

MAR THOMA SUVISESHA SEVIKA SANGHOM SEVIKA SANGHOM DAY

Theme:- " Women: Participants in the Divine Salvific Plan of God"

2021 SEPTEMBER 12 SUNDAY

(With the permission of His Grace The Mar Thoma Metropolitan)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song :

Kauma :

Prayer : Lord, our creator, savior and refuge in all generations; we come to you with repentance, thanksgiving and supplications. Help us to worship you in truth and spirit on this Sevika Sanghom Day which has been set apart for thanking you for your grace that has sustained us so far and praying for future guidance. As we meditate upon the theme "**Women: Participants in the Divine Salvific Plan of God**", help us to, rededicate our lives, witness you and thereby glorify Your name. In Jesus' name we pray,

Response : Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

" If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Response to the prayers below shall be: "Forgive us O Lord, help us to turn away from sin and obey you".

Leader : Lord, though we are aware of all your commandments, we have disregarded them. We have often failed to keep the Sabbath holy. We have not given you the honour you deserve. We have not respected our parents and have wished for the things of others'. We confess that we have forgotten your commandments, walked in wicked ways and have pained you.

Response : " *Forgive us O Lord, help us to turn away from sin and obey you*".

Leader : Lord, we know that you have told us to weep for ourselves and

our children". We have ignored your words and have lead a self centered life giving importance to personal material benefits and worldly possessions. We have forgotten our role in your divine plan of redemption in our family. We have exploited natural resources and have not been considerate about our generations. We confess that we have forgotten your commandments, walked in wicked ways and have pained you.

Response : *"Forgive us O Lord, help us to turn away from sin and obey you".*

Leader : Lord we know that you have told us that "If my people, who are called by my name, humble themselves, pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We confess that we have forgotten your commandments, failed to humble ourselves, walked in wicked ways and pained you. Lord, help us to identify our shortcomings and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Response : Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song". (Psalm. 95:1-2).

Leader : Lord, we thank you for creating us with differences in gender identity to fulfill the various roles for building up your Kingdom through the activities of the church. We thank you for sustaining the Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom, for the past 102 years. We thank you for the selfless hard work of our foremothers who endured hardships to bring this organization into form and substance. We thank you for all the women who are now working in various capacities in this organization ranging from the centre to the units in the churches, to spread the love and the Word of the Lord.

Response : *What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

Leader : Lord, we are thankful for the gift of life, the families and beloved ones you have given us, the responsibilities you have entrusted

us with, the talents you have bestowed upon us, the experiences you are taking us through and the opportunities you provide us with, each day.

Response : *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader : Lord, we are thankful for all the personnel you have anointed to care for your people. We are thankful for the leaders of the country and all the governmental wings like the public administration, general amenities, health, law, defense, and education. We are thankful for all the personnel involved and especially for the women who manage multiple roles in the process of nation building. We thank you for the upliftment, security, healing and well-being we experience through these efforts.

Response : *Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Amen.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of Him. (1 John 5:14-15)

The response shall be: “Lord, we ask this with our faith in you”.

Leader : Let us pray for the diversified ministry of the Sevika Sanghom namely the Vanitha Mandiram, Salem Bhavanam, Balika Bhavan, Snehatheeram Half Way Home, Visranthi Bhavan, Sthreejana Vikasana Samithi, Tailoring centre, Hostels, the mission fields at Anakkara, Nilambur, Mookkuthala and Neduvaloor, the courses by the Vanitha Mandiram, Vanithabodhini, Nursery Teachers Training School, and Kindergarten and Upper Primary School. Let us pray for the president Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Episcopa, the Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Managing Committee Members, Sevinis, Office staff, Diocese,

Centre, Zone and Shakha Office Bearers and all the members of the Sevika Sanghom.

Response : *“Lord, we ask this with our faith in you”.*

Leader : Let us pray for all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Let us pray for perfect healing of the infected and comfort for the bereaved. Let us pray for those who have lost their jobs and are enduring financial hardships. Let us pray for the success of efforts to contain the spread of the virus. Let us pray for our health care personnel who are involved in these efforts. Let us humble ourselves and beseech the Lord to put an end to this affliction.

Response : *“Lord, we ask this with our faith in you”.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (All together)

Lord, as we dedicate ourselves to be participants in your divine salvific plan , help us to spread your Word and love. Grant us the serenity to accord mutual respect to all your creations. Help us to strive for the healing of environment and all living beings. Enable us to participate in the development of society and growth of the church. Guide our thoughts and help us to be effective Christian witnesses through our words and deeds. Help us to support the efforts of the Sevika Sanghom. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit accept our worship and dedication, Amen.

