



PRAYER EMPHASIS WEEK

(16-22 Nov 2025)

Wednesday, 19 Nov, 8pm
@ CCC & Damansara Heights

Friday, 21 Nov, 8pm @ CCC*

Calling the
Calvary Family to
a Week of United
Prayer
& Fasting

**YOUR
Will Be Done**

Matthew 6:10

*Note extended time of prayer from 10:30pm to 4.00am



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PRAYER EMPHASIS WEEK (Nov 16 - 22)

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10, NKJV

We are living in challenging times that demand spiritual alertness—especially in the light of our Lord’s imminent return. The Apostle Paul exhorts us in Ephesians 5:15–17:

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” Failure to understand God’s will leads to misplaced priorities, moral drift and inability to discern what truly matters in His eyes. We risk living for what holds little or no eternal value.

This Prayer Emphasis Week calls the entire Calvary family to a concerted time of prayer and fasting. More than a calendar event, it is a divine invitation to seek the heart of God together—for our families, our church, the nation and beyond. The theme, “Your Will Be Done,” challenges us to posture ourselves like Jesus in Gethsemane—to yield our desires to the Father’s greater

purpose and trust His perfect plan even when it does not align with our expectations. It is a call to release our ambitions to see “our kingdom come, our will be done,” and instead long for “His kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

The daily devotions in this guide, centred upon the Lord’s Prayer are designed to lead us from intimacy and communion to alignment with His will and whole-hearted participation in His mission. As we pray according to His will, we have the confidence that He hears us (1 John 5:14).

Jesus says, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23, NKJV). May His kingdom be established in our hearts, and may the anthem “Not my will, but Your will be done” continue to echo through our lives—at all times, in every situation, whatever the cost.

MAXIMISING YOUR FAST

Biblical fasting is abstaining from food for a specific spiritual purpose. It is an act of humbling ourselves before God, expressing our wholehearted desire to seek Him by setting aside the body's legitimate appetites to focus on undistracted prayer. We fast and pray to seek and submit to God's will.

Fast Options

Normal fast | Abstaining from all food and drinking only water for a specified period.

Daniel fast | Abstaining from meat or certain foods, following a restricted diet (Daniel 10:3).

Absolute fast | Abstaining from all food and water for a short period, usually not exceeding three days (Esther 4:16).

Non-food fast | Fasting from distractions such as mobile phone, social media or entertainment to refocus on God.

How to Fast

1. Decide on the fast option you are most comfortable with. If this is your first time, start with a meal fast.
2. As part of the spiritual preparation, ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal any unconfessed sin that may hinder your prayers.
3. Devote the time you would normally spend eating to prayer, worship and reading God's Word.
4. Follow this 7-day prayer guide to help you pray more effectively.
5. Take time to be still and hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. Write down what He impresses upon your heart.
6. Break your fast gradually and wisely. Conclude with praise and thanksgiving to God.
7. Come out and unite with the Calvary family in a concerted time of prayer:

Wednesday (Nov 19)

8pm @ CCC and CCDH

Friday (Nov 21)

8pm @ CCC *

* Note extended time of prayer from 10:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
Coffee and tea will be provided to help participants stay refreshed and alert in prayer.

Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

Exodus 34:28-29

So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.

Ezra 8:23 (NKJV)

Fasting does not change God's hearing so much as it changes our praying.

- Donald S. Whitney

By fasting, the body learns to obey the soul; by praying the soul learns to command the body.

-Charles Spurgeon

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13) invites us into a sacred rhythm — upward in adoration, inward in transformation, and outward in mission. We begin by lifting our eyes to the Father, hallowing His name and yielding to His rule. As we do, His Spirit works within us, shaping our desires and renewing our minds until His will becomes our joy. At this point, prayer becomes less about getting answers and more about hearing His heartbeat and fulfilling His kingdom purpose.

