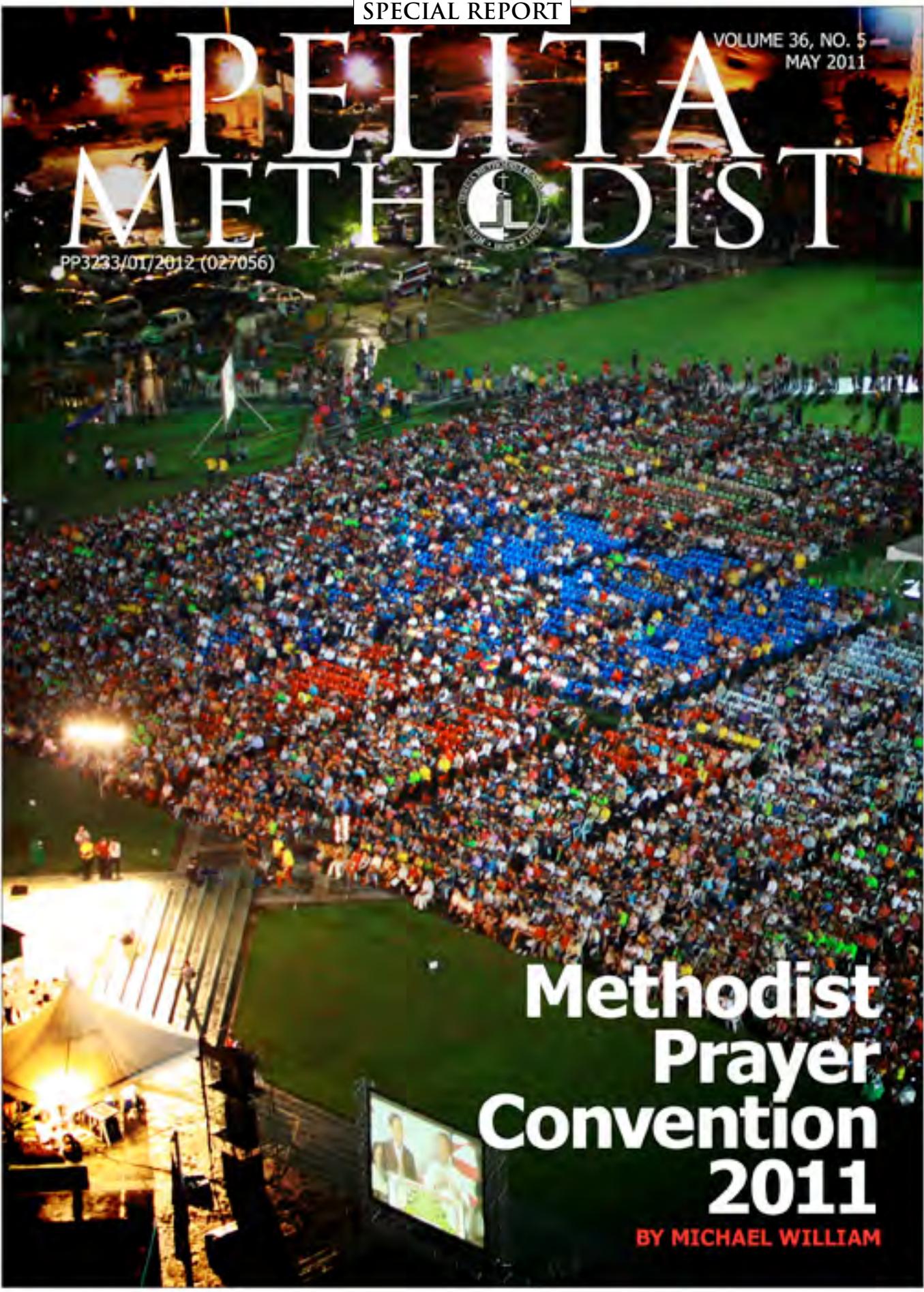


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## Methodist Prayer Convention 2011

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# Moment



## House of Prayer

Have you ever prayed along thousands of people in a public field? The Methodist did on the 1st of May 2011. The occasion was the culmination of a national prayer convention held in Sibu over the Labour Day weekend. 3500 people of various ethnic backgrounds and ages converged in this town to join hands in praying for the country and the church.

"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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14) was a major theme repeated throughout the convention. Basically this convention was about prayer even though there were many other ses-

sions throughout. It was the desire of all that God would heal our land. The participants had ample opportunity to pray either in big groups or individually for various issues of our country and our church.

We had the privilege of hearing Mr. Graham Power, Chairman of the Global Day of Prayer from South Africa and Rev. Dr. James Shia, Evangelist and Bible Teacher from Taiwan as the plenary speakers. Though they taught the participants many lessons on praying, it was their lifestyle of prayer that inspired many in the power and necessity of praying. We also had Bishop Hwa Yung and Dr. Dion Foster as speakers in the convention. One afternoon, many workshops on various topics were conducted for the participants.

