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A PRAYER FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

As we approach Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day this year, our nation finds itself in the midst of a political maelstrom the likes of which has never been seen before in this country. An embattled Prime Minister seeks to maintain his hold on power in the face of serious allegations of corruption and financial impropriety. Ministers and senior civil servants are sacked or transferred. One enforcement agency confronts another. Each new day brings with it fresh revelations, rumours and anecdotes, challenging credibility and credulity. Our nation is in crisis. We are reminded of the words of Isaiah 59 : 14: "So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter." (NIV)

It is at times like these that we must seek even greater comfort from the words of the Holy Bible. As Christians, our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to minister to the lost and the least, and sends us into the world as sheep in the midst of wolves. Knowing the challenges coming from those who would prey on the socially weak, economically marginalised and spiritually immature, he cautions us to be wise as serpents but innocent as doves (Gospel of Matthew 10 : 16).

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Church in Ephesus says: "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming." Instead, he calls on us to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4 : 14-15, NIV).

So on this anniversary of our independence and nationhood, let us firmly resolve to recommit ourselves to pursue God's timeless truth, and to share God's endless love. Let us boldly go forth to speak that truth to our nation and our fellow citizens in love - "For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth." (2 Corinthians 13 : 8, NIV).

Selamat Hari Merdeka and Hari Malaysia. God save Malaysia!

Yours sincerely,



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