

THE PRAYER TOWER  
DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA  
CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

PRAYER LETTER  
8-14 May, 2023

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you (John 14:16-18).*

In his address in the Upper Room our Lord told his disciples that he would not leave them alone but would send



them a Comforter, the Counsellor to be with them forever. This Spirit of truth would teach them all things and would remind them of everything he had said to them. He would guide them as he did Paul in going to Macedonia (Acts 16:6). The Advocate would help them to live a life pleasing unto God (Gal 5:16). He would help them in prayer (Rom 8:26) and give life to their bodies (Rom 8:11). The Spirit of love would also give them power and boldness to witness for Jesus (Acts 1:8). The Paraclete would also gives them various kind of gifts which they should use as faithful stewards of God's varied grace to serve others(1 Pet 4:10). He would give them a fresh understanding of the Word of God (1 Cor 2:9,10) so that by obeying they would love Jesus more and be filled with true worship to God (Jn 4:24). Come, Holy Spirit.

*O Lord our God, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worthless in your sight. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, the perfection of every virtue, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen*

*(Collect for 5 Sunday after Easter)*



## **KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT**

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called. (Eph 4:3,4)*

We continue to pray for the Eastern Himalaya Diocese after the visit of the Moderator and Office Bearers of the Synod of the CNI on 1 and 2 May 2023. Pray for the plain areas of the diocese and their congregations as well as the hill areas and their congregations.

## **GET UP! PICK UP YOUR MAT ,WALK!**

*Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralysed. One was there who had been an invalid for 38 years...Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. (Jn 5:3-9)*

The Youth Fellowship of St. Mary's Church, Elgin Road, organized a **Workshop on Mental Health** on 7.5.23 in their church. 147 excited young people of our diocese took part. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning our Bishop, speaking to them, took the example of the mental health of the man who had been lying near the pool of Bethesda for 38 years. After facing so much of failure the man had become discouraged, disillusioned and lost hope. But Jesus asked him, "Do you want to get well?" and told him to get up, pick his mat and walk. At once, the man was cured and picked up his mat and walk. Resource papers were also presented by Ms. Sutapa Chatterjee, and by Rev. Dr. Amos Masih of Bishop's College. We thank the Youth Fellowship of St. Mary's Church for taking the initiative to organize such an endeavor on their own and inviting other church youths also to take part. May this venture inspire the youth of other churches to launch out on their own to reach young people who are not coming to church.

*Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them' (Ecclesiastes 12:1)*



## **WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM CHRIST?**

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?..No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Rom 8:35,37)*

The Christian community in Manipur, a small state in North East India, which recorded the largest growth recently, suffered a violent attack on churches and on its members in the first week of May, 2023. About 60 people have died in communal clashes and a number of churches have been burnt down. Christians from across the country have expressed their solidarity with Manipuri Christians and have organized rallies and issued press releases. Prayers are requested among others for the Meitei Christians whose churches schools and homes have been burnt down and have been forced to renounce their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



## **ALUMNI SEMINAR IN BISHOP'S COLLEGE**

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done (Mt 6:9,10)*

Bishop's College organized their Alumni Refresher Course and AGM on 3 and 4 May, 2023. They kept the theme of the Course, "**Christianity and Politics**". The keynote speaker was the Rt. Revd. Sameer Khimla, Bishop of the Diocese of Durgapur, CNI and an alumnus. The four other papers that were presented had a lot of research work done on them. We uphold the ministry of Bishop's College in their training of clergy. Pray for their new building project in our prayers.

## **PRAY FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Teach them to your children. (Deut 6:6)*

Our Vacation Bible School will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral from 22-27 May, 2023 from 9am to 12 noon with a closing worship on 27th at 3:30 pm. The theme this year is "Lord, teach us how to pray". Pray for all teachers, and for children. We need volunteers. If you want to be one **Contact : 9830744487**

## **PRAYER IN BISHOP'S HOUSE FRIDAY 3PM**

All are cordially welcome to prayer in Bishop's House every Friday at 3pm.

Please join us this Friday 12.5.23 We will pray for **the Church in Manipur.**

## **ONLINE PRAYER AT 9 PM ON FRIDAY**

Please join us for our online prayer on Friday 12 May, 2023 at 9 pm. The theme is

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<https://meet.google.com/emz-ifiz-jzk>

Pray for the sick: **YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU**

Kamal Nath, Colleen Bose, Leanne Fernandes, Col Joseph R. Titus, Bikash Lobo, Dr. Bonita Aleaz, Dr. Shirley Rodrigues, Stella Tucker, Rev Asha Kiran Parichha, Suresh Raphael, Sushila Ambat, Angela Ghose, Shanu Banerjee, Daisy Dey, Errol 'Podgy' Williams, Drishika Paul Chowdhury, Bradley Samuel, Ruth David, Daphne Lama, Conrad Matthews, Leila Lall, Bikash Sarkar, Aatman, Rev Anup Mondal, Rev Sukhendu Biswas, Dr. Lily Henry Jarvis, Tamara Tschuor, Anil Moothedam, Chaya Mukherjee, Shapna Bhattacharya, Rev Enos Das Pradhan, Jennifer DeSouza, Patsy Frederick, Ashley D' Rozario, Barbara Anderson, Vijay Apte, Rahul David, Chitra Biswas, Shireen Tschuor, Barbara Hardy, Barbara Anderson, Cheryl Anderson, Rev Sachidananda Sarkar, Rashmi David, Rev Dr. Anugrah Behera, Diana Khawas (Kalimpong), Theo Baker, Shanti Manuel, Ruby David, Jenny DeSouza, Dr. Mammen Chandy, Bipul Biswas (f/o Pronob Biswas, Bishop's House staff), Subrata Das, Bhowanipore Church, Bishop Dinesh Chandra Gorai, Sheila Broughton.

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## **The 24 hour Chain Prayer**

The 24 hour chain prayer is a chain of people praying around the clock for an hour each from different parts of the world. We have been continuing for four and a half years now. We pray that God's kingdom will come, his name will be hallowed, for the revival of the church, the persecuted church, for healing, prayer requests and for God's will to be done. If you are led by the Holy Spirit to give an hour in prayer every day for this cause or for prayer requests please contact +918334027210 or [cniprayertowercalcutta@gmail.com](mailto:cniprayertowercalcutta@gmail.com). (Mark 14:37, Rom 8:27, Luke 18:7)

The Prayer Tower is a weekly prayer letter of the Diocese of Calcutta. Its purpose is to deepen the spiritual life of our diocese by inspiring prayer and the study of God's Word. *"We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word"* (Acts 6:4). Prayer Requests can be sent to Rev. Andrew Simick, Prayer Coordinator, Diocese of Calcutta, Church of North India, mobile 918334027210, email: [cniprayertowercalcutta@gmail.com](mailto:cniprayertowercalcutta@gmail.com)