The last day of the convention was an eventful day. All the participants converged in the Sibu Town Square for a time for praying for the nation at 5am. All the participants had to walk about one kilometre to the venue. And the quietness of the morning was broken with people young and old praying. We ended the day converging again at the Padang for a huge prayer event. It was graced by close to 10000 people from all over Malaysia. It was an exciting experience for many to see the openness and willingness of all to pray in public. Though the rain threatened to disrupt the event, it drove the participants more into prayer. Truly indeed it was blessing to witness and participate in this prayer convention this year.

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## Malaysia National Prayer Network



### Church (the LORD is good and upright)

"Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land." (Ps 25:12-13, TNIV)

### We pray

| LORD, guard my soul and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hope, LORD, is in you.  
| That our eyes are ever on the LORD and our relationship with Him deepened day by day

### 1MALAYSIA

"Who may climb the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,

who do not worship idols and never tell lies. They will receive the LORD's blessing and have a right relationship with God their saviour." (Ps 24:3-5, NLT)

### Continue to Pray

| For the governing authorities, those in law enforcement agencies and the public.  
| For transparency, accountability, checks and balances in the government system and administration; for the government to be role model in upholding good social, ethical and moral values.  
| For those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbours but harbour malice in their hearts, that they will be torn down and never built up.  
| For government to value human capital, to implement human resource policy that places importance on workers and productivity  
| For the federal and all state governments.

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scriptural holiness and transformation of our nation.

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## Overseas Speakers

Mr. Graham Power and Rev. Dr. James Shia led in four sessions in two days. Mr. Graham Power preached on “A Global Prayer Movement” and “Unashamedly Ethical”; Rev. Dr. James Shia preached on “Prayer and the Bible” and “Prayer and the Holy Spirit”.

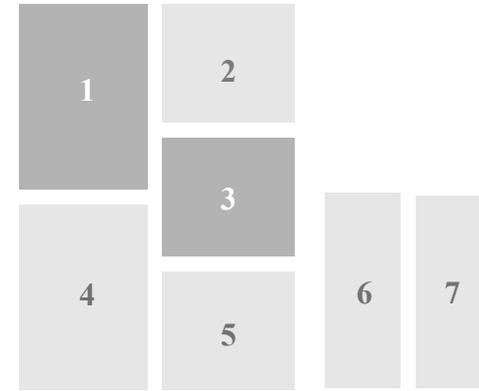
**Listening** | *From left:* Rev. Dr. Dion Foster, Rev. Ling Heu Uh, Mrs. Boh, Rev. Boh Che Suan, Rev. Dr. James Shia listening to Power’s preaching on “Unashamedly Ethical”.



**1 Short Discussion** | *From left:* Rev. Dr. Dion Foster, Rev. Wong Tik Wah, Mr. Graham Power having a short discussion before Mr. Power preached at the opening service.

**2 Countdown** | Rev. Dr. Dion Foster sat in front of the pulpit and held an iPad to indicate to Mr. Graham Power the time he had left when he was speaking.





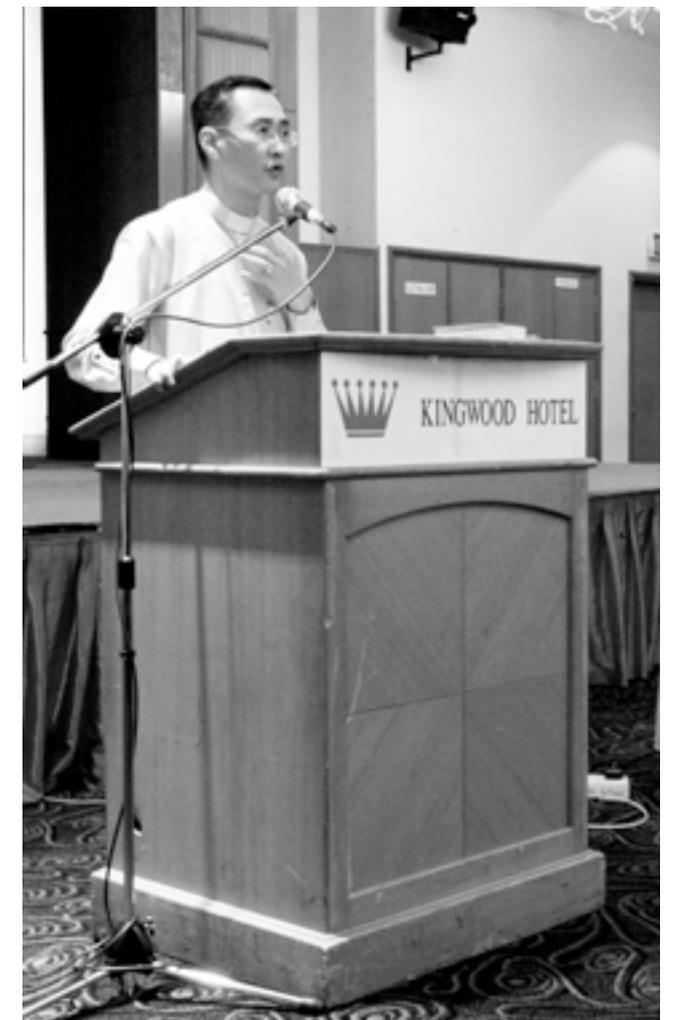
- 1 Wesleyan Prayer | Rev. Wong Tik Wah
- 2 Are We Prepared? | Mr. Watson
- 3 Be Still, Knowing God | Workshop: Prayer and Spiritual Discipline
- 4 Charismatic Prayer | Rev. Lau Sie Ngiu
- 5 Why Youth Can't Talk | Workshop: Youth and Prayer
- 6 Encounter God | Dr. Chew Tow Yow
- 7 Nation Transformation Through Prayer | Rev. Lau Hui Ming

