



Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for our AGM on the 30th of May.

- for good attendance to meet our required quorum.
- for divine wisdom, Godly spirit as we gather as God's family to receive the reports.
- for His guidance upon all decisions especially pertaining to church expansion plans.

2. Pray for our Prime Minister Najib.

- many criticism may have been leveled against him but let us choose to bless him to become the best PM that Malaysia will have.
- Pray that all his policies will bring about fairness for all races and religion and that he will be surrounded by righteous leaders/advisors.

3. Pray for the church as a whole.

- That we all will have a close relationship with God through our prayer and devotional life.
- That we will find a ministry to serve and with a united heart to build His ministries.
- That we will be bless and highly favored and we will become a blessing to all others!

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT ISSUES



“Does God Know Your Next Move?”

Does God fully know all that will happen in the future? Is He Sovereign in the midst of every situation and circumstances? If so, can He change his mind along the way in response to our prayers and actions? If the future is entirely determined by God, what need is there for our prayer or actions to bring about spiritual and social change?

On the other hand, if God's activity is indeed altered by both our prayers and continuously unfolding world happenings, then what security do we have against other powers that might threaten our lives in the uncharted future?

Q. Think about a time you came to God in total frustration, telling him that you simply did not know what to do. How did the matter get resolved? What gave you peace about the outcome?

Many of us, when challenged by painful and evil events in life, struggle with the uncertainties of our limited theological perspectives. If we say that God is omnipotent (all powerful) and omniscient (knows all things), we have a hard time seeing God's goodness in these tragedies.

Discover the Eternal Principles

1. God created all things and is _____, though we are responsible for the _____.

Isaiah 46:9, in which God says, **"I reveal the end from the beginning, from ancient times I reveal what is to be; I say, 'My purpose shall take effect, I will accomplish all that I please.'"**

A friend has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The doctor tells John he will die in less than six weeks; however, life could be extended with surgery and chemotherapy. An experimental treatment might beat back the cancer even more. All of the treatments are pretty rugged, though, and will jeopardize the quality of life John has left. Furthermore, none will guarantee a cure.

Discuss the following:

[Q] If John decides to do nothing, does he become responsible for an early death in a kind of "soft suicide?" Suppose John goes all the way with experimental treatment, and his life is extended by two years. Was it up to John to determine how long he'll live? Give your views.

[Q] Was there a time when you felt the outcome of a very difficult life choice was up to you more than God? What was it about and how did you make the decision?

2. God knows the _____.

Unlike human nature, God's knowledge is not partial or fragmentary, most importantly because God's knowledge does not occur "from a particular nexus of time." Rather, God "knows exhaustively, in eternal simultaneity." In short, God's knowledge is incomparable.

For example, God told Nebuchadnezzar in a dream that he would become so proud that he would go insane for several years, and then be restored.

(Q):- How can God both know what we will do, yet remain responsive to our prayers and actions? Can you think of any biblical example? What can we say about God's plan and our prayers?

3. Though God tells us much about his plans, many of his ways are _____
_____.

[Q] Talk about a time when you prayed to God for help in a time of trouble, but He seems to be missing in action. How did that affect your perception of God's goodness and His power? His control over what would happen in the future? Can we ever understand all of the reasons why God did what he did? Read Isaiah 55:8-9.

End by praying that God will help us that in every move that we make – His Presence and Good Purposes will be with us!

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