



DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA PRAYER DIARY

JANUARY 2018



A CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESE AND OUR NATION MALAYSIA

A Year of Change

Heavenly Father, we declare that year 2018 will be a year of change. This will be a year in which we will place You in Your rightful place in our lives, so that everything will find its place and will be set in order.

We will trust in You and believe that You have the ultimate plan for us.

We will walk in love and unity and wait patiently on You Father, for You work all things together for good, for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose.

Our hearts and lives will overflow with the abundance that will be manifested from this day.

Mark 11:25-26 – And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Praise be to You Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, SO BE IT... Amen and Amen!

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Diocesan Prayer Diary

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1st – Monday – Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Prayer for the New Year:

-Lord Jesus, at the beginning of this new day, I offer You my life. Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by Your Spirit within. Come take my life, for I love Your goodness, Your kindness and Your leading. Amen.

The Bishop of the Diocese & Archbishop of the Province of SEA

- Pray for Archbishop, The Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing.
- Praise God for Archbishop's leadership and pray that he will make godly decisions.
- Pray that he will lead with a shepherd's heart.

2nd - Tuesday

Prayer Before Work:

-Today I will remember to put You Lord before all things. Lord before tiredness – You are energy. Lord before stress – You are peace. Lord before need – You are the gift. Lord before decisions – You are truth. Lord before toil – You are rest. Today, I will remember to put Your energy, Your peace, Your gift, Your truth and Your rest before my working day. That I may go not in my own strength but be led by Your Spirit. Amen. (www.prayerscapes.com)

Prayer Warriors:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit shall indeed make us men and women of prayer.
- Ask God to make us men and women who influence their world and gain victory over kingdom of darkness through prayer.
- Ask God to make us strong Christians on our knees.

3rd - Wednesday

Prayer of Self Dedication:

-Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA.*)

Suffragan Bishops:

- Pray for our suffragan Bishops Rt. Rev. Charles Samuel and Rt. Rev. Dr. Jason Selvaraj.
- Pray for them to have a clear, biblical vision of what our Diocese can be and should be for His glory.
- Pray they will have the wisdom of the Lord in leading the Diocese and God's people.

4th - Thursday

A New Year Prayer:

-Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come & kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God & live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

Senior Citizens: Pray for our Senior Citizens. Pray for our senior Clergy. Pray for good health. Pray for those who are House bond. Pray for the care givers. Pray for health and patience for these people.

5th - Friday

Missions School:

Pray for all the Mission Schools in our country

Good principals who care for the interest of the students & Christian teachers to impact the lives of their students and Students in Christian schools to be moulded by Christian values

More committed Christian teachers to teach Bible Knowledge

Schools will have Christian Fellowship and Christian activities

Pray against religious teachers who are converting students against their parent's knowledge

That students be well grounded in the Word that they will not be tempted to seek other religions

6th – Saturday - Epiphany

Confession:

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Launching of Diocesan Theme 2018

-Diocesan Theme 2018 – ‘Releasing Talents’

-Pray for the Diocesan Theme Coordinator -Rev. Matthew Chay and his team

-Pray for the launching on the 7th January 2018 at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 6.00pm

7th – Sunday – Baptism of Christ

Nation:

-Pray for the Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and all politicians. Uphold Constitutional rights and the freedom to worship.

-The fear of God, wisdom and truth to govern their thoughts

-Make wise decisions based on justice and righteousness

Clergy, Deaconesses and Lay Pastors

-Lord Jesus, we lift up our Clergy, Deaconesses and Lay Pastors to You. Keep them from losing heart when the ministry gets tough. Help them prove faithful with the things You have entrusted to them. Teach them Your ways so that they know You and find favour with You. Amen.

8th - Monday

Archdeacons of the 6 Archdeaconry:

-Ven. Dr. Stephen Soe of Upper North, Ven. John Kennady of Lower North, Ven. Eddie Ong of Upper Central, Ven. Charles Fraser of Lower Central, Ven. Edward M. John of Southern and Ven. Stephen Chan of Eastern.