This shift in focus turns our theology of prayer into a lived experience. Prayer becomes less about *outcomes* and more about *abiding*. Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" John 15:7 (NKJV). When His Word abides in us—shaping our thoughts and directing our choices — our prayers naturally align with His heart. In such alignment, God delights to answer, because our desires echo His will. Answered prayer, therefore, is not the reward for effort but the fruit of intimacy — the overflow of a life rooted in obedience.

This series of devotions on The Lord's Prayer invites us to reflect on our own prayer life in these three movements:

Upward — Intimacy and Communion
Inward — Alignment with God's Will
Outward — Participation in His Mission

Herein lies the primary purpose and ultimate goal of prayer: to know God and to realign our lives with His will so that we might co-partner with Him in fulfilling His kingdom purpose. If we allow this end-goal to shape our understanding of prayer, it will redefine our expectations and transform how we approach God. We stop measuring prayer by outcomes and start valuing His presence. We come not as petitioners seeking results, but as children seeking relationship. His presence becomes our true reward—not His presents. Every gracious gift points us back to the Giver, our greatest treasure and lasting delight.

Nov 16

OUR FATHER IN
HEAVEN,
HALLOWED
BE YOUR NAME

The Lord's Prayer has been recited by Christians across generations, cultures, and traditions. Yet its depths remain inexhaustible, and its transforming power is still being revealed. Given by Jesus Himself, it serves as the model and framework for all prayer and Christian living. As the only prayer He explicitly taught His disciples, it carries unique authority and shows how He intended us to approach the Father—centering our prayers on His kingdom, power, and glory.

The first two words of the Lord's Prayer are a celebration of God Himself. We celebrate our relationship with the Most High — the infinite One who is from everlasting to everlasting, without equal. His names and titles reveal the splendour of His divine nature and the beauty of His character. There is none like Him; He stands apart from all creation. Yet, through Christ Jesus His Son, this magnificent God has become our Father. Of all His titles, "Father" is the most intimate and profound, declaring both our ultimate identity and supreme privilege: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1).

The Aramaic word *Abba* that Jesus used, translated as "Father," is a tender and intimate term akin to "Papa" or "Daddy." This was astonishingly personal and revolutionary, for while the Old Testament occasionally refers to God as "Father," it is usually in a collective or national sense. The phrase "Our Father" expresses both His nearness and our identity as His children within a community of faith—not as isolated individuals. At the same time, "in heaven" reminds us of His sovereignty, holiness, majesty, and transcendence. We are invited to come confidently, yet reverently. Together, these truths guard our hearts from two extremes: over-familiarity that treats God casually, and fear that keeps us distant from Him. How do you come?

"Hallowed be Your name" turns reverence into response. To "hallow" means to set apart as holy. The petition is, first and foremost, a call to recommit our lives to giving God the honour and rightful place His nature and character deserve. It means refraining from anything that might tarnish His name or misrepresent His person. Secondly, it challenges us to redirect our

focus in prayer—from self to God. We place His glory above our needs. Before asking anything of Him, we pause to adore Him for who He is. Instead of rushing into His presence with requests, we take time to behold His beauty and marvel at His nature, character and attributes. In so doing, our approach to God is transformed—from a transactional exchange into a relationship rooted in worship and intentional devotion.

Pause and ponder: Do your prayers begin with who God is or what you need? Does it matter? Undoubtedly. When our eyes are lifted upward in adoration, our perspective is renewed and restored. As we hallow His name, anxiety gives way to awe; fear loses its grip; striving yields to surrender. Worship realigns our soul with who God truly is—as He has revealed Himself in Scriptures.

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Give thanks to the Father for the privilege of being His child, for His nearness and His sovereign rule over every detail of your life. Take time in worship and adoration, simply beholding His beauty.

CALVARY CHURCH

- Reverential fear, holiness and worship will characterise God's people — Calvarites will honour Him in every aspect of their lives.
- Christmas Presentation – All involved in production will sense the Father's nearness as they prepare. Pray that every rehearsal will be marked by unity, joy, and grace, with hearts postured as children working together to proclaim the Father's glory.

