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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MAR THOMA PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are all aware of the severity of the situation around COVID in India. As the country sees its most severe surge in infection since the outset of the pandemic, a significant number of people in Kerala and different parts of India are impacted. The unabated spread of COVID-19 has placed immense strain on resources available for organizations and communities dealing with this humanitarian crisis.

Many have reached out and communicated their desire to help those most affected. As the country faces an overwhelming surge of record-breaking COVID-19 cases and deaths, it is our Christian responsibility to help the people in dire need of care and resources. Many of us are concerned about our families and friends in India.

As the Diocese of North America and Europe, we are committed to joining our hands in supporting the severely suffering fellow humans in India. I do urge the members to continue our prayer for India and share our resources for the wellbeing of affected Covid patients.

As a mark of our solidarity with the suffering, individuals and parishes shall contribute generously for helping the needy by sending your contribution to the Diocese at the earliest. The funds received will be used directly to support those in critical need and will be informed on timely manner. We would appreciate your continued support at such unforeseen times and let us do our best for the betterment of humanity. May God by His grace and mercy protect the people from this disaster. As the psalmist reminds us "*Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven, he sees all humankind*" (Psalm 33:12-13).

Let us continue to pray for all the people affected by this pandemic.

Dated April 28th, 2021 from the Sinai Mar Thoma Center, New York

Yours in His Ministry,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Isaac Mar Philoxenos'.

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Diocesan Episcopa