-Pray they will keep their eyes on God and will follow God’s leading.

-Pray they will speak the gospel boldly.

Congregation: Pray for Gospel Growth. God, strengthen us in the gospel. Draw us deeply into the glory of Christ. Make us more and more impressed with Him this very day. Cause us to grow in the gospel and walk in a manner worthy of it. Amen.

9th - Tuesday

Nation:

-Protect the poor and the marginalized

-Courage to stand for what is right and to do what is good

-Pray for the coming election that God will raise godly and upright men and women to stand up for the rights of the people

Pray for the Church:

-Pray that your Church and Priest have and continue to take hold a growing, consistent walk with Christ with a devotional life and prayer that is steadfast. Pray that they realize and allow Christ to work and use them as they grow closer in their faith, spiritual formation, maturity and love.

10th - Wednesday

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Guide my life and help me to do Your will. In Your name, Amen. .

Families of Clergy:

-Pray for the families of all Clergy, Deaconesses and Lay Pastors.

-Pray for their own spiritual lives, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

-Pray that they would be encouraged and supported by the Diocese and Church.

11th - Thursday

Church unity

Pray for unity and cooperation among all denominations. Members rise up and be more involved in the different ministries. God's beauty and glory to shine upon every church in Malaysia.

Strong pastors' fellowship to foster understanding & friendship; Spirit of humility, compassion & love Increase the number of churches and cell groups in our country in anticipation of an influx of new Christians in every state. Ask God to raise more leaders and bible teachers in outreach areas.

Our Clergy: Father, I pray for our clergy as he prepares his messages, that You will give him just the right words & illustrations to communicate effectively to Your people, that our clergy will speak the messages You give him to speak with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction. I pray that his message will be fleshed out as he lives his life openly before Your people. Amen

12th - Friday

Pray for Malaysia: The promise given in 2 Chronicles 7:14 is threefold: The Lord will hear our cry, forgive our sins, and heal our land. If we all cry out to the Lord, He will restore our country and make us into a nation that honors Him. Let us kneel before the Lord and cry out to Him on behalf of Malaysia. He promises to hear from heaven and heal our land.

Holy and Righteous Church

Pray that the Msian church will stand out as a prophetic community, impacting society, & live out authentic & vibrant Christian lives that will be salt and light in the nation, for then only can the Church act and speak with credibility and moral authority, and be taken seriously by the nation's leaders.

13th - Saturday

Confession: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Diocesan Clergy and Deaconesses Retreat: Pray for this diocesan retreat to be held from the 15 – 17 Jan 2018 at Port Dickson. Pray for all to attend and to be refreshed and united.

14th - Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Diocese of West Malaysia

-Praise God for the formation of the three dioceses – Diocese of the Northern Peninsula, Diocese of the Central and Eastern Peninsula and Diocese of the Southern Peninsula.

-Pray that our Diocese. Clergy and Leaders becomes more surrendered and poured out to Christ, so they can have spiritual breakthroughs by seeking the fear of God and the mind of Christ and the Spirit's leading.

Congregation: Pray for Holiness & Church Finances: Our holy God, make us to praise and pursue Your holiness. Strengthen our burden, commitment, and endurance to strive daily after holiness in our lives. Ask God to help your congregation's constituent to see every tithe and gift to the Lord is important. In that way, no one will miss out on a blessing by thinking his/her giving won't be missed. Ask the Lord to give each member the courage to accept God's challenge to test Him by giving at least a tithe (10%) of his/her income, even if it seems impossible. Thank the Lord for honouring His promise to pour out a blessing on those who give.

15th - Monday

Pray for our nation:

That God grant protection to the rulers

That God grant wisdom and good judgment to the ministers so that peace and harmony will be enjoyed

That trust among the races and religions will be restored

The Officers of the Diocese:

The Chancellor – Lay Canon Andrew Khoo. The Registrar - Mr. D. Raja Singam, The Secretary - Mr.