# Workshops

## Prayer in Action

On Saturday afternoon a variety of workshops on prayer were held for the participants. It was a blessing for all the participants as they could choose on a whole range of topics concerning prayer. The common thread for all these workshops was the increase of prayer life in order that we may grow in our relationship with God, the Father who hears us. Each workshop comes with a sermon, question & answer session, feedback and 1 hour on prayer.

- 1 "Prayer and The Wesleyan Tradition" by Rev. Wong Tik Wah.
- 2 "Praying Together" by Rev. Kong Chong Ling
- 3 "Prayer and Transforming" the Nation by Rev Dr. Lau Hui Ming
- 4 "Prayer and Church Revival" by Rev. Dr. James Shia
- 5 "Prayer and Current Church Issue" by Rev. Lau Sie Ngiu
- 6 "Practice of Prayer in Individual and Church Life" by Rev. Danil Raut
- 7 "Prayer - Intimacy with God" by Dr. Chew Tow Yow
- 8 "Prayer and Spiritual Discipline" by Dr. Voon Choon Khing
- 9 "Preparing for Revival" by Mr. Watson
- 10 "Youth and Prayer" by Mr. Michael William





# Prayer



## The Fellowship of Prayer

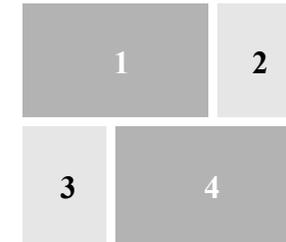
The main focus of the convention was on prayer. Though there were many talks and workshops conducted, it was the simple act of praying, either alone or with someone else that made the impact on the participants. That prayer fellowship was focus, sweet and meaningful.

- 1 Kneel and Pray** | Two youths knees and pray during the one hour prayer time led by the Chinese Annual Conference.
- 2 Prayer Room** | The room was made available for volunteers to pray continuously for specific persons, church and the nation.
- 3 Prayer for Marriages** | The prayer session, led by Dr. Ng Wing Kee, required couples to hold hands and pray for their marriage.
- 4 Pray for this Land** | One of the participants raises his hand while praying for the nation.





# Grand Finale



- 1 Umbrellas Ready!** | The meeting continue to be held outside at the Sibu Town Square despite the rain.
- 2 Stand for God** | A young lady youth stands and prays that God will leads youths and the coming generation to live Holy lives.
- 3 Waterproof Christians** | The rain did not stop the congregation from attending the meeting.
- 4 Holy Communion** | *From left:* Rev. Uda Aman, Rev. Steward Damat, Rev. Dr. James Shia, Rev. Dato' Su Chii Ann, Bishop Dr. Hwa Yung, Rev. Dr. Ong Hwai Teik, Mr. Graham Power, Rev. C. Jayaraj and Rev. Ling Heu Uh led the Holy Communion.



**The Final Evening**  
 Close to 10,000 Methodists gathered in the Sibu Town Square for a time of prayer for the church and the nation. It rained and the ground was soggy but that did not hinder the whole event. We were also served with the Holy Communion was conducted by all the pastors and Bishop Dr. Hwa Yung in bringing the convention to a close. He called on all Methodists to strive for Holy living, and to pray that God would use us for His purposes and transform our land.



# Ushers

**Usher of all Time** | A youth volunteer standing by the roadside at 4.30 in the morning to guide the participants walking from hotels to the Sibul Town Square for prayer at dawn.

