

DEDICATION PRAYER (All together):

Loving God, through Your love, You have redeemed us and made us partakers of this salvation. Lord, help us spread Your love in the world and grow in it day by day. Help us to fulfill the responsibility of keeping this world You created beautiful and to live as Your witnesses in it. We dedicate our hands to do Your will, our eyes to see as You see, and our hearts to be bearers of Your love. Make us instruments of peace, so that we may fulfill Your will on earth. *Amen.*

MARTHOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM

WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

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WORSHIP ORDER

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship our Savior who was born on this earth and redeemed us to spread God's boundless love in the world. Let us join in this worship together with these our children whom Jesus loves so much.

SONG

KAUMA

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, thank You for choosing us to be bearers of love in Your Kingdom. As all things created by You, sing praises of Your love, we join with them in worshiping Your glorious name. We reflect on the love of Your only Son, who came to this earth as a baby and won the admiration of all for His words of wisdom and deeds. Your Son, who grew in favor with God and humanity, set an example in wisdom and maturity. O God, strengthen us to walk in Your ways. We honor and glorify the Holy Spirit, who brings all truth to our minds and shows us the path to walk. Enlighten our intellects with the knowledge of You, O Triune God. All worship and praise belong to You alone. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Priest: Let us pray with contrite hearts. This is a time to confess our shortcomings. Let us pray to God for the forgiveness of our sins and redemption. Our response shall be, "Merciful God, forgive us."

Leader: Lord, we confess our failures in not striving to grow in our knowledge of You, even though we experience Your deep love daily. Lord, forgive us for failing to live by the lessons we learn in Sunday School.

Response: Merciful God, forgive us.

Leader: Merciful God, we confess the shortcomings that prevent others from coming closer to You, despite knowing the vision of the Kingdom of God.. Lord, we have failed in love, hurting many by not loving them and mocking them for their limitations...

Response: Merciful God, forgive us.

Leader: As heirs of the Kingdom of God, we have taken on a great responsibility of Christian Education, yet we confess our shortcomings in not taking it seriously. God, forgive us for the indifference we show towards worship, family prayer, and other spiritual gatherings...

Response: Merciful God, forgive us.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Priest: "Praise the Lord, OI my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits ". (Psalms 103:1, 2). Let us give thanks. After each prayer, our response shall be, "We thank You."

Leader: Creator God, we praise You for the privilege of being born and raised in this beautiful world. Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given us, allowing us to worship You as Your people in Your world

Response: We thank You.

Leader: Praise to You, God our Savior, for the opportunities You give us to grow in the knowledge of You. Especially for the Sunday School Samajam, and for the teachers and workers who teach us about You.

Response: We thank You.

Leader: God, our Creator and Guide, we praise You for everything we experience as Your gift. For the food, water, clothes, shelter, parents, relatives and friends You have provided...

Response: We thank You.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PRIEST: "I Love the Lord, for He heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live". (Psalm 116: 1, 2).

Let us pray silently after each prayer.

Leader: For children who have been orphaned; don't have opportunities to study, deprived of homes, land, and relatives due to disasters; starving without food...

Leader: For the children who are sick, with learning difficulties, physical and mental disabilities...

Leader: For children who have lost their homeland and forced to flee as refugees...

Leader: For children who must work to support their families...

Leader: For schools that share knowledge, and for Sunday schools that help children grow in faith and love for Christ...

Leader: For those who have been abused, exploited and for those suffering from addiction to alcohol and drugs. May those who have lost their way due to intoxicating substances find healing and restoration...

Leader: Let us also pray for Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, the Suffragan Metropolitans, Bishops, Achens, Evangelists, and all leaders who guide our Church...

Leader: For Dr Mathews Mar Makarios Thirumeni, president of the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam, the General Secretary, Officials, Managing Committee Members, Office Staff, Diocesan and Center Workers, Teachers, and Students...

Leader: For the institutions under Samajam, such as Kollam Ashraya, Wayanad Sugandhagiri, Charalkunnu Christian Education Centre, and for all the activities of the Sunday School spread across the world...

Leader: Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name, *Amen*.