NATION

A greater unity will be forged across denominations, and the collective witness of the Church will be further strengthened as believers walk in love, humility, integrity and reverential fear of the Lord.

Praying “*Your Kingdom come*” is an invitation for God’s rule and authority to be manifested in every sphere of life—our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, and nations. It is a petition for His reign of love, justice, and righteousness to break into our broken world, displacing darkness with the supreme authority of Christ. From intimacy with God, the Lord’s Prayer moves from worship to partnership—beckoning us to join His mission of advancing the kingdom.

To pray for His Kingdom is to surrender our own. At the core of the human heart lies an impulse that insists, “I want to be in charge of my own life.” This prayer confronts the resistance and reign of our “little kingdoms”—calling for self to be dethroned and Christ enthroned. It is revolutionary because it overturns personal agendas, demanding the surrender of comfort, ambition, and control for an undivided allegiance to Christ. We may have followed Him for years, but the question remains: Who sits on the throne of our hearts—and how is that reflected in our daily living?

Jesus said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33, NKJV). While “Your Kingdom come” is a prayer inviting God’s rule, “Seek first the Kingdom” is a command to pursue His values, righteousness, and priorities in everyday life. When we prioritise God’s agenda above every other pursuit, “Seek first the kingdom” becomes our daily response to live under His reign.

Our devotion to God, reflected through His rule in our hearts, is revealed in a lifestyle of genuine discipleship. This is vital because many desire the benefits of the Kingdom without bowing to the King. They welcome His provision but resist His rule. Others genuinely seek the Kingdom, yet their motives remain tied to what they hope to receive from God. In the Parable of the Lost Son, the elder son’s obedience was sincere but self-serving. Having laboured hard and long, he felt entitled to better treatment than his undeserving brother who was celebrated despite squandering the father’s inheritance. As Timothy Keller observes, “He didn’t love the Father for the

Father's sake. He was using the Father to get what he really wanted." The same can happen to us when our obedience is driven by what we expect from God—disappointment easily turns to resentment when life doesn't go our way.

When we pray "*Your Kingdom come*," it carries a tension between the *now* and *not yet*. Yes, the Kingdom has already come — Christ reigns in the hearts of believers, and His Kingdom is advancing. Yet it is not fully here—we still live between the cross and the crown, between suffering and glory. Until then, we keep praying "*Your Kingdom come*," we keep believing, loving, and serving—trusting that one day every tear will be wiped away, every wrong made right, and every unanswered prayer find its fulfilment in His glorious presence. This is the true evidence that Christ reigns within us. Can this be said of you?

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Invite Christ to establish His rule in your heart—reigning over your motives, your pursuits, your disappointments, and your desires.

CALVARY CHURCH

- The Holy Spirit will empower every Calvarite to be an effective ambassador for Christ — embodying kingdom culture and living out kingdom values.
- Every Life Group Christmas celebration will be Spirit-led, well-planned and joyfully executed, drawing many into the kingdom of God.

NATION

- Righteousness will exalt the nation and those in authority will lead with wisdom, truth, integrity and justice.
- A mighty move of the Spirit that will usher in God's kingdom rule of righteousness—in homes, schools, workplaces and every sphere of society.

Nov 18

YOUR WILL
BE DONE ON
EARTH AS IT IS
IN HEAVEN

Doing the Father's will was the central focus of Jesus' life on earth. There was no ambiguity about His purpose for He clearly declared, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38). This leads us to ask, "What are we here on earth for, if not to do the Father's will?"

Praying "*Your Kingdom come*" lifts our gaze to the sovereignty of God, acknowledging His reign over all—beginning with ourselves. "*Your will be done*" is an act of worshipful surrender, bowing before His authority and placing His desires above our own, trusting that His way is always better. This prayer reorients our perspective from a narrow, personal lens to God's wide-angle vision. Instead of asking, "How will this affect me?" we begin to ask, "How does this align with God's kingdom?" The shift in focus guards our hearts from disappointment when our prayers aren't answered as we expect, for we learn to rest in His greater, wiser, and overarching kingdom purpose.

