

## MECHANICS of the TWO YEAR NATIONAL FAST

And I set my face unto the Lord God,  
to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting,  
and sackcloth, and ashes. — *Dan 9:3b* —

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### DEFINITION

The Two-Year National Fast is an extended season of humbling of ourselves by fasting, praying and supplicating before the Lord to usher the change of the season for the nation.

### RATIONALE

- The Philippines lies at the cusp of entering a season of greatness or continue in the cycle of corruption and lawlessness in the land.
- Through nineteen years of praying and interceding for the nation, the Intercissors for the Philippines (IFP), as confirmed by recent prophecies, believes that the time for a shift of the season is at hand.
- Like Daniel, Nehemiah and Ezra, the church needs to usher this change of season through a season of fasting, prayers and supplications before the Lord who alone can change our predicament.

### PARTICIPANTS

Ministerial Associations, pastoral movements, intercessors networks, Churches and individuals can participate in the Two-Year National Fast.

### OBJECTIVE

To develop a collective and concerted effort to set in place an unbroken chain of fasting people who will commit to fast for a day, a number of days, a meal or a number of meals and pray for the deliverance of the nation of the Philippines from the spirit and culture of corruption and utter disregard for the truth in all the Eight Gates of our society.

### METHOD/MECHANICS

- Commit a day to fast in a week. The fast can be a meal or a number of meals.
- The pastor, ministry, or group leader will coordinate and organize the fast to see to it that all the days of the week (Sunday to Monday) is covered.
- This setup will allow even the smallest churches or prayer groups to participate since it will only take seven committed people to cover the week.
- The smallest fasting unit will therefore be a group of seven people. Churches that have a membership of 35-50 people can organize from five to seven fasting units covering the entire week.
- Bigger churches or groups can have more fasting units covering all the seven days of the week: The bigger the church or group, the more fasting units.

To help us monitor your fasting unit schedule,  
please fill up the inserted form and send it to IFP.  
(Pls refer to the IFP contact info).

*Let us pray for:*

1) The government to increase budget allotment. In the past, some Asean countries spent more for education and are now reaping the benefits of a strong basic education system.

2) A more effective Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that regulates college diploma mills. Ability to strengthen and sustain linkages between colleges /universities and the business and industry sectors thereby producing demand-oriented courses and professions leading to gainful employment of all graduates.

3) A strong and effective involvement of the private sector and NGOs to support the raising of the quality of education more than the purpose of profitability. They help provide basic learning materials, pencils, crayons, books and other educational facilities and equipment to poor students in the rural areas. They open more high schools and universities in densely populated areas and other remote places.

## Science & Technology Watch

Policy-making to enhance the environment for promoting and encouraging local inventions are lacking. Most technologies are borrowed from other developed countries simply leave the stake holders, usually rural communities even poorer, while leaving them with environmental wastes in the production process. This is very true in mining.

*Let us pray for:*

1) The government to give special attention to Science-based technologies compatible with the intricacies of the local environment

2) The local people to be educated and equipped with scientific mind and technologies to enable them to participate in the industrial development of local raw materials, and that they be compensated properly in accordance with their participation

3) Integrity in the local governance over the country's natural resources, so that the local patrimony can be properly safeguarded. No extraction can take place without the local government agreeing to any.

4) A Science Curriculum for Elementary and High school to be considered to replace present curricula

## Media Watch

*Let us pray for:*

1) All Christians in Media to take the brave move of making a STAND for telling, writing, broadcasting ONLY THE TRUTH and not be a party to the deception and lies that

are being spread using the media to mold the mindset and influence the lifestyles of the readers and viewers.

2) For All Christians in Media to receive favor with their bosses in the industry to continue holding their fellowships freely and openly, giving them the venue and allowing them time – even after office hours – to gather and fellowship and learn the word together.

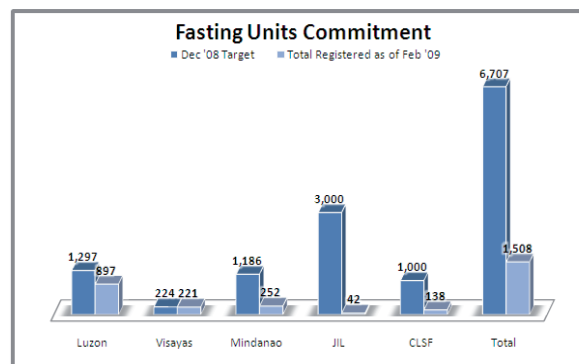
3) For the Media Pillar – the Core Group and its members - to strengthen its bond and unity towards the common goal of discipling our own ranks first, then discipling our readers and viewers next, through our programs and materials.

4) For media practitioners, on the whole, to begin to understand their role as Watchmen, and Truth-bearers, and live by the ethics of Media of upholding TRUTH in the exercise of our profession.

