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**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER THE SON AND THE HOLY GHOST, THE ONE TRUE  
TRIUNE GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN.**

Blessings to the Vicars, Asst. Vicars, Secretaries, Treasurers, members of the Managing Committee and the members of the parishes and congregations belonging to the Diocese of Calcutta!

Beloved in the Lord,

India is facing the devastating 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid. Tens of lakhs of people are affected and the death rate is also spiraling out of control. Many of our dear and near ones are facing the aftermath of the pandemic. In this moment of crisis and gloom let us continue to rely on God Almighty and uphold each other in prayers. We appreciate the Vicars, Parish Managing Committee Members and the faithful for the help extended to those in need like counselling, arranging of medicines and oxygen, coordinating for medical support etc.

We exhort all of you to dedicate the 10 days (*kathirippin dinangal*), from Feast of Ascension to Feast of Pentecost as a period of Prayer for deliverance from the pandemic. The sick, the bereaved, the departed and the health care workers shall be specially remembered in Holy Qurbana and daily prayers. All the parishes and spiritual organisations shall arrange chain prayers during this period. All the Vicars shall mail to [calcuttadiocese@gmail.com](mailto:calcuttadiocese@gmail.com), \*the name of the sick and the departed (covid affected) from the respective parishes so that they may be remembered in our Holy Qurbana. Special prayer shall also be offered during our weekly online Diocesan Prayer Meeting at 4:45 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Google Meet link - [meet.google.com/cro-phrx-ynd](https://meet.google.com/cro-phrx-ynd)).

May God Bless All of You,

Your Shepherd in our Lord,

Metropolitan Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius SST

\*NB: The list shall include the details like age, any posts held in Parish/ Diocese etc, and shall be mailed on or before 11 am, 15.5.2021.