



Scripture readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Solitude Creates Space for God

—Henri Nouwen, https://henrinouwen.org

Lord Jesus, please help me to recognize that the new life we bring forth is not a property to cling to, but a gift to be received from You with gratitude.

Amen

To live a Christian life means to live in the world without being of it. It is in solitude that this inner freedom can grow. Jesus went to a lonely place to pray, that is, to grow in the awareness that all the power he had was given to him; that all the words he spoke came from his Father; and that all the works he did were not really his but the works of the One who had sent him. In the lonely place Jesus was made free to fail.

A life without a lonely place, that is, a life without a quiet center, easily becomes destructive. When we cling to the results of our actions as our only way of self-identification, then we become possessive and defensive and tend to look at our fellow human beings more as enemies to be kept at a distance than as friends with whom we share the gifts of life.

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"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me."
- Psalm 131: 2 (ESV)





Jesus said to him, "I am the .way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 ESV

EXTERNAL PRAYER LINK

Lectio 36!

Lord, let us forsake idolatry and we seek Your kingdom first and all Your righteousness, caring for what's on the rauler silear. In our relationships with each other, may Father's heart.

In our relauouships where each ouner, may be united as love be our priority. May we be united as one Body in Your plans and purposes. Your voice We will hear and not the voice rour voice we will near and not the Your of another. At all times, teach us by Your or anounce. At an unless, teach us by roun serving Spirit to Walk in obedience to You, serving You with a clear conscience to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Amen

For the Johor elections: Nominations on 26 Feb, For Wise, faithful, just and righteous Polls on 12 March. rui wise, iaiuiiui, just aiiu ligiitudis leaders and citizens to steward the care for the nation.

For economic stability, improving rur economic stability, improving financial situations and food security that the supply chain won't be disrupted. For the pandemic to end, and healing for the nations & the earth. Amen.

Righteousness & Freedom For the love of truth, justice, mercy, righteousness and humility to be the foundations of our nation and its innaumanus. For the judiciary system to remain free and committed to establishing justice inhabitants.

and truth for both the individual and For the protection of freedom of personal choices and rights of the people; minority or at large to be the land. respected, upheld and honored.

Remembering Pr. Raymond Koh, Prs. Justice & Truth Joshua & Ruth Hilmy, as Well as others abducted, and have suffered injustices; for the legal teams and all who continues to stand courageously who continues to stand courageously with them for your justice and truth. For courageous judges that justice

righteousness visit us as the early and Father, may Your mercy and and truth will prevail. latter rain. Amen. THE TANK OF THE

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Lord, we ask for Your grace, counsel, wisdom, health and strength to be with Bishop Thomas and the leadership, past and churches to work together With You in Your vineyard. Please grant Your grace, protection to be with all the families this journey.

Prayer Support

SUPPORTING YOU IN PRAYER.

Send in your requests via WhatsApp to Rev. Thomas, Adeline or our Council.

BLC Community Lord, grant Your protection of our Pastors and leaders, community and loved ones; that we will grow in obedience to the guidance of the Holy Sprit, Wisdom, discernment, resilience, grace to respond quickly to changes preparedness. May we be Your salt and and support others in crisis light to those around us.

UPCOMING BLC EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting

5th Anniversary Vigil for Pastor Raymond Koh

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:5 NLT



Pastor Raymond Koh was abducted on 13 February 2017.

Each year, on the anniversary of that date, family and friends of Raymond Koh gather. They gather to remind the world of the Malaysian government's inaction against perpetrators of the evil deed of enforced disappearance (including of Amri Che Mat and Joshua and Ruth Hilmy), and to demand change.

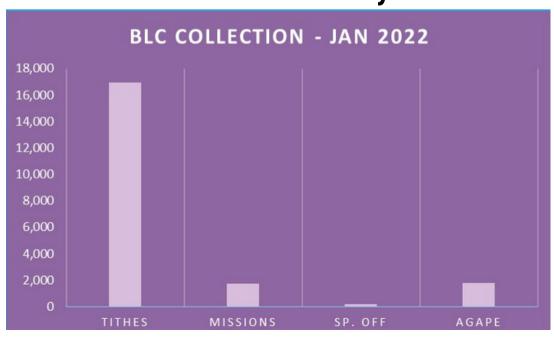
This year, the gathering will take place in the Multi Purpose Hall of the Council of Churches of Malaysia (CCM).

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, attendance is limited.

Please show your support by joining the live stream of the event by clicking the following link at 8:00 pm (Kuala Lumpur time) on Sunday 13

February 2022: https://tinyurl.com/RememberRaymond

BLC's Collection for January 2022





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