

National Prayer Service

For the Health of the World

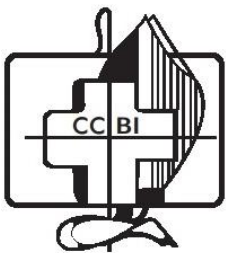
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8.30 - 9.30pm

From the tombs of St. Thomas, St. Francis Xavier and St. Teresa of Kolkata
and from the Marian Basilicas of Bandra (Mumbai), Sardhana (Meerut),
Hyderabad, Shivajinagar (Bangalore) and Vailankanni.

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1. Opening Song:

From Mount Mary Basilica, Bandra, Mumbai

Choir: (Or Choir members can select a suitable hymn)

The world stands in need of liberation, my Lord,
It still has to feel your power.
The blind and the deaf, the dumb and the maimed,
All need to feel your healing touch.
The world stands in need of liberation my Lord,
It still has to learn to love.

There are those who have eyes but refuse to see
The inhumanity around.
There are those who have ears but refuse to hear
The cries of those in agony.

There are those who have mouths but refuse to speak
Against the injustice done to some.
There are those who have hands
But refuse to reach them out in love and charity.

2. Introduction (2 Minutes)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara

Deputy Secretary General, CCBI

From St. Mary's Basilica, Shivajinagar, Bangalore

3. Initial Prayer

Most Rev. George Antonysamy

Vice President CCBI and Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore

From the Tomb of St. Thomas, Santhome Cathedral Basilica, Chennai

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[00:05]

All: Amen [00:01]

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [00:05]

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All: And with your Spirit [00:02]

Celebrant: Let us pray [00:02]

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith, we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. [00:36]

All: Amen. [00:01]

4. Psalter

Psalm 130 My Soul Waits for the Lord (ESV CE Translation)

Celebrant: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! [00:03]

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy! [00:09]

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared. [00:10]

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

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Wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning. [00:12]

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption
And he will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. [00:10]

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

5. Gospel Proclamation

Rev. Dr. Raymond Joseph
Secretary CCBI Commission for Vocations
From St. Mary's Basilica, Shivajinagar, Bangalore

John 11:28-44 (ESV CE Translation)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. [00:03]

All: And with your spirit. [00:03]

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [00:04]

All: Glory to you, O Lord. [00:03]

When she (Martha) had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also

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weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odour, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." [02:00]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. [00:05]

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. [00:05]

6. Reflection

His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias
Archbishop of Bombay
From Holy Name Cathedral, Colaba, Mumbai

7. Prayer of the faithful

Fr. Chetan Machado
Secretary, CCBI Commission for Youth
From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Celebrant: God of love, we the people of India, turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these times of anxiety. [00:25]

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Oration 1 (Hindi)

Chevalier Cyril John, Archdiocese of Delhi

Member, CHARIS, Vatican

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For the Universal Church and Church in India

Lector: We pray for Pope Francis, and for all Church leaders, that God may give them the wisdom and courage they need as they lead the Church during this pandemic; watch over them and keep them faithful to their vocation; teach them to recognize and interpret the signs of the times; strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit and help them to serve the people entrusted to their care, especially the poor and the lowly. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 2 (Tamil)

Mr. Percival Holt, Archdiocese of Delhi

Volunteer CCBI Youth Commission

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For the Health of the World and all sick people

Lector: Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Give us a heart that is compassionate and kind so that we may feel the pain of others and help those who need our help. Comfort, heal and strengthen them, and restore them to good health. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 3 (Khasi)

Ms. Jyotsna D'Souza, Diocese of Vasai, Maharashtra

President, Indian Catholic Youth Movement

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For Health workers: nurses, doctors, scientists and civil servants

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Lector: Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that, through their work, many may be restored to good health. For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that, through their skill and insights, many may be restored to health. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 4 (Telugu)

Name

Designation

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For those suffering because of war, violence, injustice, economic problems, lack of jobs etc.

Lector: God our Father, we surrender our world which is bruised with war, violence, injustice, economic problems, unemployment and poverty. Heal our world; heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and minds, and, in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. May we be alert to the needs of the isolated and the homebound, and care for them in their vulnerability. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 5 (Kannada)

Name

Designation

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For migrants, displaced people, people working away from home.

Lector: Lord, we pray for all those who migrate for various reasons and whose lives are at risk. Guide them always and keep them safe from people who abuse them. Protect them from wars, violence and drug traffickers. May they be

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welcomed wherever they are, comforted in their afflictions and consoled in their distress. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 6 (Santali)

Name

Designation

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For all deceased persons due to Covid and other illnesses.

