunami catastrophe, flood, etc. The Father's delight to relent comes from His mercy and compassion for the people and the nation. Even so, the Church must not take His delight for granted, but to recognise the urgency to watch and warn, to take heed of His call so that the nation will believe.

**Pray**

- For government's plans of setting up disaster warning systems.
- That among the governments in the region, there is effective sharing of information and co-operation in guarding the nations' security and wellbeing.
- That the Church will continue to stand in the gap with 24-hour watches established in all the states.

**Act**

If you have not signed up for Praying round the Clock, why don't you do today? Log on to [www.necf.org.my](http://www.necf.org.my)

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

**Iraq**

After the war, the situation for Christians has getting worse because of social and religious oppression by small fanatical groups. As a result, many Christians are emigrating and the church is hiding, trying not to draw attention. Sometimes, a church will flourish under pressure, but it is not clear if that is happening (or will happen) in Iraq. Pray for the Church to dig in its heels and stay to fight for the sake of the Gospel in their land, not uproot and flee.

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DAY 34: 24 AUGUST MARKETPLACE

Notes

DELIGHT TO GIVE

LUKE 10:25-37

Do we have the priest's, the Levite's or the Samaritan's attitude? Our responses to the need of others display our attitudes. Are we able to stand out like the Samaritan in thinking and action, "What is mine is yours if you need it"?

When Christians, the salt and light in the marketplace, are quick to act in times of need, our Father's 'delight to give' shines through us.

Pray

- We will be cheerful givers of time, wealth and ourselves that God has prospered us with.
- For Christians to be responsive in crisis and be first to act for God's glory.

Act

Reflect on these verses: It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything. The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:24-25 New Living Translation)

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Holy Land

The Palestinians have as their main concern **justice**. They feel that injustice is being done to them by the curfews, attacks, stealing their lands, the new Wall and the Jewish settlements. The Jews have as their main concern **safety**. They feel very unsafe because of their experiences in history (e.g. the Holocaust), suicide bombings and the threat of some Arab countries wanting to destroy Israel. Pray that both will find their answer in **JESUS!**



DAY 35: 25 AUGUST

PEOPLE GROUPS

Notes

### DELIGHT TO REIGN

PSALM 22:27-28

**E**arthy governments and authorities rule the nations, but God's delight to reign cannot be undermined because dominion solely belongs to Him. In order to return to the Father and to fulfil His delight, the nations must recognize the ultimate rulership: the Lord reigns!

#### Pray

- For nations that are ruled by oppressive governments and rulers who close doors for the gospel and despise human rights.
- Ask our Father to bring back nations and people groups to His delight.
- For rulers and leaders like King Cyrus who can be used for God's plan.

#### Act

Pray earnestly for nations that are closed to the gospel and declare 'open doors' for them today.

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## PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

### SET YOU HIGH ABOVE

DEUTERONOMY 28: 1-13

**L**isah Che'Mat, a Semai lady, was the first OA lawyer, and is now a magistrate. She is a fine example but success stories like this are too few.

L, a Semai lady in her early 20s, speaks fluent Bahasa Melayu. However, when asked to fill in a simple form, she did not respond. L had never been to school. Her 5 other younger siblings had also never attended school, although their kampung is not in the interior.

How many OAs like L are there?

“Too many Orang Asli pupils drop out of school” said a recent report. The high drop-out rate phenomenon is usually blamed on the attitude of the OA community, specifically the parents, who “failed to see the importance of education for their children's future”.

But why does such an attitude persist? And what are the other causes? How does this affect the spiritual growth of the OA churches?

#### Pray

- For discernment for policy makers as they study the causes of the low educational attainment by the OA communities, and plan the right measures to take.

#### Act

- Identify with those who cannot read and write in English and BM.
- Read the BM or Indonesian Bible for your daily devotions this week. (for those who usually use a different language).
- Attend a service that uses a language that you don't read or write.

The table below shows how many drop out before they enter Secondary school.

Year	No. of OA children who entered	
	Primary	Secondary
2003	23,607	6,675
2004	25,354	7,559

Source: JHEOA

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## PRAY FOR THE STATES

Terengganu: the most Malay of all the states. Though it is the least developed state in the peninsula, the discovery of oil and gas along its coast is changing the landscape dramatically.