To pray "*Your will be done*" is to crucify and relinquish our own will, leading to inner transformation and freedom from

the tyranny of self — self-sufficiency, self-absorption, self-exaltation, self-rejection, and the like. It frees us from the exhausting need to always have our own way. If God's will is truly better than ours, why do we still struggle to surrender? One major barrier is fear of the outcome — the fear that choosing God's will means being shortchanged, missing out on achievement or the "good life." There's also the lingering fear that obedience might lead to pain or loss beyond what we can bear. While submission to His will doesn't exempt us from hardship, it often leads us through it. Yet our hope is this: God's will never ends in tragedy for those who love Him — only in transformation. As Romans 8:28 reminds us, "All things work together for good to those who love God." What He defines as good may not always feel pleasant, but it always forms Christ within us. And conformity to His likeness is His sure will for us.

At the core of our fears lies the issue of trust — that lingering doubt, inherited from Eden, that perhaps God is withholding something desirable from us. But the Cross exposes that lie once and for all. If God did not spare His own Son, will He now withhold anything truly good? (Romans 8:32). If the Cross was

the ultimate act of His will, then His will can never be cruel. It reveals a profound truth: the very place that seemed the greatest loss became the greatest good — our salvation. And so, like the Cross, the place of our deepest pain can become the soil from which the greatest good emerges — defined not by human terms, but by God's redemptive purpose.

Ultimately, when we pray *"Your will be done,"* we're not merely inviting God to direct our circumstances but to transform our inner world to reflect heaven's nature — obedience, holiness, and love. Miracles, breakthroughs, and blessings are wonderful signs of His will at work, but they do not define our faith. If they did, our faith would rest on a shallow foundation that collapses when results aren't dramatic. In the end, when we see God face to face, it won't be about how many prayers were answered or works accomplished in His name — important as they are. What truly matters is that we bear the likeness of His Son — the unmistakable imprint of grace that has aligned our will with His.

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Surrender the fears or uncertainties that make it difficult for you to fully yield to God's will in specific areas of your life.

CALVARY CHURCH

- Every plan, programme, strategy and initiative will be birthed out of prayer and align with God's purposes for Calvary Church, reflecting His kingdom priorities.
- Every aspect and detail of the Christmas presentation will flow seamlessly and be carried out in God's way, accomplishing His purposes.

NATION

God's redemptive plan will unfold amid political tension, economic hardship and other pressing issues confronting the nation. Ask for His mercy and saving grace upon the various ethnic groups, indigenous communities, and migrant population.

Nov 19

GIVE US THIS
DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD

The first half of the Lord's Prayer centres on God's glory, and the second half on our good. The first three petitions focus on His name, kingdom, and will — expressing worship, surrender, and alignment. They reorient our hearts upward before we turn inward, allowing Him to shape us from the inside out. As this inner transformation takes place, we learn dependence in place of self-sufficiency, releasing the false securities we often cling to. This divine order reminds us that prayer begins with adoration before petition and surrender before supplication. And when we seek first His kingdom, we will see His providence in every aspect of our lives.

To pray *"Give us this day our daily bread"* is to acknowledge our need for God's sustenance in every dimension of life — body, mind, heart, and spirit. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray these words, He was inviting them — and us — into a daily posture of contentment, trust, and dependence. It echoes the wilderness experience of the Israelites. God provided manna one day at a time; when they tried to gather more than they needed, it spoiled. In the same way, the word *"daily"* transforms a simple request for bread

into a profound spiritual discipline. It cultivates gratitude in place of entitlement, trust instead of anxiety, and contentment over greed. This petition reminds us that God meets our need, not our greed. We learn to be satisfied with what is sufficient for today — trusting His prerogative to provide above and beyond as He sees fit. This is a good place to pause and ask ourselves, "Am I content with what God has placed in my hands today? Or am I craving tomorrow's bread before I've thanked Him for today's?"

