



Circular 08/2024

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

### **Prayer and support for the People devastated by flood and Landslides**

“Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices” (Hebrews 13:16).

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today regarding the heavy rain and landslides that have once again afflicted our beloved state of Kerala. The relentless rains in many of the districts of Kerala have resulted in catastrophic damage, claiming lives, displacing countless families, and causing destruction to homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods.

In these difficult times, it is our Christian duty and moral responsibility to extend our support to our brothers and sisters who are enduring such immense hardship. The people of Kerala have always shown remarkable resilience and faith, but they now need our prayers and tangible support more than ever.

I urge all our faithful to include special prayers for the flood victims in your daily prayers, Holy Qurbana, and prayer meetings. At your convenience please arrange a day of prayer and penance to support our people who are in agony and to have the mercy of the Lord on our homeland. Let us continue to pray for those who have lost their lives in this natural calamity. May the Lord give courage to all the affected people to face the desperate situation.

In addition to our prayers, we must provide material assistance to aid the relief efforts. May I request all the Parishes/Missions/Proposed missions kindly support with your donations for immediate relief and support the long-term rehabilitation of the affected People. We kindly ask that all amounts collected from your Parishes/Missions/Proposed missions be transferred to the Eparchy before the 20th of August. For those who wish to contribute donations directly to our Eparchy, please use the following bank details:

Account number: 74493590

Sort Code: 01-67-14

Bank: NatWest

All funds collected will be directed to trustworthy organizations working on the ground to ensure that the aid reaches those who are most affected and vulnerable. Thank you for your cooperation.

I assure you of my constant prayers and I bless you from my heart.

Yours in our Lord and our God,

+ *Joseph Srampickal*



Joseph Srampickal  
Bishop, Catholic Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain

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NB: This circular must be read in all the Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions of the Eparchy during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2024).