**Volunteers**  
One of the main reasons for the success of this convention was the aid given by volunteers from SCAC and SIAC. They worked tirelessly to ensure all the success of the convention. May God bless them for all the services rendered!

## Nilai Memorial Park

One of Malaysia's most beautiful memorial park, Nilai Memorial Park is situated just 30 minutes away from Kuala Lumpur. Surrounded by lush natural greenery, the Park successfully combines the best of oriental traditions and architecture with western planning and design. Set amidst all this is a series of tastefully designed and crafted memorials and niche columbariums, which not only provide a serene final resting place for our departed loved ones but also for others to pay their respects.



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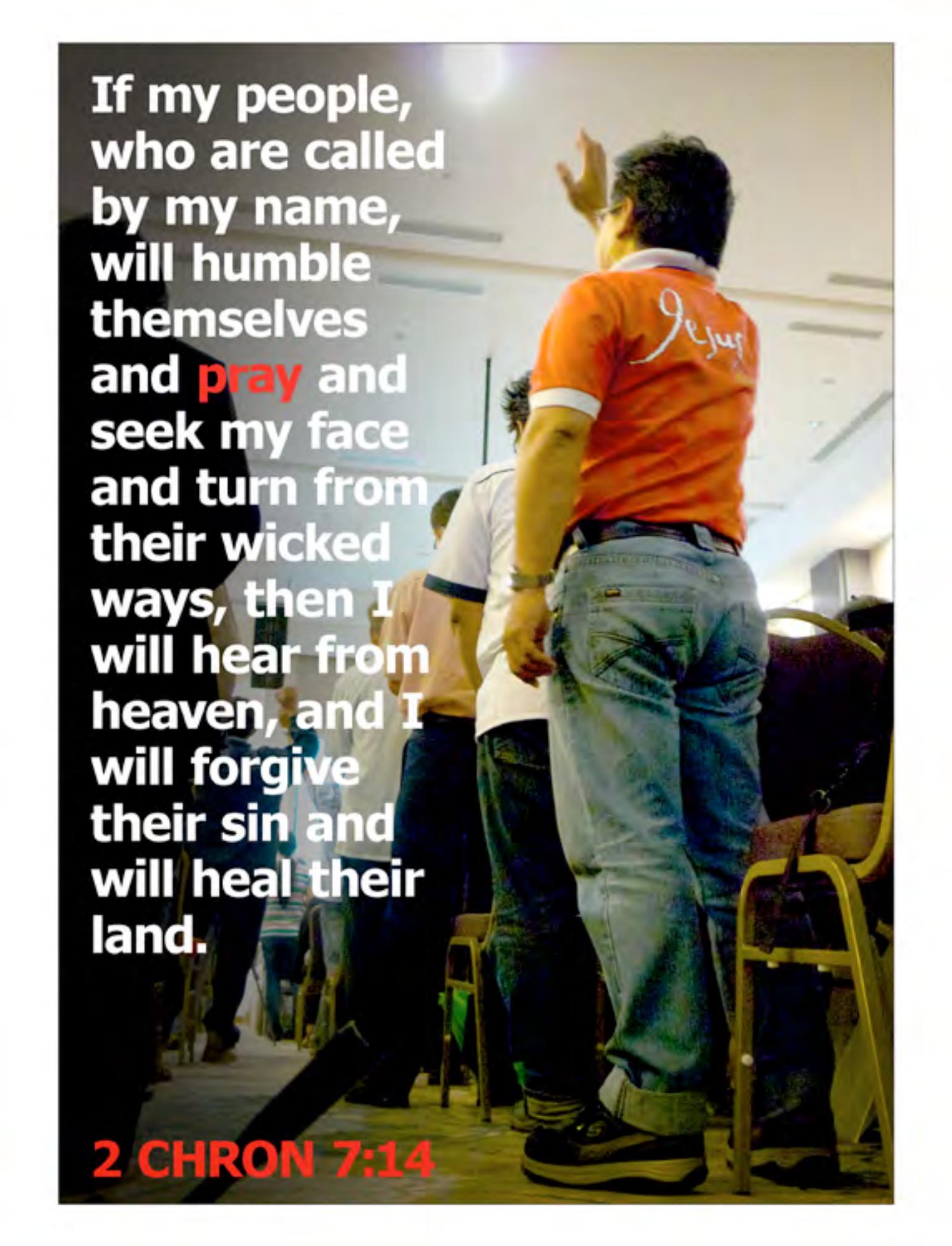
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If my people,  
who are called  
by my name,  
will humble  
themselves  
and **pray** and  
seek my face  
and turn from  
their wicked  
ways, then I  
will hear from  
heaven, and I  
will forgive  
their sin and  
will heal their  
land.

**2 CHRON 7:14**