

THE JUDICIARY

The Judiciary is an important arm of Government which ensures that justice, law and order is maintained for all citizens. It plays a critical role in ensuring legitimacy of the electoral process. Therefore pray:

- For wisdom and guidance from God, upon all the judges on all their decisions and judgments knowing that they are judging for God and not for man (2 Chronicles 19:5-7).
- For the independence of the Judiciary free from all influence, bribery, corruption, intimidation, or favouritism and all forms of manipulations from all interest groups so that the Judiciary may win the respect of all people (Proverbs 24:23).
- Pray for God's protection upon all the judges who uphold justice and fairness. Pray that God will remove all crooks from our Judiciary who bend the law for cheap personal gain, often to benefit the powerful against the weak.

DAY 6

ELECTION OF GODLY LEADERSHIP

Nations progress and develop faster with leaders of integrity. The opposite is also true. Leaders must seek to serve the people first not their own interests. Therefore pray:

- That God himself, who knows the hearts of all people will appoint godly leaders for this nation. Pray for leaders like King David described as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 16:1) and people like Deborah, in key positions of authority in our nation.
- That God shall establish and exalt the righteous and God fearing, like David, Deborah, etc, in positions of leadership whether as Ward Counselors, Members of Parliament or high office of the Presidency.
- Pray that our elected leaders shall serve the interests of the common people and not their parties as has often been the case before (Proverbs 29:2; Psalm 75:7).
- Pray for love, understanding and a spirit of tolerance on all our leaders of political parties. Pray against the spirit of animosity and the "kuthana" syndrome which characterizes most of our leaders.

CORRUPTION AND RIGGING

The recent primary elections by most of our key political parties have shown that corruption and vote rigging is seriously entrenched in our electoral processes. This is a serious cause for worry. There are candidates out there who, because of their powerful positions, are of the view that they are not supposed to lose elections, whatever happens. Consequently the masses are denied their choices through the ballot box. Corruption is evil and wicked. It must therefore be uprooted from our society. Therefore pray:

- That the Lord Almighty shall thwart any attempt by any party or individual to rig elections in favor of any candidate or political party. Pray that such schemes shall be exposed and crushed.
- For Malawi Electoral Commission officials including presiding officers that they shall desist from any form of corruption. Pray that wherever such corruption exists it shall be exposed and crushed. God should uproot individuals involved in corrupt activities. Pray for God's finger of judgment on any political party or individuals resorting to rigging and cheating.
- For God's protection on all individuals and institutions entrusted with enforcing accountability and transparency, such as ACB, Police, Judiciary, and Financial Integrity Unit.

RAINFALL IN MALAWI

Our country is heavily dependent on rainfall for its food security. Therefore:

- Earnestly pray for God's divine intervention that we may have adequate rains across this country for a bumper harvest this year.
- Pray that when the Lord blesses us with good rains, we shall ascribe glory to God alone and not to some politicians or political parties as has been the case before.