David Joseph, The Treasurer - Mr. Kingsley Yuen. The Standing Committee of the Diocese, Bishop's Chaplain – Rev Fred David. Pray that all of the leadership exhibit good Christian character and integrity with all of their relationships and dealings in life.

16th - Tuesday

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our will, that we may wholly be thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Nation: The people of Malaysia. Thank and praise God for the multi-lingual, multi-racial and multi-cultural society we live in. Peoples of Malaysia will uphold the Rukun Negara. All religious bodies will strive to live together in harmony. All people will trust & believe in one another, working together to achieve peace and unity. Pray the nation be transformed by the presence of God's kingdom.

17th - Wednesday

The Diocesan Staff: Kannagi K, Margaret Tan, Ensa, John, Keneth, Chun Peng, Soosan, Selvam and Kien Min. Pray that Jesus will meet all their needs and wants. Pray for unity and oneness as they work in the Diocesan office. Pray for good health and strength.

Prayers for those who mourn

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms, we die, in our grief and shock contain and comfort us; embrace us with your love, give us hope in our confusion and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

18th - Thursday

Holy and Righteous Church

Pray that the Malaysian church will stand out as a prophetic community, impacting society, and live out authentic and vibrant Christian lives that will be salt and light in the nation, for then only can the Church act and speak with credibility and moral authority, and be taken seriously by the nation's leaders. (Prayer United)

Prayer for those who are sick: Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For all our Clergy, Deaconess, Lay Pastor, your servants who are sick, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to good health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

19th - Friday

Diocese of West Malaysia

-Pray for the formation of the three dioceses

-Pray for our Diocesan Bishop Ng Moon Hing and the Suffragan Bishops Charles Samuel and Jason Selvaraj as they plan and prepare towards this formation.

-Pray for that God will speak clearly to them and His will be done.

Clergy, Deaconess, Lay Pastors, Evangelist and Workers: Thank you for the clergy who answer the call to ministry & work so hard for the good of your kingdom. We continue to pray for the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of our Clergy. We also pray for our Seminarians that they will be fully empowered by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for their ministry in our Diocese. Amen.

20th - Saturday

Confession: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.

Amen.

Prayer for the Clergy: Lord Jesus, we lift our Clergy to You. Grant them the graces they need to administer your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love; give them courage when things are difficult, and accompany them when they are lonely; strengthen them in times of weakness. Amen.

21st – Sunday – 3^d Sunday of Epiphany

Pray for the Church:

-Pray that your Church and Priest have and continue to take hold a growing, consistent walk with Christ with a devotional life and prayer that is steadfast.

-Pray that they realize and allow Christ to work and use them as they grow closer in their faith, spiritual formation, maturity and love.

Finance:

-Pray that we as a church family remain faithful and good stewards.

-Pray that the giving financially will grow this year in all our churches and Diocese.

-Pray that each church commits to a healthy understanding, wisdom and accounting and handling of its stewardship and finances to better receive God's blessings.

22nd - Monday

Pray for our nation:

That the powers of darkness will be completely wiped out. That the enemy will not have a foothold in our nation, That all corrupt practice, evil intentions, hypocrisy will cease

Our Clergy and those who minister: Pray that God would give our Clergy good health and strength.

Pray that God would keep our Clergy safe as they travel. Pray that God would protect our Clergy from every harm and danger.

23^d - Tuesday

Pray for Malaysia:

-Dedicate Malaysia to God.

-Pray for renewed hearts towards our country Malaysia and all her diverse peoples.

-Pray for the restoration of our nation as the rule of God is established in this nation

Unrest in the world

Pray for all the countries experiencing unrest. For the government to find a solution to solve the problem. All nations will come together and help one another. For the African countries experiencing drought where children are dying of thirst and food.

Pray for the illegal immigrants who have no place to go, that they will be given shelter and food.

