

Circular – 02/2023
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To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Sub: Prayer Request for Various Needs.

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

These days we have too many issues around us that need our attention and I request everyone to pray for these various needs.

In social media, print media and mass media the news flashes continuously is about the unrest in north eastern State Manipur. Divergent versions are circulated so much so we are not really able to discern what is true and false. Many are suffering and feeling insecurity in their own land. But it is almost sure that there are many Churches burned and many people are to be evacuated from their residences. The Christians seem to be victimized is the general impression.. We shall pray for peace in the State.

The war between Ukraine and Russia still continues. It is more than a year. The tension is aggravated day by day. Some political strategists observe that the situation could lead to a World War III. We shall pray for the conversion of hearts of the national and political leaders of both countries so as to prevail peaceful co-existence between them and the people may live in harmony and mutual respect.

It has been reported that St. Francis' orphanage in the diocese of Sagar was raided by NCPCR and CWC without any prior notice and unrest is created in the institution. The renewal of registration of the orphanage is pending for the last 3 years and it is said that different government departments are harassing them unnecessarily and sue cases against them illegally. It is reported that the action of NCPCR and CWC on the orphanage is illegal and contempt of court procedure. Please keep this untoward incident also in our prayers.

Needless to say that our Church - Syro-Malabar Church - is under turmoil for the last four years connected with some liturgical matters and other issues. It has become scandalous and the faithful are in great anxiety. Last week our permanent synod members had a meeting in Rome with the Secretary of State and Prefect of the Dicastry for Eastern Churches to find an amicable solution. We shall continue our prayers for this intention also.

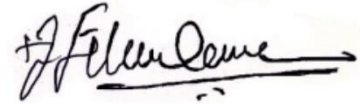
Assembly elections are going on in some States and preparations have already started for 2024 general election. We shall pray for fair election proceedings and rights and welfare of all citizens are protected irrespective of caste, creed, ethnicity and political allegiance. Please pray also for all national leaders so that they may work unitedly for national unity and patriotic allegiance to the constitution of our country.

In different parts of our country communal harmony is violated for various reasons. Religious animosity, political rivalry, ethnic fights, language pride etc. have become causes for such communal tensions. Political parties and religious fanatics in one way or other perpetuate such tensions in the society to serve their hidden agendas. We shall pray intensely for communal harmony and peace in the society.

These are few intentions that we need to pray for these days. I earnestly request everyone in the diocese to keep Sunday 14 May 2023 as a prayer day in the diocese. Please announce it in the Sunday Qurbana and pray for these intentions. Kindly do a Holy hour on Sunday 14 or any other day in the following week for these intentions.

We shall continue to pray for our new priests and for the deacons to be ordained in the forthcoming days.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



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NB: Please translate or explain to the people the points in the circular during Sunday Holy Qurbana on 14 May 2023.