

# **Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam**

## **World Sunday School Day**

### **Order of Worship - 2015**

**(Approved by The Metropolitan)**

#### **Song**

#### **Kauma**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious Lord, we exalt you for bringing us together to worship you. We praise you for helping us to grow in knowledge of you, from the time of our childhood days. May the learning of your Word, through our Sunday School, be helpful to live a life, worthy of your calling. May the life and vigour of you, O Holy Trinity, be revealed through us to the world. Amen

#### **Confession**

Let us confess our sins. After each prayer, our response shall be 'Forgive us'

- 1- For our unwillingness to hear out the opinion of others, and for thinking so high of our views. O Lord...

- 2- For treating others so unkindly, and for our egoistic attitude and arrogance. O Lord...
- 3- For using others as means for our selfish gains, and for our sin of being insincere. O Lord...
- 4- For our lack of interest in learning your Word, for our passive attitude in worship and Sunday School Activities....
- 5- For disobeying and rebelling against our parents and teachers, for our unwillingness to accept corrections...

### **Thanksgiving**

Let us thank God for all his grace and mercy. After each prayer, our response shall be, 'We give you thanks'.

- 1- For giving us parents, siblings, teachers, elders, for the mutual love and care. O Lord...
- 2- For your church, that helps us grow in faith; for the Sunday School, that helps us to be rooted in your Word; for institutions like Ashreya, Kollam and Sugandhigiri Mission, Waynadu, that helps us develop our commitment to the society. O Lord...
- 3- For our Valiya Metropolitan, Metropolitan, honourable bishops, priests and evangelists who instill in us with spiritual vision and leadership. O Lord...

- 4- For people who strive to free children from bonded labour, for homes and institutions that house children without parents, and care for differently abled children....
- 5- For the schools of the Marthoma Church, their teachers and staff, who strive to ensure education for all, irrespective of class, creed or colour...

### **Intercession**

Let us submit the needs of others into God's hands. After each prayer, our response shall be, 'Hear our prayer'.

- 1- Let us pray for the nations and societies who go through wars, terrorism, internal strife and revolts. Let us especially remember, women and children in these areas, who go through shame, dejection, and torture. O Lord, in your mercy...
- 2- Let us remember the institutions and people who strive to impart values to the world, through media and technology. Let us especially remember gospel television channels, Christian social media groups, publications, and *Thalirukal*, the children's magazine from the Samajam. O Lord, in your mercy...

3- Let us pray for the activities of the Sunday School Samajam. Let us especially remember the Camps, Conferences, VBS, Mission to parish, Mission to schools and Seminars. Let us also remember the workers of the Samajam, especially the office staff. O Lord, in your mercy...

### **Dedication**

Let us pray together.

O Lord, help us to be messengers of your Holy Gospel. We submit ourselves into your hands, to be the light, in spaces of darkness and to be the source of life, in places of death and destruction. Use us for your glory. Amen.

### **Benediction**

May the grace of the triune God be with us, and help us to impart hope and peace to this world. Amen.