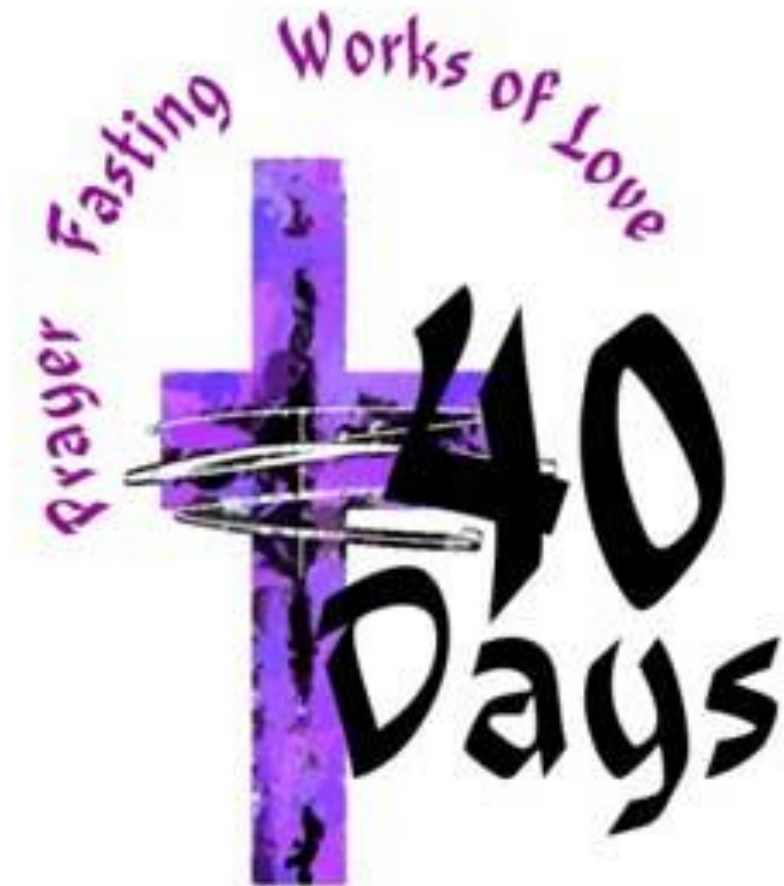




DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA
PRAYER DIARY

MARCH 2018

A CALL
TO PRAY
FOR OUR
DIOCESE
AND OUR
NATION
MALAYSIA



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Diocesan Prayer Diary MARCH 2018

1st - Thursday

Prayer This Lent: Lord God, you who breathed the spirit of life within me, draw out of me the light and life you created. Help me to find my way back to you. Help me to use my life to reflect your glory and serve others as your son Jesus did. Amen.

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

-Lift our Archbishop, The Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing in your prayers daily.

-Pray that God will pour His discernment upon him and fill him with His power, courage and grace. .

2nd – Friday – William Henry Gomes, missionary to the Dayaks and Malay, 1902

Nation:

That our nation would turn back to God. May God help us. We need God desperately to renew our hope and restore our land Malaysia. May believers everywhere draw close to God and seek His face like never before. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (www.crosswalk.com)

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.

3rd - Saturday

The Clergy and Deaconesses:

- Ask God to heal any hurt that the Clergy has suffered in the ministry. Pray that they will serve God with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful and surrendered spirit. Pray that God's Spirit will work in their heart in power and that they will value and follow biblical priorities.

Annual General Meeting: Holy God, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual General Meeting. Be with us in our yearning to chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, all of our leaders, and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.

4th – Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Prayer before Worship: Lord, make us free...free with eyes not focused upon ourselves; free with ears open to hearing Your Word; free with hands reaching out; free with hearts no longer chained by what we possess, but bound, instead, by what we can share. Yes, Lord, make us free...free to worship; free to be extravagant with thankfulness; free to break open the costliest oil upon Your feet; free to love as love really is, in Jesus; name. Amen.

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.

5th - Monday

Seminary Theology Malaysia: Anglican student's retreat from 5th – 7th March. Pray for God's anointing and presence to be upon them. Pray that God will speak to each one of them.

Primates Task Group: Pray for this meeting in UK from the 19th – 24th March. Pray for the God to be present and his vision will be revealed at this meeting. Pray for the Nation: 8th March at the Diocesan Chapel from 9.00am – 4.00pm praying for our Nation Malaysia. Pray that many will come forward to uphold our nation. Pray for the coordinator Ms. Esther Richards.

6th – Tuesday

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.

Mission Schools in our country

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

7th – Wednesday

Pray for those who are sick:

- Pray that our body is a temple of God therefore sickness and infirmity will have to leave in the name of Jesus.
- Pray that whatever God has not planted in our bodies to leave and be gone in the mighty name of Jesus.
- Pray for healing and strength. Pray for good health.

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.

8th - Thursday

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 for their health. Pray for Godly wisdom as they plan, direct and build our Diocese for the Glory of God.

Diocesan Theme: Praise God for the theme this year – “Releasing Talents”. Pray for Rev. Matthew Chai the coordinator of this theme and his team members.