Jesus cautions us in Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT), "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs." It's easy to become preoccupied with these outward concerns and overlook an equally vital need — the spiritual nourishment of our soul, the neglect of which carries eternal consequences. This is why Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). When our souls are not well-nourished by God's Word, our inner life weakens. We may

appear fine outwardly but inwardly, we are impoverished. “Snacking” endlessly on social media or entertainment may offer temporary relief but it soon leads to spiritual fatigue. Our peace of mind is disturbed, our emotions unsettled, and our hearts drift into restlessness. We end up living from pressure rather than the promises of God’s Word. As anxiety rises, fear creeps in and trust erodes, the enemy of our soul seizes the open door to gain a foothold over our lives. That’s why this petition “*Give us this day our daily bread*” calls us back to daily fellowship with the Lord — not just to sustain our bodies, but to renew our minds with His truth and to strengthen our hearts with His peace and presence.

Finally, the word “*our*” reminds us this prayer is corporate, not individual. It challenges us to look beyond our own table to the tables of others — the hungry, the poor, the underprivileged, and the marginalised. Praying “*Give us our daily bread*” is incomplete unless we also share that bread. True gratitude always overflows into generosity. Those who have tasted God’s daily bread are called to share it and point others to the Source — Jesus, the Bread of Life.

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Thank God for His faithful provision. Bring your needs before Him, asking for grace to rest in His timing and trust His provision without anxiety about tomorrow.

CALVARY CHURCH

- Calvarites will grow in faith and maturity as they seek to be continually nourished by the Word of God through personal devotion and participation in School of Christian Growth (SCG) classes.
- They will become channels of God’s provision, compassion, and generosity to those in need.

NATION

- Wisdom upon the Prime Minister and his cabinet to take decisive and appropriate measures to address the rising cost of living and extend help to the poor and lower income groups.
- Many will come to know Jesus as the Bread of Life, as the Church rises in compassion to meet both spiritual and practical needs in the community.

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

In this segment of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus moves from what is essential for physical life to what is essential for eternal life. From asking for something as mundane as daily bread, He leads us to something far greater — forgiveness from a holy God. Here we are reminded of our highest dignity: we were made for eternal fellowship with our Creator, who deemed us worthy to commune with Him. Yet here lies our greatest failure — we have sinned against Him and we stand guilty before His holiness. But in His mercy, God did not leave us in a state of condemnation. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and satisfy His justice. Through Him, we can now seek forgiveness through prayer, and our relationship with God can be restored. Without that forgiveness, even life's greatest provisions amount to emptiness. For what is "bread" without reconciliation — or success, wealth or prestige without peace with God?

In the Lord's Prayer, we are called "*debtors*" on account of sin. Every sin is a moral debt owed to God's justice, for we have failed to render to Him the honour and obedience He rightfully deserves. We have sinned against Him without number, and the weight of our

debt is impossible to repay. Yet though we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, we still need forgiveness for our daily debts. While our position as God's children is secured by grace, unrepented sin clouds our communion with Him, drains our joy and dulls our sensitivity to His voice. Therefore, we come to Him daily for cleansing — not to regain sonship, but to renew intimacy and walk in unhindered fellowship with our Father.

