

Diocese of West Malaysia

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# 10 DAYS Intensive Prayer

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## **PREFACE**

Dear Friends,

Praise be to the LORD God Almighty for the upcoming 10 Days of Intensive Prayer (10th – 20th May 2018). I pray and hope that as you use this booklet, it will encourage you to draw closer to God hereafter.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites every Christian around the world to pray for more people to have a personal encounter and experience with our Lord Jesus Christ. It all began in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York to the Church of England and has now grown to be an international call to prayer.

I pray and hope that these 10 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*:

- will deepen your friendship with Jesus
- will make you know Jesus better
- will bring others to know Jesus

### The prayer for Thy Kingdom Come by the Church of England:

Almighty God,

your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(You may use this prayer as you begin each day)

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God Bless You!

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# THY KINGDOM COME

### 10 Days Intensive Prayer from ASCENSION to PENTECOST

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

"The business of being witnesses to Jesus Christ and of praying to be witnesses compels us to look into the world around us. It compels us to seek, to experience the compassion of God for a world caught up in lostness, in sin, but also in suffering and pain, in oppression of the poor, in cruelty, in abuse, in outrageous inequality, in all the things that go against the Kingdom of God."

"There is no limit to what the Kingdom of God does, and so the moment we start praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we look outwards."

"The Kingdom of God, when we pray for the Kingdom to come, the Kingdom will transform individuals, the Kingdom transforms society, the Kingdom transforms the globe and the Kingdom transforms the cosmos."

# **RELEASING TALENTS**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

[Let us use them] to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you.

1 Peter 4:10 Romans 12:6-8 1 Cor. 12:31

1 Cor. 13:13 Ephesians 4:12, 13:1 Tim. 4:14

(Passages taken from NIV and NKJV)

# THURSDAY, 10th MAY – ASCENSION DAY THE GIFT of PROPHECY

### THE CHURCH

### The Province of South East Asia

- Pray for Archbishop Ng Moon Hing, Bishop Rennis Ponniah, Bishop Danald Jute and Bishop Melter Tais: that God will fulfil the visions they have for their dioceses and will use them to speak prophetic words over their dioceses to bring hope and healing
- · Pray for all the Archdeacons and clergy in the diocese:
  - for wisdom and insight from the Word of God
  - that the sharing of God's Word will bring healing, restoration, and reconciliation to their congregations
  - that they will fulfil the role of prophet and priest
- · Pray that false prophets and preachers will be exposed

### THE NATION

### The rulers of the different states in Malaysia

 Pray for the King and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Tim. 2:2

### The new governing body

- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance over the new government that He will give peace in the land, and none shall make us afraid
- Pray that its vision for the nation is to restore unity among the people and compassion for the poor and weak

### REFLECTION

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Has any message or sermon preached made an impact in your life?

### ACTION

Recall and list down the things that have been spoken over your life. Have they been fulfilled?

# FRIDAY, 11th MAY – FASTING & PRAYING THE GIFT of SERVICE

### THE CHURCH

- Thank God for the quiet helping hands of our churches members who cook, serve, and clean up after activities
- · Thank God for members who do little unseen things in the church
- Thank God for members who are attentive to those who are hurting and needing help in the church

### The missionaries

- Pray for church members serving as missionaries in foreign countries:
  - for God's protection against evil forces that hinder their mission
  - that their fervent faith will help them through difficult times
  - for God's loving hand to be upon their families that no harm will befall them

### THE NATION

- · Pray that Christians will be the light and salt in the marketplace:
  - Christians will have a compassion for the lost and find every opportunity to share their faith
  - Christians will seek out those who are hurting and minister to them
  - · Christians will be the peacemakers in the marketplace
  - God will use upright Christians to be models of good employees
- Thank God for the opportunity to share the Bible with foreign workers and students, the migrants, and refugees in our country
- Pray for God's protection against missionaries of other faiths who try to entice young Christians with financial aid and marriages
- · Pray for God's protection against false doctrines and teachings

### REFLECTION

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

Have we been giving God lip-service or whole-heartedly serving Him?

### ACTION

Take this opportunity to share the Bible with a friend or stranger. Think about how you can serve the church with this simple gift of SERVICE.

