

MALANKARA MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM
WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY
2021 November 7, Sunday

Order of Worship

(Approved by Marthoma Metropolitan)

Call To Worship

Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Ps.147:1)

Hymn:

Kauma:

Opening Prayer

O God, we praise your name for creating us to live in this beautiful world. O Lord Jesus Christ, we give you all glory for showing your love by calling little children to come to you and giving the assurance that they are a part of the Kingdom of God. O Holy Spirit, who strengthens us to overcome difficulties, you are worthy of all thanksgiving for helping us to face these difficult times with grace. Bless us, O Triune God, as we gather in your presence on this World Sunday School Day. Help us that we may love you wholeheartedly and glorify you by living an exemplary life. In the name of Jesus we ask this prayer... Amen

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. (Ps. 51:1)

Response: *O God, have mercy and forgive us.*

For neglecting the ample opportunities we had to worship you, study your Word and participate in family prayer....

For wasting our time on social media, online games and other distractions instead of using our time properly for study and church activities...

For lack of respect towards our elders, obedience towards our parents, attention to our teachers, love towards our family, understanding of the faith practices of our church...

Thanksgiving

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High. (Ps.7:17)

Response: *We give you thanks.*

For the life and vision of the past leaders of the Church who built up the Sunday School for the spiritual upliftment of children...

For the Sunday School Samajam, its workers and all those who are involved in children's ministry, who explain the Word of God in an easily understandable manner so that children become partakers of the Kingdom of God...

For our parents who love us, for our Sunday School teachers who nurture us in faith, for our parish that strengthened us with its fellowship, for our gurus who imparted knowledge to us, for our honest friends who saved us from going in a wrong path...

Intercessory Prayers:

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. (Ps. 116:1, 2)

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Let us pray for our Church, our Metropolitan Thirumeni, Suffragan Metropolitans, Bishops, priests, evangelists and members of our church. Let us also pray for the Samajam President, Office bearers, Managing Committee members, Office staff, Sunday School centre, District, Diocese, Samajam workers and for all the service they render.

Let us pray for children who are orphaned as a result of the Covid pandemic, floods, diseases, war and natural calamities. Let us also pray for children who are forced to flee their own homes and nations as refugees and those children who suffer from life-threatening diseases.

Let us pray for children who are in the clutches of alcohol and drug abuse, violence and harmful gaming and a materialistic lifestyle. Let us also pray for the efforts to rescue and rehabilitate such children.

Let us pray for children who don't have the means or tools for online education and who went through the distress of being pushed out of mainstream education during the pandemic.

Dedication prayer

O Jesus our Good Shepherd, we your children submit ourselves to you. We will use our health, intelligence and talents for the work of the Kingdom of God. We dedicate ourselves to study your Word and live as your witnesses, having understood your will for our lives. We will endeavour to be like Jesus in our wisdom and stature and grow in favour with God and humans around us. We will strive to reflect the love of Christ to those around us. In a world where evil seems to be increasing, we seek to live a holy life as the children of God. For all this, we submit ourselves into your hands on this World Sunday School day. In Jesus name, accept this humble prayer of dedication...Amen