

# THE INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Blessings to the Vicars and the faithful members of the Diocese of UK- Europe and Africa:**

**Dearly beloved in Resurrected Lord,**

Thanking Lord Almighty for His Mercy and Blessings for keeping us safe and in good health.

As you know the whole world had been through a very terrific year and still majority of the nations are not recovered from the attack of the COVID 19 Pandemic. As We write this message to you, the condition in our home land India looks alarming. Our community too lost many of our dear ones due to this deadly virus attack. We as a Church is going through challenging times and circumstances. Our Lord taught us that Prayers is the only solution for us to get rid of the evil forces from our life.

As per our Orthodox tradition the period between Holy Ascension and Holy Pentecost are observed as the days of 'waiting for the Holy Spirit'. We urge all the Vicars/ Priests- in -Charge of our Diocese to make arrangement in your Parishes and Congregations for holding Vigil and Prayers as appropriate as convenient, especially for the following matters:

- To save the world from the COVID 19 pandemic and a healthy return to normal life. Provide strength to all the affected persons and their near ones to face the situation. Also give wisdom and power to all those in the front line to tackle the decease and caring the affected.
- Let us all Pray for a speedy recovery to our Spiritual Father and supreme head of the Church, H.H Baselious Marthoma Paulose II. Bawa Thirumeni is admitted in the hospital and let our Prayers make His Holiness recover from the illness and regain his physical health.
- Our Church is in the process of selecting the successor for the Catholicose and Malankara Metropolitan. God has chosen Prophet Moses and King David to lead the folks in difficult times. Let us Pray to Almighty God for the intervention of Holy Spirit for choosing the Shepherd who will spiritually and administratively lead the Holy Church through all the challenges of the times.

Keeping all of you in Prayers

God Bless

  
• Mathews Mar Thimothis Metropolitan