



# Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for missionaries that we are supporting:-
  - a. Pastor Nora Catipon in Cambodia – for divine health and protection as she disciple the people and seek to raise new workers to plant churches.
  - b. Pastor Jimmy Tan and Family in HK/China- anointing and strength as they reach out and pastor the ex gamblers church.  
-pray for good assistants to be raised up.
  
2. Pray for Malaysia.
  - a. Ruling government.  
-Pray against corrupt leaders and politicians who are racialistic.
  - b. The opposition party.  
-pray against party hopping and internal fighting.

Pray that God will shape Malaysia to be blessed and favored by Him.
  
3. Pray for our Church expansion Plans.  
-God’s continual guidance upon the intended Kojadi land near Cuepacs.  
-God to prepare His people with the right perspective and ability to see the vision.
  
4. Pray for any other needs among us.

## UNDERSTANDING CURRENT ISSUES

### SUB THEME:

**“UNDERSTANDING GOD’S PROTECTION.”**



One of the oldest and strongest arguments against the existence of a loving, all powerful God is the question, ‘Why does God allow evil? Why do God’s children go through sufferings?’

If God is faithful to protect his people, why is life still so hard? In seeking to understand this faith issue, we have to gain a broader perspective of God’s protection.

There are 2 things we have to understand.

1. We have to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ and how to receive God's protection.

When we think of 'enemies' we tend to think about bosses who seem out to get us; rivals who want to defeat us; people who have hurt us; corrupt people who make a mess of government and society.

Nancy Guthrie said, **"When an earthly enemy assails us, the problem is not a flaw in God's protection but a misunderstanding of his promises."**

**Discussion question:-** Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

- a. What does the bible tells us about the enemy? How do you think it manifest itself in the physical world?
  - b. The whole passage needs a lot of explanation but just focus on verse 18. Where have we failed and how do we protect ourselves?...please explain.
2. We have to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ protection.

- a. Read John 16:33. What was Jesus telling us frankly? Elaborate on how this promise applies in the practical.
- b. When Jesus prepared to send out his disciples in twos for ministry (Matthew 10), he seemed to be preparing them for the worst!

**"When you are arrested, don't worry about what to say in your defense," he said, "Everyone will hate you because of your allegiance to me," he predicted. And then he encouraged them not to fear those who wanted to kill them. "They can only kill your body, they cannot touch your soul." (Matthew 10:28)**

**Discussion question:** This is not exactly the 'ideal assignment' the disciple – or any of us for that matter –signed up for. We expect that it will be from victory to victory. An author said, **'we get disappointed with God when he seems to fail in his divine protection because our value system is different with God's and until we value the eternal life of our souls more than the limited life of our mortal bodies, we may actually fail to see His ultimate protection.'**

God DOES protect (Peter, Paul and Silas were protected from harm by being divinely rescued from prison) but there are times in which God allows death (Stephen was stoned to death). Why do you think God allows this?

**END IN PRAYER that we will trust God and believe that He has the best in store for us and that our soul/spirit is forever protected by Him and He will work all things together for our good!**

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