**Area:** 12,955 square kilometers

**Capital:** Kuala Terengganu

**People [% of Christians (2000): 0.3%]**

**Population (2000): 898,825**

**Ethnic groups (2000):** Malays 94.8%, Other Bumiputera 0.3%, Chinese 2.7%, Indians 0.2%, Other ethnic groups 0.2%, Non-Malaysians 1.8%

**Religions (2000):** Islam 96.9%, Christianity 0.3%, Hinduism 0.2%, Buddhism 2.4%, Confucianism/Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 0.1%, No religion 0.1%

**Literacy rate (2000):** 10 year-old & above: 89.5% / 20 year-old & above: 15.4%

**Poverty rate (2002): 10.7%**

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud al-Muktafi Billah Shah

**Mentri Besar:** Dato' Idris Jusoh

Kelantan: has the highest percentage of Malays who are mostly rice and tobacco farmers and fishermen.

**Area:** 15,024 square kilometers

**Capital:** Kota Bharu

**People [% of Christians (2000): 0.2%]**

**Population (2000): 1,313,014**

**Ethnic groups (2000):** Malays 92.7%, Other Bumiputera 0.8%, Chinese 3.7%, Indians 0.3%, Other ethnic groups 0.9%, Non-Malaysians 1.6%

**Religions (2000):** Islam 94.5%, Christianity 0.2%, Hinduism 0.2%, Buddhism 4.4%, Confucianism/Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 0.1%, Tribal/folk religion 0.5%

**Literacy rate (2000):** 10 year-old & above: 85.8% / 20 year-old & above: 15%

**Poverty rate (2002): 12.4%**

**Head of State:** Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Ismail Petra ibni Almarhum Sultan Yahya Petra

**Mentri Besar:** Datuk Abdul Aziz Nik Mat



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DAY 37: 27 AUGUST

FAMILY

Notes

### COVENANTED

JOSHUA 24:15

At the last meeting in Shechem, the people of Israel were gathered by Joshua to confirm their covenant relationship with God. He reminded them of all the blessings God had bestowed upon them for He was faithful in His promises. Joshua challenged the people to make a choice and he set himself and his house as an example of choosing to serve God only.

Today, as covenant people of God through Christ Jesus, let us be mindful of our Father's blessings and boldly proclaim "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Pray

- Confess if we have been dull of hearing and have conveniently leaned on others.
- Repent if we have been seeking to please men rather than God.
- That God continues to build you and your families for His glory.

Act

Reflect on God's blessings and renew your covenant relationship with Him today.

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Syria

In the ancient section of the capital city Damascus, you can visit the house of Ananias who fearfully but obediently went to open the eyes of the infamous Saul. But today much of what was gained by Paul and the apostles' outreach has been lost. Syria is a land that is hungry and thirsty for the gospel. Pray for God to open the eyes of the Syrians to see His salvation.

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DAY 38: 28 AUGUST

YOUTH

Notes

### TRANSFORMED

2TIMOTHY 3: 14-17

**M**any young Christians in Malaysia are second generation Christians who lack a personal encounter with God. Most of them either attend church out of obligation or are forced to attend by parents. The young working adults tend to work long hours and lead hectic lifestyles. Their relationships with God take on a superficial note, even to the point of hypocrisy at times.

We can only be fully transformed to receive the Father's blessings when we begin to look at ourselves with sober judgement and honesty.

#### Pray

- For an encounter with Christ and a renewed personal relationship with Him.
- For a rekindled fire and passion for the Lord.

#### Act

Meditate on I John 2:15-17. Determine to know God and His ways and serve Him devotedly.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

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### Afghanistan

It is the world's largest producer of opium and accounts for 40% of the country's total gross domestic product. Currently, an internationally-funded program is under way to destroy poppy fields but this could undermine the economy and devastate already poor families. However, there's also another international proposal to legalise Afghan poppy to make medically prescribed painkillers. Pray for wisdom for all involved to do God's good will for the nation.

