

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP & MISSION MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE.



The Diocesan Prayer Fellowship & Mission Ministry has been constituted in 2010 by His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius to monitor and streamline the spiritual growth through prayer and reading habits of congregations in different prayer groups, functioning in the various parishes under the Diocese of South-West America. The objective of the Ministry is to ascertain the inculcation of firm faith, love of the church and brotherhood and bring about the spiritual, material and educational upliftment of the faithful across the diocese.

The **'Sooboro'** Prayer is a branch of the Diocesan Prayer Fellowship & Mission Ministry and is organized every Wednesday morning from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM since October 13, 2010. The conference number is (218) 632-0187 and the passcode is 3703#. This line number can be accessed every Wednesday from 10:00 am onwards. Regularly every Wednesday the **'Sooboro'** prayer starts with Bible readings, special intercessory prayers and devotional address by clergies and Bishops across the Church and the Diocese. We have a steady 300 plus attendees every Wednesdays from all over the diocese that joins this prayer ministry over the phone. We are blessed to continue this spiritual journey every week without a break since the inception date. We thank God Almighty for the special care and guidance in leading this spiritual ministry of the diocese.

Currently, the **'Sooboro'** Prayer fellowship is administrated weekly from St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston. Along with Rev. Fr. Mammen Mathew, Rev. Fr. Isaac B. Prakash, Rev. Fr. Bijoy Zacharia, Rev. Fr. Dr. V. C.Varghese and a large number of faithful members from all local Houston area churches attend the **'Sooboro'** prayer at the St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston every Wednesdays. We sincerely thank them for their active interest, participation, and leadership. Additionally, large numbers of Clergies from all over the diocese attend this ministry over the phone every week. Through this ministry, the faithful members of the Diocese have the opportunity to hear a weekly devotional message and take part in intercessory prayers for those with special requests, especially the sick. Every week the **Sooboro** prayer is recorded and uploaded to the diocesan website. ( <http://www.ds-wa.org/diocesan-prayer-fellowship-recording.html> ).

Rev Fr. Rajesh K. John is the Director of this Diocesan Ministry since October 2014. Rev. Fr. K .Y. Wilson served as the previous Director and served from 2010-2014. Mr. Kurian Marucoikal (2012-2014, St. Gregorios, Houston ) and Mr. Rajan Joseph (2014-2017, Dallas St Mary's Valiyapally ) served as secretaries of this ministry in the past. Mr. Manoj Mathew, Diocesan Media and Communications Director, serves as the Administrator of this Ministry since 2010. Mrs. Jolly Jose (Detroit) and Mr. Mohan Mathew (Los Angles) and Mrs. Preethi Alexander (Lufkin) leads the Bible readings every week.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius for the spiritual leading of this ministry until 2017 and His Grace Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem for the continuity of leadership. Further our heartfelt thanks go to all our beloved Clergies and Metropolitans who spent their valuable time in giving inspirational devotional messages every week for the **'Sooboro'** prayer ministry. We also, take a minute to express our gratitude to St. Thomas Cathedral for allowing us to use the premises for holding the **'Sooboro'** prayer every Wednesdays.

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