9th - Friday

Nation:

- Protect the poor and the marginalized
- Courage to stand for what is right and to do what is good
- Pray for the next election next year that God will raise godly and upright men and women to stand up for the rights of the people.

Our Clergy: Father, I pray for our clergy as he prepares his messages, that You will give him just the right words and illustrations to communicate effectively to Your people. I pray 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

10th - Saturday

Annual General Meeting: Pray for all churches, Missionary Districts, pray for every Clergy. Pray for the upcoming AGM, for wisdom in electing the new PCC, for understanding in the various plans for changes to the church building, and for the whole church as we look ahead to the coming year.

The Diocesan Staff: Kannagi K, Margaret Tan, Ensa, John, Keneth, Chun Peng, Soosan, Selvam and Kien Min and cleaner, Suriyanti. Praise and thank God for all of them. Pray for health, strength and blessing to be upon them. Pray for their needs to be met.

11th – Sunday – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday: May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us; may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us; may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us. May Almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Suffragan Bishops:

- Pray for our suffragan Bishops Rt. Rev. Charles Samuel and Rt. Rev. Dr. Jason Selvaraj.
- Pray that they will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience – ready for God to work powerfully in and through their ministries

12th - Monday

Nation: That we would be faithful in praying for leaders and those in authority, knowing that their decisions directly affect us too. May God give them wisdom and courage as they lead our nation. May God in His mercy, appoint righteous men and women into positions of authority in our nation.

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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 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

13th - Tuesday

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

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.

14th – Wednesday

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.

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)

15th – Thursday

Pray for our Diocese:

That God will build our Diocese and His name will be glorify.
That God will keep, guard, and protect our Diocese from the evil one.
That our Diocese will be beacon of light in our nation.

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

16th – Friday - Province of SEA Prayer & Fasting

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

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.

17th – Saturday

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.

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.

18th – Sunday – 5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

Prayer before Worship: God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen.

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

-Pray for Archbishop, The Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing.
-Pray that God will give Bishop a clear, biblical vision of what the Diocese can be and should be for His glory and that Bishop will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the people in the Diocese.

19th – Monday

Nation: That we would recognize God's Sovereignty over all. Prayer is important. His word reminds us that He is the One who ultimately has the power to position all those in leadership, and to remove them. His word also reminds us there is great power in prayer as we join together in unity and seek to follow after him. (www.crosswalk.com)

Clergy, Deaconess, Lay Pastors, Evangelist and Workers: Thank you for the clergy who answer the call to ministry and work so hard for the good of your kingdom. We continue to pray for the spiritual, emotional, & 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 – Tuesday

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.

Liturgies:

We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives. We confess to You, Lord. Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people. We confess to You, Lord. Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves. We confess to You, Lord.

21st – Wednesday

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

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

22nd – Thursday

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.

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.

23rd – Friday

Nation:

Pray that our hope would remain in the Lord God Almighty. Pray that we would recognize His great power. God alone is where our real hope is found, not in our leaders, not in the economy, not in the condition of our nation today. Rise up and pray. (www.crosswalk.com)

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.

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.

24th – Saturday

Events & Services in the Month of April:

-Easter Sunday – 1st April

-Quiet Prayer Day – 7th April at St. Paul's PJ from 10am – 4pm. Coordinator – Rev. David Rajiah

-Central Tamil Youth Rally – 28th April at Emmanuel Church, Ceras.

-Diocesan Strategy Implementation Commission – DSIC and the Standing Committee – 5th April. Pray for God's Guidance to be upon these committees as they plan and implement programmes for the growth of the Diocese.

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.

25th – Sunday – PALM SUNDAY

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.

26th – Monday – Monday of Holy Week

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.

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.

27th – Tuesday – Tuesday of Holy Week

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 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.*)

28th – Wednesday – Wednesday of Holy Week

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.

Liturgies:

We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Lord. We have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us, Lord.

29th – Thursday – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Confession: O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

Prayer: Gracious God, as we have freely received your love, forgiveness and grace, So help us to freely give, to be a gracious presence in your world. Make us hungry for justice, and willing to kneel with you to love and serve, in your name. Amen.

30th – Friday – GOOD FRIDAY

Confession: Lord, I have betrayed you by following my own way. I have denied you by fearing to follow yours. And I have mocked you by not taking your death seriously. Lord, I am lost. Let your forgiveness find me. Hold me in your strong arms and give me your new life. Live in me and with me day by day, That together we may make a world that is new. Amen. (by Terry C. Falla)

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.

31st – Saturday – Easter Eve

Confession: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.

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 March 2018.

- We pray and believe that You our living God will see us through the coming days and months and years. Amen.

Dear Friends,

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY

Remember - the real battle is not fought against what is seen, but what is unseen. The real enemy is not a person or political party, but is Satan himself, and his dark forces that oppose God and fight against Truth.

The enemy's goal is to steal, kill, and destroy, and he wants nothing more than to see us waste our energy and time just battling one another.

Let's stay aware of his evil plans and stand against his attacks through the power of Christ and His Word.

(www.crosswalk.com)

**Kindly inform others of this Prayer Diary.
Together let us Worship and intercede for our
Diocese and our country Malaysia.**

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by **15th MARCH 2018**

Thank You and God Bless,

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