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**PRESS STATEMENT
16TH SABAH STATE ELECTION**

We give thanks to God for our beloved state of Sabah. As citizens we are exhorted to ***“subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God”*** (Romans 13:1). On 26th September 2020, all registered and eligible voters in Sabah will go to various polling centers to exercise their constitutional rights to elect a government for the state of Sabah. I am calling all Anglicans in Sabah to pray and take the necessary actions to ensure that a godly government would be elected to power.

1. COME OUT TO VOTE

I exhort all voters to come out to vote. Mankind is created each with the inherent value as created beings of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Part of the distinctiveness of man is the freedom to choose. The right to choose our leaders, therefore the right to vote is the right of every citizen in our nation. Exercise this right to vote without fear nor favor, free from any enticement or pressure from any quarters.

2. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY

The church as an institution is nonpartisan and seek only for the peace and prosperity of the nation. In choosing the representatives to the Sabah State Legislative Assembly, we look for qualities befitting a leader in all election candidates. They must be above reproach, honest, hardworking, not a lover of money, but love the people and always seek the welfare of our state (nation), having the attitude of a servant, hate evil, love justice, do not walk in the counsel of the wicked but delight in righteousness, able to make bold decisions in the interest of the state (nation) even when they are not popular. Pray for men and women who have the fear of God only to be elected to form the new government.

3. GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

It is our moral responsibility to pray and elect for a government which sincerely seeks and works for the peace and prosperity of the state of Sabah and its people, irrespective of their races, creeds or ethnicities.

4. GOD'S DIVINE INTERVENTION

Let us pray for God's divine intervention in the whole election process during this 16th Sabah State Election, so that it will be conducted free from any violence, hatred, conflict, fraud or manipulation. We pray for all personnel of our security forces to carry out their duty faithfully and we pray for their safety. We pray for favorable weather condition to enable all voters to come out and cast their votes.

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