

Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam

World Sunday School Day

November 4, 2018

Order of Worship

(Approved by The Mar Thoma Metropolitan)

1) Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations (Psalm 100)

2) Hymn

3) Kauma

4) Opening Worship

O Creator God, we praise You for Your immense love towards us Your children. In Your love, You designed the world and appointed us as stewards to look after it. Lord, we thank You for sending us Your son Jesus Christ as a sign of Your enduring love. You assumed human form to bear our sins and died on the cross to redeem us. Through your sacrificial love You helped us gain victory over sin and death. Holy Spirit, we thank you for your love that renews our hearts and minds, and transforms our lives. We praise you O Holy Trinity for Your selfless love and endless grace. Loving God, as we worship You, may we be all filled with Your love and mercy. Amen.

5) Prayer of Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and

just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

For each Prayer, our response shall be “**Lord, forgive our sins and save us.**”

L: For leading lives on our own terms, straying away from the path of God and failing to take part in the activities of the Sunday School, which is aimed at bringing us closer to God through prayer and studying of the Word.

C: Lord, forgive.....

L: For giving more importance in following the latest trends on social media than spending time in reading the Bible and caring for fellow human beings and the environment.

C: Lord, forgive.....

L: For misusing our God-given gifts and talents to further our selfish interests, and disobeying our Sunday School teachers who have taught us to attempt great things for God by putting our complete faith in Him.

C: Lord, forgive.....

L: For not putting into practice the Sunday School lessons on love, forgiveness, compassion and kindness, and failing to lead other children to Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

C: Lord, forgive.....

6) Prayer of Thanksgiving

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

(Psalm 9:1)

For each prayer our response shall be: “**We offer you thanks, O Lord.**”

L: For our parents and Sunday School teachers who helped us accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour at such a young age,

and granting us opportunities to learn about the fruit of the Spirit and the works of God through the Sunday School lessons every week.

C: We offer...

L: For creating us in this beautiful world, providing for our daily needs and protecting us from harm and danger, especially for our brothers and sisters all over the world who helped in various ways to rebuild the lives of our people affected by the recent devastating floods in Kerala.

C: We offer...

L: For all organisations and individuals like Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai who are working to make this world a safer place for children to live in by eradicating social evils such as child labour and trafficking, and promoting the education and rights of the girl child.

C: We offer...

L: For our Bishops, Archbishops, deacons, evangelists, our Samajam President, Vice President, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Managing Committee members, Office staff and our family members who encourage us to participate in the Sunday School classes and create platforms like Vacation Bible School, camps, Mission to parish, Mission to schools and conferences to help us mould ourselves in Christ's likeness and grow in His love and stature.

C: We offer...

7) Intercessory Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

(Philippians 4:6)

For each prayer our response shall be: “**Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayers.**”

L: Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life’. We pray for all those who are malnourished and starving due to famine, drought, economic

strife and civil wars in their countries, and those who hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and are in need of spiritual nourishment.

C: Lord, in your mercy...

L: Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world'. We pray for those who are in the gloom of illiteracy and seeking the light of wisdom, those who are facing disappointments in life and in search of hope, and those in spiritual darkness and in need of God's presence and peace.

C: Lord, in your mercy...

L: Jesus said, 'I am the good Shepherd.' We pray for those who have lost their way and are looking for a purpose in life, children who have dedicated their lives for full-time ministry and need guidance to tread the right path.

C: Lord, in your mercy...

L: Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life'. We pray for the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam and its activities such as VBS, Mission to Parish, Mission to Schools, Kollam Asraya, Charalkunnu Camp Center, Wayanad Sugandhagiri Project and seek God's guidance in the year ahead.

C: Lord, in your mercy....

8) Dedication prayer

(All together)

Our Loving God, Author of life and giver of all good gifts, we thank You for Your constant goodness. Gracious God, You have created each one of us in Your own image and likeness and placed us in this world with a unique and specific purpose. Enable us to live a life according to Your will. O Lord, may Your hand of protection be on us, and may Your word continue to be a light unto our path. We thank You for giving us unique gifts, talents and abilities. Help us to use them wisely and walk in faith, hope and love. Lord, let Your light shine in our hearts and enable us to follow Your teachings that we may be lighted to lighten.

Amen.