

# Day of Prayer

## a day of humbling for healing

Each participating church will organise their prayer hour in a way that best suits their context for maximum participation. Below is an overview of a suggested flow, all within 60 minutes.

### A: OPENING (5 minutes)

■ Today is Good Friday when we commemorate that defining moment in world history when our Lord Jesus willingly humbled Himself, suffered, and gave His life for our sins. So, we begin with a moment of silence to honour Christ—Saviour of the world, our Servant King!

■ Give thanks to God (a) For sending Jesus His Son to save us. That for our wounds, He was crushed and by His stripes, we are healed (ISAIAH 53:5). (b) For raising Jesus from the grave, conquering sin and death. That we may fear no more. And with glorious hope, we boldly confess: *For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain* (PHILIPPIANS 1:21). (c) For sending the Holy Spirit—our Comforter, Teacher and Guide. That we may be comforted, taught, guided, empowered to understand the times and know what to do.

### B: WORSHIP (10 minutes)

■ Today is a sobering moment. For the first time in the history of our nation, churches will not be gathering physically on Good Friday and Easter. But while our premises are shut, God is here, God is near. He is Emmanuel, God with us. So, we worship from the heart to the Audience of One.

■ Begin gently, intimately, reverently—with Matt Redman's *The Heart of Worship: When the music fades and all is stripped away, and I simply come,*

*longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart...*

### C: OUR EYES ON GOD (20 minutes)

Refer to prayer content in PDF 2. It's good to make this available to every participant.

■ Facing the many unknowns, we turn our eyes on God ... acknowledging who He is...

■ In light of who God is, let us examine ourselves... (This is a major segment: humbling for healing, not to rush. God is purifying His Church. Shaking, sifting, shifting).

### D: WORSHIP (2 minutes)

■ Transition song. Choose a familiar song appropriate at this point of the flow.

### E: OUR CRY FOR SINGAPORE (20 minutes)

Refer to prayer content in PDF 3. It's good to make this available to every participant.

■ Despite our best efforts through a whole-of-Government approach, despite our excellent healthcare infrastructure, and so much more, we have not been able to contain the virus and control its spread. We need divine mercy and intervention!

### F: WORSHIP (3 minutes)

■ Close with a familiar song exalting God above all the earth. Here's a suggested medley which is scriptural, familiar, totally God-focused: Brent Chamber's *Be Exalted O God | Our God is an Awesome God!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ0Nk5-v88o>

**NOTE:** For a meaningful hour of prayer, the Prayer Leader must give clear instructions and allow for maximum participation, well-paced for powerful prayer agreement. Depending on what is right and appropriate, the Prayer Leader may suggest different postures of response. Such as: sit in silence to reflect, kneel in repentance, stand, face an open window, lift hands, cry out, declare in unison. *Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts* (Zechariah 4:6).