### SATURDAY, 12th MAY THE GIFT of TEACHING

### THE CHURCH

- Thank God for all those involved in the ministry of teaching clergy, deaconesses, Bible Class teachers, and Sunday School teachers
- · Pray they will be able to teach and impart godly values and principles
- Pray for all the Christian and Mission Schools in our country, that they
  will apply Christian values, principles, and professionalism in bringing
  back excellent education into the country.
  - Christian teachers will see education from God's perspective
  - Christian teachers will participate in the school's Christian Fellowship
  - Christian teachers will be role models for others to follow

### THE NATION

- Pray for the Education Ministry, curriculum writers and the trainers:
  - for wisdom and understanding to take progressive steps to improve the education system for all races
  - for more Christian principals to bring transformation in schools
  - that God will open doors for more Christian Fellowships to be established in schools and campuses all over the country
  - they will be dedicated, capable, and have a real concern for students
- · Pray for all students:
  - they will be set free from pressures and social stigma against depression and suicidal tendencies, and will not be influenced by immoral activities and bad company
- Pray for parents to be more alert of their children's activities and friends, and to set an example of good character, standing up for truth and justice

### REFLECTION

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Thank God for the person who helped you to be who you are today.

### ACTION

Offer yourself to teach in the Sunday School, Bible Class or train a youth to play a musical instrument.

### SUNDAY, 13th MAY THE GIFT of ENCOURAGEMENT

### THE CHURCH

- Thank God for church members who speak words of encouragement to their Pastors and Ministry Leaders so that they will not be tired serving the Lord
- Thank God for those who counsel and comfort the hurting and mourning
- Pray for those who have left the church due to backbiting and gossiping, and that church members will seek the backslidden and bring them back
- Pray for REACH as they help out during natural disasters in our country, and that many young people from all the churches will register their services
- Pray for the Anglican Care as they minister to the less advantaged;
   may many lives be touched and transformed by their services
- Pray for single parents and children from broken homes who need much encouragement as they have lost their hope
- Pray for the elderly who are lonely and depressed, desiring words of encouragement

### THE NATION

- Ask God to heal all children and youths who are emotionally and spiritually crippled by negative words spoken over them
- Pray for the NGOs working with the disadvantaged, the migrants and refugees, giving them hope in hopeless situations; for example, Soup Kitchens and Feeding the Poor programmes, and for those reaching out to the homeless and prostitutes
- Pray for the marginalized in our country:
  - the migrants who have lost all their savings to unscrupulous agents
  - for more Christians to leave their comfort zones and help the needy

### REFLECTION

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

Recall those who helped you out of a difficult situation.

### ACTION

Make a decision today to get involved in an organization to elevate the sufferings of those in need.

### MONDAY, 14th MAY THE GIFT of GIVING

### THE CHURCH

- Thank God for those who are faithfully tithing, pledging and giving generously to their churches
  - Thank God that churches have been blessed by the giving of the people
- Pray for working adults in high positions that they will give generously for the advancement of God's kingdom
- · Pray for those who have difficulty in giving:
  - that they will take a bold step of faith to start giving
  - that they will trust God to provide all their daily needs
  - that they will experience a breakthrough in their lives
- . Ask God to forgive us for misusing the money He has given to us

### THE NATION

- · Pray for the Finance Ministry and Treasury
  - for tighter financial governance to eradicate abuse, misuse and corruption
  - for prudence in spending and investment for the development of the country
  - for wisdom in the management of the nation's wealth and resources
  - distribution of funds to the poor and needy will not be abused
- · Pray against dishonest gains, greed and corruption in businesses
  - all financial dealings to be done with integrity, accountability and transparency
- Christian businessmen to uphold integrity and righteousness in their dealings
  - they will be faithful stewards who will release their wealth wisely

### REFLECTION

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

Have you experienced financial struggle? Think about how God saved you from that situation.

### ACTION

Start a pledge scheme/tithing and start giving to the church you worship in, if you have not already done so. Choose to cancel a debt with a friend in need.

### TUESDAY, 15th MAY THE GIFT of LEADING

### THE CHURCH

- . Thank God for all the leaders in the different ministries
  - the tremendous responsibilities they have to shoulder
  - members look up to them and trust their leadership
  - the Holy Spirit to energize them as it requires great diligence
- Pray that they will not be discouraged by insensitive remarks made to them
  - for caring and considerate leadership
  - that leaders will mentor others to be good leaders

### THE NATION

- · Pray for the leadership of the new government
  - for the Prime Minister, who has a great responsibility to lead the nation and to lead the country with integrity and transparency
  - that God will surround him with men and women who will give him wise, sound and godly counsel, upholding truth, justice and righteousness
- Pray for God's blessing upon all the cabinet ministers with the different portfolios
  - that they will lead exemplary lives that others can admire and follow
  - · God will give them a heart to care for the people
  - · that they will sacrifice their time to serve their communities well
- · Pray for the Christian politicians
  - · that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct their path daily
  - · that they will be bold to speak against injustice and cruelty
  - · for God's protection against corruption and bribery

### REFLECTION

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3

A strong leader prioritizes spiritual discipline because they know that their connection to God is where they derive their stamina, strength, staying power, and insight. Without that connection to God, you're just a manager.

### ACTION

Pray daily for our leaders in church and country.

### WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY THE GIFT of MERCY

### THE CHURCH

- Thank and praise God for all the foreign workers who are willing to leave their families and homeland to help us build our nation
- Pray that God will give us a heart of compassion to show mercy to foreign workers, students and asylum seekers in our country
  - that Christians will help the weak and helpless
  - for God to forgive us for poor treatment and exploitation of foreign workers in our land
  - for being indifferent and critical to their sufferings
  - for God's mercy as we resolve to show mercy to others
  - the church will be a model of mercy and grace to those who are suffering

### THE NATION

- · Pray for the Ministry of Home Affairs
  - · against policies that alienate the different races and religions
  - · they will be people of integrity, humility and honesty
  - pray against ill-treatment and exploitation by raiding officers
- Pray for mercy for foreign workers doing dirty, difficult and dangerous work
  - for those facing hardships by their employers
  - pray against the ill-treatment of domestic help
- Pray for the poor and marginalized in our nation that more churches and NGOs will visit them and help them

### REFLECTION

Thus, says the Lord of hosts: Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Zechariah 7:8-10a

Think about how the church can take an active part in reaching out to those who are suffering in our community.

### ACTION

Determine to reach out with an act of kindness the next time you encounter a foreign worker or a stranger. Take this opportunity to share God's love and forgiveness.

### THURSDAY, 17th MAY THE GIFT of FAITH

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

### THE CHURCH

- · Praise God for churches that are growing because of their faith in God
  - thank God that faith lifts the church from ordinary to extraordinary and from the natural to the supernatural
- Pray for all clergy and church leaders to have mountain-moving faith to overcome all negative challenges
  - pray for the congregation that their faith will increase as it is impossible to please God without faith
  - pray for greater faith to exercise the gifts God has given us
- · Pray for those who have lost their faith in God
  - those who are in difficult and desperate situations and have no faith in the church
  - those who are depressed and feeling rejected and are feeling lost
- Thank God for the Spiritual Formation Programme at Wellspring, Rawang

### THE NATION

- · Pray for our new ruling government
  - the people will have faith in those in office that they will not indulge in corruption, and betray the trust of the people
- · Pray for all pre-Christians that they will receive salvation through faith
  - for the new Christians who have received Jesus into their lives, that their faith will not waver

### REFLECTION

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Have there been times in your life when you lost faith in God. How did you overcome it?

### ACTION

Pray for a friend who has left church because he/she has lost faith in God.

### FRIDAY, 18th MAY THE GIFT of HOPE

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

### THE CHURH

- · Pray for all clergy who are struggling with their faith in God
  - for those who are going through mid-life crisis, facing temptations
  - those who are unable to cope with family situations
- · Pray for all Christians going through challenges in life
  - couples whose marriages are on the rocks and are desperate
  - children who are in confusion as their parents are being separated
  - for those who have lost their jobs and unable to get a new one
  - those who are unable to settle financial loans due to the economic slowdown
  - for those who are terminally ill and unable to cope with life
- · Pray that churches will be involved in the Ministry of Counselling
  - Christians to be more alert towards those who are in despair

### THE NATION

- · Pray for our new government
  - they will transform the nation into a caring community
  - God's blessing upon the Prime Minister and his cabinet
  - the hope of the people will not be destroyed
  - the politicians will build confidence and hope in the people
  - they will be righteous and upright, placing their interest in the people
  - Pray and hope that the church will be a part of transforming the nation

### REFLECTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Is there a person you know who needs this hope filled with joy and peace?

### ACTION

Share with someone how you invited Jesus into your life and how Jesus changed your life

### SATURDAY, 19th MAY THE GIFT of LOVE

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

### THE CHURCH

- . Thank and praise God that all are given the free gift of love
  - God to forgive the church for pride and not trusting one another
  - Pray that the church will love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and with all our strengths
- Pray for all Christian families
  - for husbands and wives to love and respect one another
  - the love of God will bind them together and keep them safe
  - children to love and obey their parents
  - parents will love and care for their children
  - parents will teach their children to love the Lord our God

### THE NATION

- · Praise and thank God that Malaysians are a loving community
  - for God to forgive us for looking down on people of other races
  - that as Christians, we will love our neighbours as ourselves
  - Pray that the church will set an example to be a blessing to the community by showing and sharing with them the love of God
  - that we will be light and salt to the community
  - for God to give us a heart of love for the lost in our community

### REFLECTION

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39

Jesus became the gift of love and laid down His life for us. How can you demonstrate your love to those around you?

### **ACTION**

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you in what way you lack love for your country.

# SUNDAY, 20th MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY THE GREAT COMMISSION

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. John 20:16-20

### REFLECTION

Just imagine how the Anglican Church can grow if we truly obey Jesus' Great Commission.

### **ACTION**

Let us work together and fulfil God's Great Commission by using the gifts God has given us to edify the church.

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