24th – Wednesday

Children & Youth Ministries

-Thank God for the Children and Youth Ministries in every church

-Pray that the Word of God is taught without compromise

-Pray for all the teachers to have a love for children and for Jesus

-Pray for parents to give top priority to the spiritual development of their children to grow in the Lord

-Pray the young people will learn to love the Lord with all their hearts

-Pray that many will heed to the advise and keep away from vices and bad company

-Pray many will receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit

25th – Thursday – Conversion of Paul

Church & Congregation:

Pray that believers will have an increasing hunger and thirst for God's Word and truth, and that their faith, understanding and wisdom would increase.

Pray that sound biblical teaching and resources will be available for all who seek them.

Pray that believers everywhere will have access to effective discipleship, so they will be able to persevere in their faith through testing, trials and temptations.

Pray that people professing faith in Christ will be strengthened in their ability to discern between true and false teaching.

26th – Friday – Province of SEA Prayer & Fasting

The Province of South East Asia

- Pray for the Archbishop and Bishops of the Diocese of West Malaysia, Diocese of Singapore, the Diocese of Sarawak and Diocese of Sabah
- To work together in unity to advance God's kingdom

Bishops and Clergy:

- Ask for God's hand to rest upon our church Leaders that they will operate in His wisdom.
- Ask God to pour His Spirit of Discernment upon them.
- Pray for their health and protection.

27th – Saturday

The Church Triumphant: Thank God, for the life of all faithful people who have served God and have gone to be with the Lord. Those who have quietly served in our churches and have blessed so many people. Remember and thank God for all bishops, priests, and church workers who gave their life for the full-time ministry. Remember and pray for their family members.

Confession: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

28th – Sunday – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Prayer before Worship:

King of all the earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. You are merciful and full of loving-kindness and great compassion; We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us. You have washed us thoroughly from our wickedness and cleansed us from our sin; against you alone have we sinned, and to you alone do we look for restoration. This is our God, the Holy One. Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Diocese and Church:

-Pray that our Diocese and our churches would receive God's direction and vision.

- Pray that each congregation gets nourished from the substance of His word.
- Pray that our Diocese and churches becomes real Disciples of Christ who are learning and growing.

29th - Monday

Diocesan Events in the month of February:

- Provincial Synod in Tawau, Sabah – 29th January – 1st February
- BOTAW Sunday School Teacher's Training – 3rd February in the Central Region and 10th February in the Perak Region.

The Clergy and deaconesses

- Thank God for all those serving in all the churches. Thank God for their love of God to serve in this ministry. Thank God for their love and devotion for their flock. Pray for God's protection upon them and their families. For the Holy Spirit to daily guide and lead them. For God's anointing in preaching the word of God

30th - Tuesday

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pray for the World:

- Pray for Workers: The harvest is plentiful But the workers are few. Pray for workers to be raised up

to minister around the world.

-Pray for Open Doors: Ask the Lord to open doors for the world mission endeavour to proclaim the mystery of Christ among even more people.

-Pray for the Gospel to Spread and to be Honored: Our prayer should not only be for workers and open doors, but for the message to spread and find a place of honor in the hearts of people.

31st - Wednesday

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving different spiritual gifts to everybody who trusts in Jesus. I thank you for the gifts that You gave me to glory Your name. I am sorry for the times when I have distracted others in the church from hearing Your voice because I have drawn attention to myself. Please help me to share Your passion to help everybody in the church to grow to maturity by understanding what You are saying to them, and choosing to be obedient. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

(Robin Arumugam)

Praise God:

-Father, we bless and adore You. Our King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Rock of Ages, Ancient of Days, we honor and worship You.

-Thank You Father for all You have done for us in the month of January 2018.

-I pray and believe that You my living God will see me through the coming days and months and years. Amen.

BLESSED AND CHRIST CENTRED NEW YEAR 2018. PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESE AND OUR COUNTRY MALAYSIA

**Dear Friends,
we are called to pray. Kindly inform others of this Prayer Diary.
Together let us Worship and intercede for our
Diocese and our country Malaysia.**

The next issue is for the month FEBRUARY 2018.

Kindly email your request to

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by **15th JANUARY 2018**

Thank You and God Bless,

Rev. David Rajiah

Prayer Coordinator

Jesus is Lord

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the LORD
turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26