DAY 7

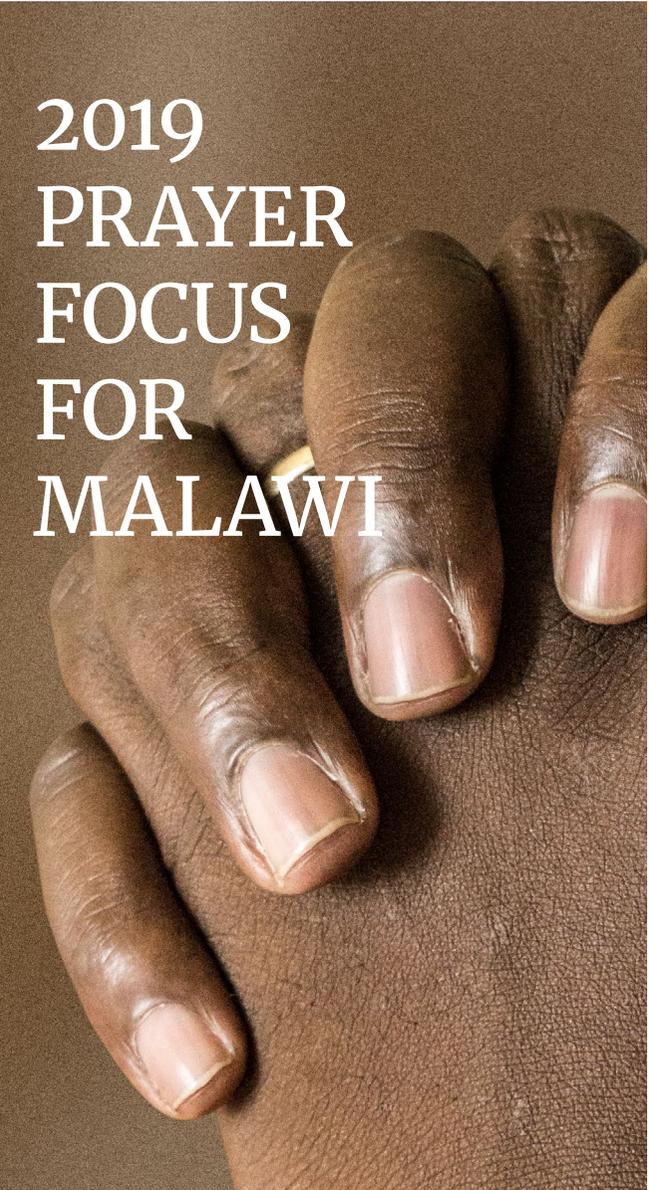
SOUND BIBLE TEACHING

There is great need for sound bible teaching by the church across the country. Pray that:

- God will raise sound Bible teachers who will teach the Word of God with authority establishing Christians in their faith. Pray for powerful and gifted teachers like Ezra in the church in Malawi (Ezra 7:6,10).
- For God's conviction upon those propagating false doctrines in our Churches, TV, Radio Stations, newspapers and social media often for cheap worldly gain. Rise against exploitation of people who are desperate and in need. Pray that such false teachings will not prosper in our nation.

NATIONS IN CONFLICT

- Pray for God's divine intervention in resolving the various conflicts in the world in general and specifically in Somalia, the Middle East, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria and many others.
- Pray that most of these countries shall open up to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for a powerful spiritual revival to sweep across such countries. Pray for the suffering and persecuted Christians in most of these areas. Many of them have been imprisoned, tortured or killed because their faith in Christ.
- Pray for the protection of the nation of Israel from its enemies at this time when the Middle East is experiencing political upheavals.



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DAY 1

CONFESSION (ISAIAH 59:1-2)

There is so much wickedness in our nation today such as high level corruption, violence against women and children, all forms of abominations and sexual perversion including defilement, homosexuality and rape, worshiping strange gods; tribalism, immorality, abortion, unbelief in God and many others. Earnestly plead for God's mercy and forgiveness upon us as a nation (1 John 1:8). Pray that God will not deal with us in accordance with our sins.

DAY 2

DEDICATION OF OUR NATION TO GOD

In view of God's continued hand of deliverance upon this nation let us dedicate our land of Malawi to God in this new year as follows:

- We shall serve no other God except the Lord Almighty and that Jesus Christ shall remain Lord over our nation (Acts 2:36).
- That any attempt whether religious or political correctness or otherwise to unseat Christ as the Lord of this nation shall never prevail.
- Pray against spirits threatening our godly heritage as Malawians. Identify them and pray against each one at a time e.g. secularism, etc.
- For genuine fear of God in all Malawians and trust in God and not the hand of man (Jeremiah 17:5).

DAY 3

PRAYER FOR GOOD LEADERSHIP IN MALAWI

The quality of leadership is critical in any society, institution or nation. The Scriptures in 2 Timothy 2:1 urges believers to earnestly "pray for those in leadership that we may live peaceful and quite lives in all Godliness, for this is what pleases God who wants all people to be saved." Therefore let us pray for our leaders in Government (Cabinet, Parliament and Judiciary) including the Opposition, Traditional Leaders, the Clergy, Civic and Private Sector Leaders and many others:

- For genuine fear of God upon them. Pray that they may have a genuine experience of an encounter with God.
- That God himself will guide their decisions and plans. Pray that the Lord may show them to do what is right for the nation, especially at this time of social and political challenges (Proverbs 21:1).
- Pray specifically that God will elevate the righteous and God fearing in positions of leadership in the country and bring down the ungodly and the wicked.
- That these leaders will seek righteousness for our nation and guard seriously against introduction of ungodly and wicked practices which are an abomination before the Lord Almighty.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any nation" (Proverbs 14:34).