Just as God forgave us and cancelled our infinite debt through Christ (Colossians 2:13–14), we are called to do the same. When Jesus taught us to pray, "*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*" (Matthew 6:12), He was not saying that God's forgiveness must be earned by ours — rather, He was teaching that those who have been forgiven must have a forgiving heart. Our forgiveness of others reflects the grace we ourselves have received — it is the evidence of a repentant and transformed heart. Our forgiving spirit is the fruit of grace, not the price of it. When we withhold forgiveness, we become emotional debt collectors — keeping mental ledgers and rehearsing who owes us what. Such a life enslaves us, trapping us in

cycles of resentment and bitterness. We owe it to ourselves to forgive, for as Lewis B. Smedes aptly puts it, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

When someone has deeply wounded us, it helps to get to the heart of the issue by asking, "What did that person take from me that God cannot restore?" Was it your trust, dignity, reputation, or sense of worth? Often, it's what we believe we'll never get back that holds us captive. If we cannot let go of what was taken, perhaps it has taken hold of us. That loss may have become an idol — something we've elevated above God, attaching our wholeness and worth to it, rather than to Him. But the truth is this: nothing anyone takes from us lies beyond God's power to redeem or restore. When we surrender both the offense and the idol attached to it, God can fill the aching void with something far better — His peace, His presence, His healing.

When we look at our pain, forgiveness often feels unfair. But when we look at the Cross, forgiveness becomes inevitable. We can live in the shadow of our hurt or the shadow of the Cross — only the latter leads to healing. Which will you choose?

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Seek God's forgiveness for unconfessed sins. Thank Him for His grace and cleansing. Forgive those who have wronged you, and ask God to heal your brokenness.

CALVARY CHURCH

- Calvarites will walk in love and humility, extending grace, releasing offenses and seeking to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.
- Renewed zeal and boldness to go all out in inviting unsaved family and friends to the Christmas presentation and Life Group Christmas celebration.

NATION

- Continual freedom of worship as enshrined in the Federal Constitution, growing religious tolerance and mutual respect among all ethnic groups.
- The Church will humbly pray, seek God's face in earnest prayer and repent from her wicked ways so that God will hear from heaven, forgive her sin and heal this land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Nov 21

LEAD US NOT
INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER
US FROM THE
EVIL ONE

From forgiveness and inward cleansing, prayer now turns outward to life's battlefield. This final petition brings the Lord's Prayer to its climax, acknowledging the reality of spiritual opposition and exposing its real source — the evil one. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12). Yet, many believers remain oblivious to this unseen conflict. The moment we came to Christ, we defected from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, making us targets of the enemy. Still, we must not become paranoid or fearful, labelling every hardship as a "spiritual attack" and giving the devil more credit than he deserves.

By praying *"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,"* we acknowledge our dependence on God for both defense and victory — to stand firm against the enemy's schemes and to move forward in triumph through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a call to "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8, NKJV). As Paul cautions us, we are not to be "unaware of his schemes" (2 Corinthians 2:11).

At first glance, *"lead us not into temptation"* may seem to suggest that God leads people into sin, which would contradict James 1:13 (NKJV), "For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. The Greek word *peirasmos* means "temptation," "trial," or "testing." It can refer to both an enticement to sin and a testing that strengthens character. The petition, is therefore, a prayer for God's sovereign protection — that He would guard us from paths where temptation might overwhelm us, and fortify us in times of trial so we do not lose trust in Him, rebel, or choose sin as a solution. Temptation to evil is essentially a spiritual struggle of the will. It is often fought in the realm of our personal passions, especially in areas not fully yielded to the Holy Spirit's control. That is why Paul exhorts us, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). James 4:7 (ESV) reminds us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The key to victory lies in our submission to God. The power to stand against the enemy flows from a heart aligned with His will and filled with His Spirit. Paul calls us to "be strong in the Lord

and in the power of His might” (Ephesians 6:10) — this is our best offense against the enemy. Without divine strength, the armour of God (our defense) and the sword of the Spirit (our only offensive weapon) would be ineffective, leaving us powerless in the battle against the enemy.

