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Blessings to the Vicars, Trustees, Secretaries, all the Office bearers and the faithful of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

By the grace of God and the blessings of our Holy Church, I am pleased to announce the formation of the Prayer Meeting Organization for our Diocese. As a spiritual organization rooted in our Church's tradition, it is time we begin to function actively within our Diocese. The primary aim of this organization is to organize prayer meetings at both parish and regional levels, ensuring that our faithful come together for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

It is of paramount importance that every parish unit conducts Bible studies as a mandatory part of their gatherings. To deepen our understanding of Scripture and faith, we will focus on serialized studies of particular books of the Holy Scripture, adhering strictly to Orthodox interpretations. This will enable us to engage more deeply with the faith and doctrines of the Church, enriching our spiritual lives and commitment.

To lead this important initiative, I hereby appoint Fr. Mathews Kuriakose, 22 Maple Walk, Longford, Coventry, CV6 6AU as the Vice President and Mr. Wilson George, 268 Stafford Road, Wallington, SM6 8PN as the General Secretary of the organization. It is vital that each vicar appoints a unit secretary in their parish, and the contact details of these secretaries should be promptly communicated to the Vice President and General Secretary.

Once the structure is in place, we will convene a General Assembly with all the clergy of the Diocese and the unit secretaries. This meeting, held either online or in person, will be an opportunity to elect area representatives and prepare a forward plan for the organization's activities.

As lifelong learners of the Word of God, our engagement with Scripture and our exploration of the Church's faith must never cease. Together, we will delve deeper into the mystery of the faith and strengthen our community's spiritual foundation.

In closing, I leave you with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans:

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Romans 15:4-6)

With prayers and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos