

**And When You Pray.** THE FIRST FORMAL LESSON on prayer I remember receiving was in Ms. Vicki's fourth-grade Sunday school class. Ms. Vicki took us fourth graders seriously even though we were children. "There's a difference between acting like children and acting childish," she reminded us. "I encourage the first," she continued, "but I don't tolerate the second."

Seated at the Sunday school table, Ms. Vicki taught us the correct format for prayer: A prayer should always include thanks, intercession, petition, and gratitude. And always, always in Jesus' name. That's where the power came from, she said. That phrase acted like a notary public; it made our prayer official and sent it straight to God. God was not a vending machine, Ms. Vicki insisted, but prayer did have a protocol. Prayer was a particular thing that one did or did not do, and the way we did it was important.

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**Today's Question:** What is important for you to include when you pray?

**Today's Scripture:** I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety. Acts 4:8, NRSV

**This Week:** pray for increased faith.

## Prayer.

**Upholding the Council, BLC Pastor, Leaders & their families** for all that they have been entrusted with.

**Continued prayer for those who are not well in our community, as well as the elderly** in our midst who are facing health challenges, their families and caregivers – for healing, provision and strength.

**Adapted from the 24-7 Malaysia:**

**Pray for the elections on (early) May 5<sup>th</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup>.** For safe and smooth journey for all travelling home to vote. For a strong hedge of protection around the nation during this time of national decision pre-and post election. Pray for good weather, excellent voters turnout, wisdom for voters, and all electoral processes to go smoothly, safely and amicably for that day. For individual rights of voters to be respected.

**Pray for the love of righteousness, truth, justice, mercy, humility and wisdom to multiply in great growth** in the hearts of the people of the land.

**For those who are missing and their families:** Pr. Raymond Koh, Pr. Joshua & Ruth Hilmi, and Perlis Hope activist - Amri Che Mat.

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# Liberating Truth: Realigning Our Stories with God's Stories



Welcome to the Father's House  
15 April 2018  
Third Sunday of Easter



**Worship Gathering @ 10.00 am**  
**Do join us on Sundays for prayer @ 9.30 am, before Worship Service @ Refreshment Area.**

Children, Youth and Teens sessions are on.  
 Alpha: Ee Lyn Omega: Sheh-Ren

**Schedule for Next Sunday, 22-04-2018**  
**Easter4 Sunday**

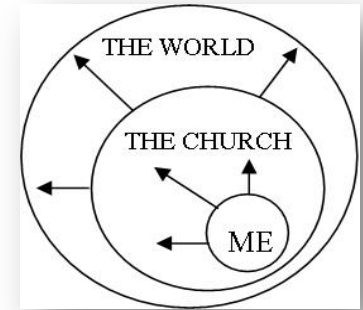
**Preacher:** Rev. Ng Kok Kee  
**Worship:** Benjamin Ong  
**Musicians:** Keat Lim, Nelson, Komeil  
**Scripture Readers:** Anand, Elysia  
**Sound:** Jason LCD: Vanessa  
**Altar (white):** Vanessa

**Refreshments:** T3: Gim Han & Krystal  
**Treasurer:** Kock Sheng, May Jean  
**Greeters:** Elaine, Suzanne  
**Lock up:** Connie

**Text This Easter Sunday, April 15, 2018:**

NT: Acts 9:1-19a  
 Gospel: Matthew 6:24  
**Readings for next Sunday, April 22, 2018:**  
 NT: Acts 16:16-34  
 Gospel: Luke 6:18-19, 22-23  
**Speaker's Theme:** The Risen Christ meets the Jailors and the Prisoners.

The BLC Missions Collections are supporting the following:  
 > Batu 20, OA Congregation  
 > United Voice – Moh Foong  
 > Bible Translation Researchers  
 > Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)



To invite people into the Reign of **God**, encourage them to grow in the Body of **Christ**, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the **Spirit**.  
*“As the Father has sent me I am sending you”* John 20:21

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**Community - Inward**

**Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit**

- > Aardvark: Johnben
- > BLC Garden Day: Vanessa
- > New groups.

**Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Siew Woh**

- > Women Encouraging Women (WEW): PIC - Sheh-Ren
- > Sunday Bible Reading Group: PIC - Ling Ling
- > Thursday Bible Study: PIC - Steven Boo

**Pastoral Oversight: Pr. Takeshi**

- > Giving Tree: PIC - Larry Lee
- > Youth (13 years and above)
- > Youth (12 and below) PIC: Ezekiel

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**Forward - Learning**

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Dear Friends, we will like to invite you (if you are not already involved) to serve with us for BLC's corporate worship. If interested, please speak with the the following in the various areas:  
 Ee Lyn/Jason – for Musicians & Singers, Sound System & LCD;  
 Ee Lyn/Joyce Rama - for Greeters, Altar Deco, Scripture Readers, Holy Communion Prep;  
 Joyce/Michelle - for providing refreshments.

**Attendance 08/4/2018**

Adults 70  
 Children 19  
**Total 89**

**Collection 08/4/2018**

Mission 405  
 Gen. Off 2721  
 Tithe 500  
**Total (RM) 3626**

21 April, Saturday: Combined WEW & Children Ministry meeting @ 3.00 to 5.00 pm  
 21 April, Saturday: Garden Day@ 9.00 am to 12 noon

09 May, Wednesday: Election Day (GE14)  
 13 May, Sunday: Mother's Day  
 12 May, Saturday: WEW meeting  
 19 May, Saturday: BLC Garden Day @ 9.00 am to 12 noon

**Calendar 2018**

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April

May