5) For the success and good attendance of the 2nd General Assembly of the Media Pillar this March 2009 (the 1st one and the launching being last Dec. 4, 2008 held at the CCC building).

## TYNF Fasting Units Update

As of February 20, 2009, the IFP National office has received the registration of 1,508 fasting Fasting Units for the whole nation. This is about 22.5% of the target number of Fasting Units set during the last Coordinators' Consultation Meeting held last November 2008 in Lucena, Quezon.



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## Philippine Prayer Alert

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Two-Year National Fast Prayer Focus  
MARCH 2009

## CREATED FOR HIS PLEASURE

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Rev 4:11

To give pleasure to God is the single highest purpose of creation. The Bible clearly states that God has created all things for His pleasure! All the stars, planets and heavenly bodies were created for His pleasure. The earth, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell in it were all created to bring pleasure to God. Most of all, man, the highest of all of God's creation, was created to bring the highest pleasure to God.

This is the very reason why the Lord Jesus, when He came into this world, was focused only in one thing: To do the will of the Father and please His heart (John 6:38). At the time when the Lord Jesus was to begin His public ministry, God's greatest affirmation thundered from heaven as the Heavenly Father declared: “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!” (Matt 3:17).

To do the will of the Heavenly Father was foremost in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophets declared this single-minded purpose of the Messiah: “Therefore when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then said I, behold I have come- in the volume of the book it is written of Me, to do thy will, O God.” (Heb 10:5).

As we continue to pray, fast and intercede for our beloved nation, the Philippines, let us seek to please Him in everything that we do. Let us passionately love God, worship Him, hear His voice and do His will in our lives and in the communities that we live in. Let us be His redemptive instruments to usher in His purposes in our times and in our generation. Let us pray that the Philippines will be a nation that will give pleasure to our Heavenly Father.

## Family Watch

Let us pray that as the Good News is being preached to the Filipino families, they will have the spiritual understanding to turn away from idols and worthless things and that they will learn to worship the true and living God. This is one way for God to bless them as in Exodus 23:25 and Acts 14:15,17:

- a. providing them plenty of food and blessing their water - no famine and no lack of water
- b. bring rain for harvest and crops in their seasons - no drought
- c. take away sickness from among them - no ebola, and other contagious diseases
- d. giving them children - no miscarriage or barrenness
- e. giving them full life span - no untimely death
- f. filling their hearts with joy

## Religion/Church Watch

The Philippines continues to stand at the critical crossroad of a shift in God's season for the nation (Daniel 2:21). The Lord is about to deal with the principality of corruption and usher in a season of change for the birthing of a righteous and God-fearing nation. Like the prophet Daniel, the Church must lead the people to respond in fasting and prayers to usher in this new season.

Let us pray that many more churches will join the Two-Year National Fast (TYNF), and:

- 1) The Lord to pour out the spirit of grace and supplication amongst His people to catch the burden to fast and pray for the nation (Zech 12:10; Rom 8:26).
- 2) The IFP Coordinators to receive boldness, discernment and wisdom how to trumpet the call for the TYNF (Num 10:1-10; I Cor 14: 8).
- 3) The Ministerial Associations in every city throughout the country to understand the urgency of the call, receive the challenge and mobilize their people to cry out to God for His mercy upon our land and people (II Chron 7:14; Ezek 22:30).
- 4) The Body of Christ and other religious groups to continue to be a beacon of righteousness and voice of justice in the land. In the midst of wickedness and darkness covering the nation, may the true children of God and those who fear the Lord shine to bring hope and minister to the needs of our people (Matt 5:16; Eph 2:10)
- 5) The Lord to visit the church and the religious pillar of our society in these troublesome times and fill

His Temple with His Glory according to His promise (Haggai 2:6-7; Hab 2:14; John 17:22)

## Government Watch

*Let us pray for:*

### A. Political Reforms

- 1) God to raise up leaders who will not enrich themselves while in office (Deuteronomy 17:16a) or sell their own people to slavery and sin (Deuteronomy 17:16b). Instead, they will "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of the destitute; they will judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and the needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)
- 2) The budget for automated election to be approved before the end of March and will be used judiciously and cost-efficiently.
- 3) Men and women of integrity, probity and intellectual capacity to present themselves as alternative candidates (Psalm 110:3).
- 4) The electorate to be more discerning in their choice of political leaders

### B. Fiscal Sustainability

*(Congress provided a P10 billion Economic Stimulus Fund in the 2009 budget. Malacañang, however, is promising a much higher Stimulus Package (P330 billion))*

- 1) Filipinos to be resilient (as ever) and not rely on government dole-out/aid
- 2) God to expose those who have ill-motives as they dip their hands in the government coffers
- 3) The church to seize the opportunity to reach out to the poor and fill the gap that cannot be met by government
- 4) The private sector to exercise their corporate social responsibility (i.e. give back to the community)
- 5) The Senators to uphold impartiality, see beyond partisan and political interests, and ensure that the truth is upheld
- 6) The spirit of deception, false nationalism to be bound
- 7) Wisdom amongst the Senators as they tackle/discuss important national concerns:

□ Issue of corruption as exposed by the World Bank, proposed charter change, concrete legislative proposals or policies in order to face the challenge of the changing climate and pollution.