Too often we live on the defensive, reacting only when under an attack. But Jesus never intended for His people to live as victims constantly under siege. He declared, “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Gates are defensive structures — which means the Church is meant to be on the offensive, pushing back the darkness. The “gates of hell” will never prove stronger than the Church. At the Cross, Jesus disarmed the powers of darkness and triumphed over them (Colossians 2:15). Therefore, we do not fight *for* victory but *from* victory. We stand not only to resist evil but to advance God’s kingdom, bringing His rule and redemption into every sphere of life. Are you living on the defensive? It’s time to strengthen your offense.

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Bring the areas where you’re most vulnerable before the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you and give you victory over every trial and temptation.

CALVARY CHURCH

- Calvarites will be watchful and live wisely, making the most of every opportunity in these evil days (Ephesians 5:15-16).
- An impactful gospel presentation through the Life Group Christmas Celebration and Christmas Presentation, drawing many to faith in Christ.

NATION

- God-fearing individuals to be raised up in positions of influence and all in authority will serve with integrity and in the best interests of the rakyat.
- Divine intervention in the moral and spiritual decline among students — breaking the grip of violence, bullying and sexual assault in schools across the nation.

FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER

We began the Lord's Prayer with "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name" — looking upward in praise and worship, lifting our eyes to His holiness and majesty. We end the prayer as we began — with a doxology, *"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."* But we do not stop here — we move outward. Having seen who He is, we now go to make Him known. Having prayed earlier, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we now reaffirm our commitment to that mission— to live as His ambassadors, embodying His kingdom's culture and living out His kingdom's values.

The doxology thus becomes a divine commissioning — calling us to align our entire lives with God's agenda and to carry His kingdom into our homes, His power into our workplaces, and His glory into our relationships. And as we do, we hold fast to these unchanging truths:

- "Yours is the kingdom" — He rules; nothing is outside His authority.
- "Yours is the power"— He is able; no circumstance is beyond His control.

- "Yours is the glory"— He alone is worthy; life is ultimately about Him, not us.

This then, is the primary purpose and ultimate goal of prayer — that we rise from our knees not as spectators, but as participants in God's mission. Prayer brings us before His throne of grace, but it doesn't end with our needs being met — it sends us out, mobilising us for His kingdom's purpose. It transforms our private devotion into a public calling. What is brought before the Father in the secret place leaves an impact in the public domain of His kingdom.

As we conclude the Prayer Emphasis Week, let's resolve to make the Lord's Prayer the framework and heartbeat of our prayers. When we pray according to the divine pattern Jesus gave, we can be confident that God hears and answers every prayer that echoes His heart. Keep cultivating the sacred rhythm of moving upward in intimacy with God, inward to align our hearts with His will, and outward to participate in His mission. Evaluating our prayer life in these three movements helps us sustain a vibrant relationship with God. When we are out of rhythm, we lose perspective. Our

problems begin to loom larger than God when we forget to look upward and behold His beauty and greatness. When ministry becomes a substitute for worship and activity precedes adoration, it's a fast-track to burnout. That's the danger of moving outward faster than we move upward and inward. Without self-examination, blind spots remain — pride unchallenged, wounds unhealed, sin unaddressed. Looking inward brings us back to the cross, where the Holy Spirit searches, refines, and renews us. And we are reminded that mountain top experiences, while we look upward, do not end there — every divine encounter must flow outward in love, service, and witness.

If we keep this rhythm, we will not only pray rightly but live rightly. Our anthem "Your will be done" will find its echo in the doxology "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Will you make it your anthem?

PRAYER

PERSONAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you cultivate the sacred rhythm of prayer and empower you to be an effective witness for Christ within your circle of influence.

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- God's wisdom and anointing upon the Pastoral Team and Church Council as they lead and mobilise the Calvary family to fulfill His kingdom purpose.
- Salvation respondents from the Christmas musical and Life Group Christmas celebration will be effectively disciplined and integrated into church life.

NATION

- A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon churches throughout the nation — that they will shine brightly as beacons of hope in their communities.
- A stronger partnership between the Church in Peninsular and East Malaysia — that together they will advance God's kingdom and reveal His glory across the nation.



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