- That our leaders shall humble themselves and listen to good advice (Proverbs 15:22).

DAY 4

2019 TRIPARTITE ELECTIONS

God's intervention in the General Elections

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain" (Psalm 127:1)

Malawi will be holding General Elections in May, 2019. Often General Elections can be divisive and polarizing leading to serious social and political uncertainties in a country. Therefore pray:

- That God will mightily intervene in our electoral process for a peaceful, free and fair election. Pray that God's divine will and purpose shall prevail over all the plans and strategies of men for the common good of all people.
- Pray against any manipulation, vote rigging and any kind of intimidation during the whole electoral process. Pray that such shall be exposed and crushed by God himself.
- That the Almighty God shall deal with any political party, group or individuals promoting political violence and anarchy in this country before, during and after elections.

Malawi Electoral Commission

The Malawi Elections Commission (MEC) has a great responsibility to lead in management and coordination of the whole electoral process for credible, free and fair elections. It is therefore imperative that MEC conduct itself in a manner which is above reproach, discharging its duties with utmost diligence and in a nonpartisan manner, free from undue influence and bias. Therefore pray:

- That all of the MEC Staff, Polling Staff and Electoral Commissioners will realize the significance of this huge task upon them and its implications on the peace and stability of our nation. Specifically pray for the Commissioners, that in spite of representing various political parties, they will discharge their responsibilities in a nonpartisan manner for the common good of all Malawians. Pray that they will uphold national interests above party interests.
- Pray specifically against any undue pressure by anyone or group upon MEC officials with a motive to corrupt or intimidate. Pray that such schemes will be exposed and destroyed by God himself.

Political violence

General Elections can easily trigger political violence if not well managed or if political parties and key stakeholders fail to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner. Therefore pray:

- For peace and calm during the whole electoral process, begin-

ning with political campaigns, actual voting, and announcement of results.

- For all the institutions involved in the elections such as MEC, Civic and Voter Education Providers, Media Houses (both Public and Private), Political Parties, Traditional and Community Leaders. Specifically remember the role played by the Security Forces (the Police and Army); that they will remain impartial and fair at all times. Pray that they will not fuel tensions and anger through favouritism and bias interventions (before during and after the elections).
- Pray in particular against undue political interference in the elections by any of the political sides.
- For adequate resources for the General Elections from Government and supporting partners for whole electoral process.

DAY 5

MEDIA

The media can be a powerful agent for national building and social development. However, if wrongly used, it can also be a dangerous divisive weapon which can easily cause anarchy and social unrest. Therefore pray:

- For responsible and ethical journalism. Pray that the media (whether private or public such as MBC) shall conduct themselves responsibly during the whole electoral process.
- For protection of our journalists from intimidation, biasness, political manipulation or corruption. Rise against deliberate misrepresentation of facts and information to gain political mileage at the expense of other groups or political parties as this can easily lead to violence and anarchy.
- Pray for the Media Regulatory/monitoring institutions such as MACRA, MISA Malawi and others, that they shall enforce acceptable and ethical media standards without fear and favor.

CORRUPTION

There are reports of serious corruption in many institutions in our nation. God hates corruption. It is evil and must therefore be uprooted from our Land. Therefore pray:

- For Malawi Electoral Commission officers that they shall desist from any form of corruption. Pray that wherever such corruption exists it shall be exposed and thwarted. God should uproot individuals involved in corrupt activities. Pray for greater determination and commitment from the leadership to uproot corruption at all levels.
- That justice shall be done in all cases of corruption without fear or favour.
- For God's protection on all individuals and institutions entrusted with enforcing accountability and transparency, such as ACB, Police, Judiciary, and Financial Integrity Unit.