

2017 was a grace-filled year that began with the Open House of the newly built Church hub in Jurong, the approval of building extension by URA for Queenstown and ends with the Joint Commemoration Service of the 500th Anniversary with the Catholic Diocese of Singapore.

As we enter 2018, I would like to see the Lutheran Church in Singapore aligned with the larger body of Christ in Singapore. The National Council of Churches, the Evangelical Fellowship and the LoveSingapore network of churches had jointly set aside 2018 as the Year of Prayer and 2019 as the Year of Proclamation.

Together in unity, we are to seek the Lord with one heart, one soul, one mind and one purpose to:

- **Return to God in repentance for personal, corporate, and national sins.**
- **Consecrate ourselves to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.**
- **Cry out to God for the salvation among the 80% unsaved in our land.**
- **Set apart this generation, the next generation, and every generation to fulfill Singapore's destiny as the Antioch of Asia.**

Towards this end, besides the daily morning prayer at Kum Yan Methodist Church from 6.30am to 8.30am (Chinese on Fridays), City@prayer every Friday at St. Andrew's Cathedral from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and Pastors@prayer every 3rd Wednesday of odd months at St. Andrew's Cathedral from 11am to 2pm, we call upon all congregations to either convene a special Solemn Assembly (prayer meeting) for between 3 to 40 consecutive evenings between 1 July 2018 to 7 August 2018 or join one of the regional Solemn Assemblies.

The 40 Days 2018 will climax with the Day of His Power at Indoor Stadium on 8 August 2018 and the Walk of Love on 9 August 2018.

In addition to the NCCS' National Prayer and Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Cathedral on 16 August 2018, we also call upon congregations to strongly support the National Day of Fasting and Prayer scheduled for 7 October 2018 (Sunday) at the Sports' Hub to seek the welfare of the Nation.

Following the National Day of Fasting and Prayer, a monthly regional Prayer Gathering is planned to pray for the National Proclamation "Celebration of Hope" from October 2018 to May 2019.

Remember "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14), and let us pray together with the larger body for our nation.



MESSAGE BY **THE BISHOP**

会督的话

2017年一开年就是充满恩典的一年：先是新建成的裕廊聚合性教会举行开放日、接着是女皇镇得到城市发展局获准扩建，最后是与罗马天主教会举行宗教改革 500 周年纪念崇拜为结束。

当我们进入 2018 年的时候，我希望见到新加坡基督教信义会能与新加坡更大的基督群体齐步。新加坡基督协会、新加坡福音团契和爱新加坡运动，与所接触到的许多教会，决定将 2018 年订为祷告年，而 2019 年为宣扬年。

同心合一，我们全心、全性、全意寻求上帝，目的如下：

- 为个人、团体和国家的罪悔改归向神。
- 奉献自己先寻求神的国和神的义
- 为着还没有信主的 80 巴仙的同胞呼求神的拯救
- 把这一代、下一代和每一代分别出来，完成神看新加坡为亚洲安提阿的命定。

为此目的，除了每天早上 6 时半到 8 时半假感恩堂(中文的在星期五)的晨祷；每个星期五下午 12 时半至一时半，假圣安德烈座堂举行的城市在祷告中；单月份的第三个星期三，从上午 11 时至下午 2 时，假圣安德烈座堂举行的牧者在祷告中；我们吁请全体堂会从 2018 年 7 月 1 日至 8 月 7 日期间，连续举行 3 至 40 天的祷告会，或参加一次区域性的祷告聚会。

2018 年 40 天祷告的高潮将是在 8 月 8 日假室内体育馆举行，这是祂显大能的一天，及 8 月 9 日举行的为爱而走的活动。

除了新加坡基督协会在 2018 年 8 月 16 日假圣安德烈座堂主办的国庆祷告和感恩会外，我们也吁请各堂会全力支持 2018 年 10 月 7 日（主日），假体育城举行的国庆日禁食与祷告会，一同向神寻求国家的福祉。

在国庆日禁食和祷告会后，每月一次区域性的祷告聚集计划从 2018 年 10 月至 2019 年 5 月为全国宣扬年“盼望的庆贺”祷告。

记得“这称为我名下的子民，若是谦卑、祷告、寻求我的面，转离他们的恶行，我必从天上垂听，赦免他们的罪，医治他们的地。”（历代志下七 14）让我们全体新加坡的基督徒一齐为国家献上祷告。