

**HOLY SATURDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**ALL DAY PRAYER**  
**9am-5pm**

## **1. Introduction**

As we await to celebrate Easter Sunday, let us spend some time in seeking the Lord in prayer in this Holy Saturday. You are encouraged to spend whatever time you want, in the sanctuary or whatever places of your choice.

## **2. Preparing your Heart**

Before you pray, come to the Lord with an attitude of reverence and humility.

Relax. "Still" yourself.

The words "Be still and know that I am God." best describes this first step.

The aim is to let go of tension, to calm down and surrender to God in Faith.

## **3. Getting into God's Presence**

Sitting upright in a chair, relax your muscles with your eyes close. Use the Breath Prayer. Be attentive to your own breathing, breathe in and out a few times, cautious of your breath.

Breathe in God's Spirit and every good thing you long for. Breathe out all your worries, stress, sin, guilt, and regrets and surrender them to God.

Repeat the process 3 times.

Next seek peace and 'inner silence' by closing your eyes and listen to the silence and stillness around you. Let your mind, heart and will and feelings become tranquil and serene.

Choose a word that you resonate with God, 'Jesus', 'Love', 'Abba', or 'Saviour'. Repeat the chosen word a few times that draw you into His Presence.

Your mind and emotions are 'stilled' so that your heart is open to an awareness of God's presence.

Do not hurry over this stage of prayer. Take as long as you need to become "still".

## 4. Worship God

Then proceed to worship God with songs of your choice or praise the Lord by declaring His attributes back to Him.

## 5. Personal Reflection and Evaluation

i. Reflect prayerfully on the following :

- Relationship with God
- Relationship with your spouse and children
- Ministry to the Lord
- Job
- Recreation
- Time management
- Strengths and weaknesses

Commit your evaluations to the Lord, especially the area that need to be built up.

ii. Relationship with God and others

- Does anything in my life stand between God and me?
- How is your intimacy with God?  
Do you take time off regularly in silence and quietness to meditate on God's word and listens to what He is saying to you?
- How would I rate the spiritual temperature of my heart?
  - Hot and excited about God?
  - Burning zeal?
  - Very warm?
  - Lukewarm?
  - Others?

## 6. Intercession

Pray and ask God to rekindle the flame by being more faithful and consistent in your devotion.

- i. Your goals, ministry to God, Job and Recreation
- What is important to you?

- What are your goals for 2021 and your life?  
What do you sense God is asking of you?

## ii. Leadership

- Ask God how you could improve in your leadership skills. Ask Him to confirm your strengths and help you in your weaknesses.
- Thank Him for your strengths and offer them to Him for His glory.
- Commit prayerfully your findings to the Lord.
  - Pause and listen to Him.
  - What do you feel God is saying to you?

## iii. Congregation

- Prayerful and spirit-filled.
- Bear much fruits, glorifying God and draw others to Him.
- Genuine in faith as shown in character, lifestyle, and service.
- Humility and love for one another.
- Involved in evangelism, mission, outreach, and discipling.

## iv. Pastor and Administrative staff

- To be prayerful and open to the direction and ministry of God in their lives and ministry.
- Empowering and refreshing of the Holy Spirit so that their ministry will be effective and joyful.
- Unity, love and oneness of heart and spirit.
- Protection through the covering of the blood of Jesus for themselves and their families.
- God's anointing, guidance, wisdom, and gifting.

## v. Zone leaders, Cell Leaders and Cell Leader Interns

- To be prayerful and spirit-filled.
- Joyful commitment and zeal for their ministry.
- Effective in leading CG sermon discussions.
- Effective monitoring of members.

## vi. Pray for Methodist and other Churches in Malaysia

- For love and unity among churches.
- For 'open doors' for the Gospel to be shared.
- 'Open minds' for people to hear the Gospel.
- For Malaysia United Firewall, prayer initiative by combined Churches in Malaysia, for revival and spiritual awakening.
- Pray for Christian labourers - those you know - pastors, evangelists, teachers and other Christian workers - for their protection, anointing, joy, fruitful ministry.

## vii. Nation

- Pray for the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and all the Sultans that they will perform their roles as institutional monarchs, and act as peacemakers to unite all Malaysians (1 Timothy 2 :1-2).
- Pray for Prime Minister, Muhyiddin Yassin and his cabinet ministers to focus on overcoming the twin problems of Covid-19 pandemic and restoring our national economy, while ensuring the needs of the people for peace, job security, providing food on the tables for their families.
- Pray for the political re-alignments as all the political parties are gearing up for the 15<sup>th</sup> General Elections, that the Lord will usher in a stable, democratic government that uphold the interests of multi-racial and multi-religious Malaysians in the nation.

## viii. World

- Pray for the peace of Israel (Psalms 122:6,7).  
Pray for the Lord to restrain the hands of its hostile neighbour and enable Israel to prosper in peace.
- Pray for the Messianic Jews in Israel to have passion for the souls of their fellow country man and women so that all Israel will be saved (Romans 11:26)
- Pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ for the Lord to enable them to sustain in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance, character, and character hope. (Romans 5 :3,4)
- Pray for the nation and people of Myanmar as they opposed the military elites in seizing power illegally from the democratically elected government.
- Pray for the Christians and Church in Myanmar to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar, and to call on the Lord to uphold the righteous and oppose the wicked to restore peace to the nation.