

2014 Diocesan Day Prayer

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, always, and forever. Amen.

O compassionate and merciful God, we seek Your blessings and guidance as we now celebrate our fifth Diocesan Day. We thank You for the blessings You have showered upon our Diocese throughout these past years and pray unto You to guide us through the coming year.

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 our Valiya Bava, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Didymus I, and His Holiness the Catholicos, Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, all the members of the Holy Episcopal Synod, and for our Diocesan Metropolitan, His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius. Lord, continue to grant them wisdom and grace to shepherd Your Holy Church. We pray for all the priests, deacons and seminarians of our Diocese and praise you for their ministry to our Church. We especially pray for all the faithful of this diocese who face various challenges in their daily lives. We pray for each and every one of our elders, parents, youth, and kids, that they realize God's plan for their lives and for strength from God to fulfill it in the face of any adverse situations.

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. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may imitate the love and zeal of Your Holy Apostles and Saints who have pleased You by their lives. Increase our charity so that we may generously attend to those who are in need. May we not boast in what we do but see Your guiding hand in everything. In our successes humble us, and in our failures teach and correct us.

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 younger generation. May you direct them in Your holy path and guide them to make decisions You will be pleased with. May you raise new leaders from among them that will serve Your Holy Church and work for Your glory and honor.

O Lord, we especially pray for the proposed project the diocese has set forth for a comprehensive diocesan center. Send forth your wisdom and discernment upon us so we may move forward and accomplish the many goals and aims we have for this diocese. 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. Amen.