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DAY 39: 29 AUGUST CHURCH

Notes

**PASSED ON**

2 KINGS 2:2-12

An intimate relationship was notably exhibited as Elisha cried out, 'My father, my father' when he witnessed Elijah being taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. At that moment too, a double portion of Elijah's spirit was passed on to him as requested.

The Church is blessed with good teachers and scholars. To pass on our heavenly Father's blessings, however, the Church must acknowledge and give proper recognition to her spiritual fathers.

*Pray*

- For spiritual fathers to emerge from their obscurities and be recognised.
- That leaders be willing to release the younger generation to the fullness of their calling.
- For successful mentoring or discipleship plans in local churches.

*Act*

Ask the Lord to give you a heart like His for young believers in your church to help them grow strong spiritually.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

*Yemen*

The great cities of the Queen of Sheba, who traded gifts with King Solomon, are buried beneath Yemen's desert sands. It is one of the world's least evangelized countries, and the government will not allow the few resident Christians to witness. However, some Christian expatriates are quietly witnessing for Christ. Pray for the Yemenites that they, like the Queen, will be able to find God's Wisdom in Jesus Christ!

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DAY 40: 30 AUGUST

NATION

Notes

### REDEEMED

DANIEL 6:25-28

Discovering that Daniel was delivered from the lion's den, King Darius witnessed the validity of faith in the true living God and His power to control all circumstances. He then pronounced that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language who were under his subjection must fear and revere Daniel's God.

The Church plays an important role in God's redemptive purpose for Malaysia. Let us continue to bear witness of God's power so that Malaysia will be a blessing to other nations around.

#### Pray

- For religious liberty for every person in the land.
- For Malaysia to have good diplomatic/trade relations with every nation.
- For the Church's willingness to lay down her life for Malaysia.

#### Act

Have we ignored any of God's laws recently? Take heed lest our prayers be despised by the Lord. (Proverbs 28:9)

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

#### Turkey

Turkey's Ottoman Empire was for centuries the guardian of the holy places of Islam. Today, the Government of Turkey is democratic, secular, and parliamentary but the influence of Muslim fundamentalism is rising. It is also one of the least evangelised countries. For the few who dare to profess Christ, life can be dangerous. Pray that the government remains non-Islamic, and for strength for Christians in Turkey facing intense persecution.

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DAY 41: 31 AUGUST

MARKETPLACE

Notes

**FAVORED**

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

**O**ur Father's blessings on His children are abundant, beyond what we can expect and hope for. His favour does not cease even in times of crisis and difficulty. Indeed, whether it is in promotion at work or courage and strength in the midst of trials, we are favoured by God. Let our lives overflow with gratitude that is evident by acts of loyalty and love. When we fully obey God's command, we are fulfilling our calling as Christian disciples in the workplace, and blessings will overflow to others.

Pray

- That we will do our best to serve regardless of positions at work so that God may be glorified.
- For those who are discouraged at work that they will be renewed.
- That Jesus be manifested through our attitude and behaviour at work.

Act

Reflect and pray Psalm 37 for our lives.

40-day Prayer Calendar for the Nations

Kuwait

In the first Gulf war, Saddam Hussein used one of the age-old strategies of war by burning Kuwait's oil fields. Today, the government discourages Christianity by providing financial incentives for Christians to convert and purchased large quantities of Bibles for burning. Yet, more Bibles are being downloaded from the Internet in Arabic than in any other language. Praise the LORD!

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DAY 42: 1 SEPTEMBER PEOPLE GROUPS

Notes

**RESTORED**

REVELATION 5:9-14

**T**here will be no more oppression, sorrow or tears when God restores every tribe, language, people and nation and makes them a kingdom of priests to serve Him.

As we continue to be fervent in prayer, let us remember that believers, as overcomers, and heirs to the crown, are called to rule and reign with Him.

Pray

- For God's presence and glory to fill the nations.
- For every tribe and tongue to have the opportunity to hear the gospel and believe.

Act

Celebrate with thanksgiving to the Lord in a special way today!

