

## Diocesan Day Prayer

**Priest:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and always, and forever. **Congre.** Amen.

O compassionate and merciful God, we seek Your blessings and guidance as we now celebrate our Diocesan Day. We thank You for the blessings You have showered upon our Diocese throughout these past years. We remember the guidance and able leadership of all the Metropolitans and clergy who led the church in North America, especially those who have entered into eternal rest. We also remember the lay leaders and pioneers who were instrumental in establishing parishes throughout the country, and we uphold them in this prayer as we celebrate the fruit of their ministry.

We pray for His Holiness the Catholicos, Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, all the members of the Holy Episcopal Synod, and especially our Diocesan Metropolitans, His Holiness the Catholicos and His Grace Zacharias Mar Aprem. Lord, continue to grant them wisdom and grace to serve Your Holy Church and our Diocese. We pray for all the priests, deacons and seminarians of our Diocese, and praise you for their ministry to our Church. We pray for each and every one of our elders, parents, youth, and children, that they may grow in Your divine grace and wisdom.

We pray for this nation, for our President and our leaders. As an immigrant community, we thank You for giving us the opportunity to freely worship in this country. May we be a witness to this nation by reflecting Your love in everything we do.

O Lord, send forth Your blessings upon all our parishes that they may be filled with Your love and grace. May our parishes and families grow in unity and work together creating bonds of true Christian fellowship. May we not boast in what we do but see Your guiding hand in everything.

We pray for all the ministries of our Diocese, that they may be strengthened and serve to cater to the spiritual needs of Your children. We especially pray for our children and youth. May you direct them in Your holy path and guide them to make decisions that please You. May You raise new leaders from among them that will serve Your Holy Church and work for Your glory and honor.

Enable us to fulfill our responsibilities as a Diocese and serve as a model for others. May we be a Diocese that is united in one Spirit and work together as one body so that Your Holy Name may be glorified, along with Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, both now, always, and forever and ever. **Amen.**