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### Halt!

When I visit my friend Claire, who lives within a large compound of houses, I'm stopped by the security personnel at the entrance and told to call her. Then Claire is requested to "phone the gate" to verify I'm her guest. Only when the guard hears her confirming my identity will I be permitted to enter.

Gatekeepers have great power and authority. They protect communities and institutions. They can ask you many questions, take your ID card, record your phone number in a ledger, have you sign in and out or give you a visitor's badge to wear. Ultimately, gatekeepers decide whether to grant you entry or not.

### Biblical Gatekeepers

Reading 1 Chronicles 9:17-29, we learn that the reliable gatekeepers of the sanctuary descended from those who guarded the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. The chief gatekeepers were in an office of great trust, being responsible for the rooms and treasuries at the house of God. They spent their nights vigilantly guarding it and every morning they opened the gates for those who wanted to come in to worship God.

But when we fast forward to Jesus' day, the religious leaders were accused by him of blocking the way to God, he said: "You won't let others enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and you won't go in yourselves" (Matthew 23:13). Their hunger for more power, money and status made them lose sight of God and the spiritual role they were given.



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### Gatekeepers Today

We grumble about the gatekeepers in church who hold too tightly to power and control access to ministry opportunities, finances, or information. They guard the gates of leadership, resources, and influence by excluding others and resisting change or innovation.

However, there are also spiritual gatekeepers who are faithful guardians and intercessors within the community. They take on the responsibility of praying for the nation. Join us in prayers for the PCEA church today, as we stand like "The gatekeepers (who) were stationed on all sides – east, west, north and south." (1 Chronicles 9:24).



### Points for Prayer:

- A list of PCEA ministers being assigned to new roles and locations will be released this week. Uphold the four office bearers – the Secretary General and his Deputy, the Moderator and the Honorary Treasurer, asking that they discern the Spirit's leading and guidance in the decisions they make concerning staff transfers.
- Pray for the right positioning and good fit of people to places where they can make good use of their gifts and be a blessing to those they serve.
- Thank God for the TEE team reviewing the Advanced diploma course. Pray for Sharon, Rose, Simon and Ruth, as they work to meet the set deadlines.