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## PRAY FOR THE ORANG ASLI

Notes

### EQUIPPED TO BLESS

EPHESIANS 4:7-16; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

The desire of those who serve in this ministry is to see the OAs equipped to bring the gospel to their own people and to other OA groups. This is happening to some extent. In more established churches, the OAs are leaders and making many of the decisions, and some OA Christians are now missionaries to other OA groups.

What about the hope that they would be self-financing? What new skills do they need in order to reach that goal, when they are becoming less self-reliant with the increasing loss of their traditional resources?

We have hope because we know with God, all things are possible!

The Minister of the Rural & Regional Development Ministry said the OA will get their land titles by January 2006 (Feb 6, 2005, Berita).

#### Pray

- For ministries and churches working among the OA: greater cooperation in the sharing of resources; unity in mind as they seek the Lord together for effective ways to strengthen the OA churches.
- That more OA leaders will be raised up who will have the vision for reaching other OA groups.
- For the OA Commission of NECF, and other OA networks or partnerships.

#### Act

- Did you know that many of the OA groups speak languages which belong to a different language family from Malay? Read about this in "Languages and Literature" (Vol. 9 of The Encyclopædia of Malaysia)

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## PRAY FOR THE STATES

Sabah: Oil, mineral resources and timber make the state an important player in the Malaysian economy. Christianity is more widespread.

Area: 73,619 square kilometers

Capital: Kota Kinabalu

People [% of Christians (2000): 27.8%]

Population (2000): 2,603,485

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 11.7%, Kadazan Dusun 18.4%, Bajau 13.2%, Murut 3.2%, Other Bumiputera 15.0%, Chinese 10.1%, Other ethnic groups 4.8%, Non-Malaysians 23.6%

Religions (2000): Islam 63.7%, Christianity 27.8%, Hinduism 0.1%, Buddhism 6.4%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 0.4%, Other religions 0.3%, No religion 1.0%, Unknown 0.2%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 84.6% / 20 year-old & above: 12.7%

Poverty rate (2002): 16.0% (includes Federal Territory Labuan)

**Head of State:** His Excellency Tun Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Sakaran bin Dandai

**Chief Minister:** Datuk Seri Musa Aman

Sarawak: the largest state whose economy is largely dependent on its rich natural resources, particularly oil, liquefied natural gas (LNG), timber and the famous Sarawak black and white pepper.

Area: 124,450 square kilometers

Capital: Kuching

People [% of Christians (2000): 42.6%]

Population (2000): 2,071,506

Ethnic groups (2000): Malays 22.3%, Iban 29.2%, Bidayuh 8.0%, Melanau 5.5%,

Other Bumiputera 5.7%, Chinese 25.9%, Other ethnic groups 0.4%, Non-Malaysians 3.0%

Religions (2000): Islam 31.3%, Christianity 42.6%, Hinduism 0.1%, Buddhism 12.0%, Confucianism/ Taoism/other traditional Chinese religion 2.6%, Tribal/folk religion 5.2%, Other religions 1.3%, No religion 3.9%, Unknown 0.9%

Literacy rate (2000): 10 year-old & above: 81.6% / 20 year-old & above: 10.2%

Poverty rate (2002): 5.8%

**Head of State:** His Excellency Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng

**Chief Minister:** Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr Abdul Taib Mahmud



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## **MERDEKA PRAYER RALLY CONTACTS**

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**YOUR TESTIMONY IS POWERFUL, SO KINDLY RETURN THIS FORM TO US**

Thank you for being part of the Lighting Up Our Nation 2005. We would appreciate your feedback as partners in this prayer movement for our nation. Please give exact details of testimonies or reports so that we encourage others.

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Would you like to be added to the mailing list?  YES  NO

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church or prayer group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of people who participated in your group ( if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Were there any testimonies that are significant or encouraging that you have heard or experienced during these 40 days?

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Answered prayers during or after the 40 days:

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Would you like information or help on:

- Praying Round the Clock YES for Malaysia
- Training and seminars on prayer
- Pastors' Prayer Shield
- Starting and maintaining prayer cells e.g in the workplace

Would you like to participate in an existing prayer network in your town/city/state or be involved in starting one if there is none ?

YES  NO

Please return to :

The Prayer Commission of NECF Malaysia

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