A Call To Prayer: Merdeka 70 21/22 Nov 2026

Jer 29:10-11, Dan 9:1-3, 1 Tim 2:1-6 Pr Chris Manivannan

Why Merdeka 70?

- 1730S - 40S: THE GREAT AWAKENING - a cold Church meets the Holy Spirit.
- JOHN WESLEY AND THE WESLEYAN REVIVAL
- 70 YEARS IN SCRIPTURE: a divine boundary line (DANIEL 9)
- 31 AUGUST 2027: MALAYSIA'S 70th MERDEKA
- We cannot manufacture revival, but we can respond to God's call.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6 (ESV)

a. Verse 1

- In Greek, "First of all" is known as Prōton pantōn. It means first in priority, weight, and spiritual urgency.
- Before anything else happens, _____ is the utmost priority.
- The Four Dimensions of Prayer"
  - _____ (Deēseis) - The root meaning is "to be in want" or "to be empty".
  - _____ (Proseuchas) - "This is the most common word for prayer in the NT."
  - _____ (Enteuxeis)- advocacy. Bold and confident appealing on behalf of another.
  - _____ (Eucharistias) - grateful response to God's grace.
- "For all people": No exceptions. Literally everyone.

b. Verse 2

- Pray for Those in _____ (1 TIMOTHY 2:2)
- "For kings and all who are in high positions"
- "That we may lead a peaceful and quiet life"
- _____ refers to external tranquillity.
- Quiet refers to internal _____.
- The strategic purpose: stable nation, open doors for the Gospel.
- "Godly and dignified in every way" = social holiness, the Church models integrity.

c. Verse 3

- _____ to God (1 TIMOTHY 2:3)
- "This is _____ (kalos)": noble, attractive, beautiful.
- A church that blesses and prays for her nation displays a spiritual beauty that attracts _____ to Christ.
- "God our Savior" - reminding us that our primary _____ is not to an earthly political faction, but to the Saving King.

d. Verse 4

- God's Desire for _____ (1 TIMOTHY 2:4)
- God "desires all people to be saved"
- From Perlis to Sabah and Sarawak – no one is outside His desire.
- _____ is provided for all; received by all who accept it (JOHN 3:16).
- "Knowledge" = personal, experiential encounter with the _____.

e. Verse 5

- One God, One _____ (1 TIMOTHY 2:5)
- One God – sovereign over every tribe, tongue, and nation, including Malaysia.
- One _____ (mesitēs) – Jesus, fully God and fully man.
- He bridges the chasm between a holy God and a broken world.
- We pray _____ because we stand behind Jesus, our Intercessor.

f. Verse 6

- The _____ and the _____ (1 TIMOTHY 2:6)
- In Greek, the word ransom is "Antilytron" – a substitutionary payment that sets captives free.
- Daniel's 70 years ended captivity; Christ's ransom breaks every chain.
- The price is paid in full for every _____.
- _____ (God's appointed moment) vs chronos (clock time).
- Malaysia's 70th year: discern our kairos hour.

Conclusion / Application:

- _____ is not limited to any given space.
  - Orang Asli (Semai, Temiar, Jakun): charms burned, the sick healed.
  - Cities (KL, Penang, Ipoh, JB): churches from every stream united.
  - National 40-day prayer altars in four languages.
  - East Malaysia's fire + Peninsular prayer altars = one flame.
  - Contend together until salvation covers the nation "from sea to sea".

STEP 1: THE CALL TO _____ (CLEARING THE ALTAR)
Purpose: to deal with pride and cynicism toward Malaysia.

STEP 2: THE _____ (DANIEL 9:15-19)
Our Response To Pray