

*Response : O Lord, we thank you*

**Dedication Prayer** *(All together)*

Our Lord who loves us and cares for us we submit ourselves into your hands on this blessed day of the World Sunday School Day. We surrender ourselves to journey in the ways guided by Your Word, to love and serve You, to rearrange our life according to Your will, to respect our elders and parents and to love our teachers with respect. We submit ourselves completely to grow in Your Son, Jesus Christ without blemish and form our life with love, care and kindness. *Amen.*

MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM

## **World Sunday School Day**

**November 1, 2020 Sunday**

### **Order of Worship**

***Approved by Marthoma Metropolitan- in-charge***

**Call to Worship:** *“Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.”* (Psalm 96:1-2).

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#### **Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you for giving us an opportunity to come together for worship on this World Sunday School day. Lord help us to follow your example, just as you embraced the little children and taught us to be like them. Inspire us for a deeply dedicated life through the Divine experiences we receive through Sunday School education. In Jesus name we pray. *Amen.*

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* (James 5:16)

**Response : *Merciful God, have mercy upon us.***

**Leader:** Even though we know that the study of the Word of God and life in worship is very much essential during this time of crisis, many a time we have approached the study of the word of God with indifference and have missed the participation in the family worship and prayers. For these our short comings.

*Response: Merciful God, have mercy upon us.*

**Leader:** During the time of Covid 19 pandemic, we have limited our God given talents by not using it fruitfully for the happiness and betterment of our parents, siblings and elder ones. Instead we became more interested in ourselves and became lazy in our day to day life. For these our shortcomings.

*Response : Merciful God, have mercy upon us.*

**Leader:** In this lockdown scenario where Sunday School classes was not possible physically, our parents, Sunday School Teachers, Sunday School Samajam took initiatives to nurture our faith lives with various mediums like online VBS, online Sunday School Classes etc. At times we didn't show enough interest to participate in those efforts made for us, for these our shortcomings.

*Response : Merciful God, have mercy upon us.*

**Leader:** Even when we were blessed in our life in many ways, we seldom shared those blessings with others, we didn't take the needed efforts to respect our elders, we limited our testimony as a child of God.

*Response : Merciful God, have mercy upon us.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:18)*

**Response : O Lord, we thank you.**

**Leader:** During this pandemic, government systems, health workers, anganwadi teachers and asha workers and

many other frontline workers toil very hard to keep children safe and secure. For all those who strive to serve us.

*Response: O Lord, we thank you*

**Leader:** O God, we pray for all those who help us grow in relationship with You during this period of crisis. Especially for our parish, Vicar, our Sunday School teachers, and for all the faith that is nurtured through them and through Your Word.

*Response : O Lord, we thank you*

**Leader:** For all those who teach the love of God through the language and expression of Christ's love, through stories, songs, games and online platforms. Especially for all those who are working hard to testify the Kingdom values and Christian witness through these activities.

*Response : O Lord, we thank you*

**Leader:** For our Church which delivers and witnesses the Good News of Jesus Christ and His salvific plan to the world, through all who do different ministries in the church, for the sunday school ministry which guides the children in the church to Jesus Christ, especially for Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam, for all the Kingdom values and life vision imparted through the samajam. We thank You Lord for the blessed life and witness of our beloved late lamented Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan and his leadership in building up the church.