

Order of Worship
World Sunday School Day- 2014

As approved by the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church

Opening Prayer

Father God, we your children come before you with a heart of thanksgiving and praise. We ask of you to be with us today, and help us to realize your presence. May we be filled with the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

We glorify you O Father, for taking the dust of the earth and creating us beautifully, in your image and likeness. We extol you for the beauty of all your creation.

We magnify you O Son, Jesus Christ for coming down to this world, dying for our sins and for defeating the powers of the evil by your Resurrection.

We adore you O Holy Spirit, for your guidance and friendship that keeps us from falling, and for constantly renewing us, your creation.

All praise, honour and adulation be unto you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

For each prayer, our response shall be, "Forgive our sins"

- 1- For being disobedient to you, our parents and our elders, dear Lord...
- 2- For being lazy in our studies and for not working hard, dear Lord...
- 3- For not finding time to pray, even when we had time for everything else, dear Lord...
- 4- For our reluctance to participate in Church activities, especially the various activities of the Sunday School, dear Lord...
- 5- For failing to help people in need, even when we could, dear Lord..

O Lord, cleanse our hearts and make us pure. Help us to not to commit these sins again.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

For each prayer our response shall be, "We give you thanks"

- 1- For our loving families, where we learn the lessons of sharing, caring for each and prayer, O Lord...
- 2- For our Church, parish, Sunday School, and for all those who spiritually guide us, O Lord...
- 3- For the beauty and heritage of our nation, and for the diversity in creation, O Lord...
- 4- For books, writers and especially Christian media programmes, that helps us to know you more, O Lord...
- 5- For the talents and gifts that you have filled us with, and for all the blessings we enjoy, O Lord..

We thank you Lord for all your blessings. Help us to be ever grateful to you. Amen

Prayer of Intercession

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. I Chronicles 16:11

For each prayer, our response shall be, "Hear our prayer".

- 1- For all those who are unwell, bedridden or recovering from accidents, Lord in your mercy...
- 2- For those of our less fortunate friends, who are made to do child labour and are deprived of schooling and childhood, Lord in your mercy...
- 3- For children in war affected areas, and who have to live their lives in fear and insecurity, Lord in your mercy...
- 4- For institutions of the Samajam like Ashraya Kollam, and Sugandhagiri Project and institutions of the church like MCRD Thelliyoor, and Navjeevan Centre, Mumbai, - that takes care of special children, children without parents and children of troubled homes, Lord in your mercy...

- 5- For the various Samajam mission activities like Children Camps, Vacation Bible Schools, Mission to parishes, schools and hostels, and the activities of the C.E.C, Charalkunnu, Lord in your mercy...
- 6- For the Metropolitan, Valiya Metropolitan, Samajam President, bishops, archbishops, evangelists, members of the Managing Committee, and the Samajam Office Staff, Lord you know them all- in your mercy...

We ask all this in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

Dedication

Dear Lord, we submit ourselves into your hands. We pledge that we would be obedient to you, our parents and elders. Help us live a life that is pleasing to you at all times.
Amen.