- 6) The Senate to continue to be a beacon of hope and to reflect the national concerns and feelings.

## Business/Economy Watch

The lack of investment sophistication is the reason why our banking system was saved from the financial meltdown of the advanced countries. The collapse of most banks in the US and Europe has been blamed on bank derivatives. The cautiousness to apply sound regulatory policies placed local banks in a much better position than in its counterparts in other countries. The innate conservatism of the local bankers due to prudent management of its portfolio should not be taken as backwardness that led the bank to be successful.

*Let us pray for:*

1) The Central Bank and other banks to continue to apply and adhere to prudential regulations and policies in the time of economic crisis. As man develops more wickedness and corruption, let's pray for a banking system that will implement what is right and just and merit more of God's favor in return.

2) The whole industry:

- For a righteous leadership despite global financial challenges and economic downturn so as to achieve the loyalty, confidence and patronage of customers
- For businesses to receive grace from God that they may make righteous profitability level. Let there be strength and resilience.
- For Filipino entrepreneurs to be committed to provide the best values to consumers and creativity so as to address evolving needs of the market. In spite of challenging times, let there be the optimum level service rendered and commitment to meet the needs of the people.
- The global financial economic recession to not affect the Philippines, but instead to put us in a position to be blessed and be a blessing to other nations and for the Filipino OFWs to retain their jobs and sources of income, and also for those companies that are not a blessing but a curse to the country to close.
- Kingdom Builders to be raised up through discipleship so as to produce vessels who can be used in taking dominion of all areas of the economy and business thereby establishing the Kingdom of God in all levels of our economy and business.

## Education Watch

The education department is facing a lot of challenges today. We need to continue to pray that the state of education in the country would improve and bring it back to world class status.

## A CALL to a NATIONAL FAST (An Excerpt)

by **Bishop Daniel Balais**, IFP National Chairman

Last July 2008, during the Ring of Fire Conference held in Indonesia, Prophetess Cindy Jacobs prophesied that the Lord is doing a shift in the nation of the Philippines, placing her at the cusp of entering a season of greatness or great trouble. The Lord is about to deal with and uproot the principality of corruption that has held the nation for many years. However, there is a condition — that God's people will seriously take the call to fast and pray for the change of season for the nation. It is only the Lord who can deal with principalities and powers, but God waits for His people to humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways!(II Chron. 7:14). The prophet Isaiah declares the word of the Lord:

"Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it." — *Isa 45:8* —

This is the reason why, the Intercessors for the Philippines is launching a **Two-Year National Fast** to ask the Lord to change the season of the nation and usher in the times of restoration for our beloved people. This commenced immediately after the 19th NPG and will culminate in the 21st NPG in 2010. Just like the prophet Daniel, who gave himself to pray and fast for the imminent shift in God's dealings with Israel, we as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ must usher in the new season for the nation with a National Fast: a time of humbling, cleansing and consecrating ourselves before the Lord.

The main focus of our fasting and prayers for the next two years and beyond will be the ushering in of the Glory of God to the nation. It is the Glory of the Lord that will change the spiritual landscape of the nation! The ones responsible to bring this about are His people.

God desired from the very beginning that the earth will be ruled by a people covenanted with Him so that they will be His divine expression of His glory on the earth (Psalm 8:1-9). Since the time when man rebelled against Him, God has put into operation this redemptive plan. Jesus came down from heaven to earth and perfected this plan of the ages! He totally submitted Himself as a man and committed to obey the will of the Father. Fully satisfying all the requirements of the Father's redemptive plan, He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice, declaring on the cross: "It is finished!" thus paving the way for God to have a people redeemed by Him, covenanted with Him, His own special people, a holy nation who will restore His divine rulership in the hearts of the people and nations so that the God of the heavens can set His feet on the earth and manifest His Glory to bless the nations.

Yes, the time has come when the people of God in this nation must rise up and speak of the glory of His Kingdom! It is through our passionate commitment to see the glory of God's Kingdom manifested in our nation that this will be possible. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we need to establish God's throne, God's rulership in our lives and families then through the church, extending this rulership of God to the government, economy, education, media, science and technology and the arts. Let us have a new mind set, that is, the mindset of God's Kingdom, knowing His ways through his word, fellowshiping with Him constantly in deeper intimacy, being empowered and led by the Spirit of God and never letting up until one day we see the Glory of His Kingdom in our lives and in the lives of our people!