Lector: For all the unnamed and unclaimed who have died and who do not have others to remember them; for all members of our families who have departed from us and who gifted us with their gentle care, wisdom and support. For all the frontline workers, teachers, educators and school staff, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers who lost their lives during this pandemic. We pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

Oration 7 (Malayalam)

Name

Designation

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, UP

Intention: For all the departed bishops, priests and religious during the Covid pandemic.

Lector: For all bishops, priests and deacons who have died and who lived in loving service of God, preached God's word and accompanied their communities, we pray. For all consecrated women and men who died and who earnestly yearned for God in their lives and devoted themselves to the generous service of others, we pray. [00:30]

All: Lord hear our prayer [00:05]

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Celebrant: I will say of the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'. God of mercy and compassion, we lift our brothers and sisters in India to you. We pray for your protection and provision, we pray for the nations of the earth to have compassion on suffering humanity. When we are in need, you are our refuge. Compassionate God, draw close to all who seek your refuge today. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. [00:40]

All: Amen. [00:02]

8. Prayer for the Control of Coronavirus

Most Rev. Anthony Poola

Archbishop of Hyderabad

From the Basilica of Our Lady of the Assumption, Hyderabad

Celebrant: Let us pray [00:02]

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation, graciously hear the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before you asking for a full control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We pray for the caregivers: the doctors, nurses and attendants, that they may be protected from the infection and strengthened in spirit.

We pray for the Government and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. [00:45]

All: Amen. [00:02]

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9. Litany of Supplications - I (Pope Francis)

Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza

Archbishop of Calcutta

From the Tomb of Mother Teresa, Kolkata

WE ADORE YOU, O LORD (Response) [00:04]

True God and true man, truly present in the Holy Sacrament, [00:06]

All: We adore you, O Lord. [00:04]

Our Saviour, God-with-us, faithful and rich in mercy, [00:06]

All: We adore you, O Lord. [00:04]

King and Lord of creation and history, [00:04]

All: We adore you, O Lord. [00:04]

Conqueror of sin and death, [00:04]

All: We adore you, O Lord. [00:04]

Friend of humankind, risen and living at the right hand of the Father, [00:06]

All: We adore you, O Lord. [00:04]

WE BELIEVE IN YOU, O LORD (Response) [00:05]

Only begotten Son of the Father, who descended from Heaven for our salvation, [00:06]

All: We believe in you, O Lord. [00:05]

Heavenly doctor, who inclines over our misery, [00:05]

All: We believe in you, O Lord. [00:05]

Sacrificed Lamb, who offers himself to save us from evil, [00:05]

All: We believe in you, O Lord. [00:05]

Good Shepherd, who gives his life for the flock he loves, [00:05]

All: We believe in you, O Lord. [00:05]

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Living bread and medicine of immortality, who gives us Life eternal, [00:06]

All: We believe in you, O Lord. [00:05]

FREE US, O LORD (Response) [00:03]

From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world, [00:05]

All: Free us, O Lord. [00:03]

From pride and from the presumption that we can do without you, [00:05]

All: Free us, O Lord. [00:03]

From the deceptions of fear and anguish, [00:04]

All: Free us, O Lord. [00:03]

From unbelief and despair, [00:03]

All: Free us, O Lord. [00:03]

From hardness of heart and the incapacity to love, [00:04]

All: Free us, O Lord. [00:03]

10. Litany of Supplications - II (Pope Francis)

Very Rev. Mary Prema Pierick, M.C.

Superior General, Missionaries of Charity

From the Tomb of Mother Theresa, Kolkata

SAVE US, O LORD (Response) [00:03]

From all the evils that afflict humanity, [00:04]

All: Save us, O Lord. [00:03]

From hunger, famine and egoism, [00:04]

All: Save us, O Lord. [00:03]

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From disease, epidemics and fear of our brothers and sisters, [00:05]

All: Save us, O Lord. [00:03]

From devastating folly, from merciless interests and from violence, [00:05]

All: Save us, O Lord. [00:03]

From deception, misinformation and manipulation of consciences, [00:04]

All: Save us, O Lord. [00:03]

CONSOLE US, O LORD (Response) [00:03]

Look upon your Church, which is crossing the desert, [00:04]

All: Console us, O Lord. [00:03]

Look upon humanity, terrified by fear and anguish, [00:04]

All: Console us, O Lord. [00:03]

Look upon the sick and **the** dying, oppressed by loneliness, [00:04]

All: Console us, O Lord. [00:03]

Look upon doctors and health care workers, overwhelmed by fatigue, [00:05]

All: Console us, O Lord. [00:03]

Look upon politicians and administrators, who bear the weight of decisions,
[00:05]

All: Console us, O Lord. [00:03]

GIVE US YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD (Response) [00:04]

In the hour of trial and confusion, [00:04]

All: Give us your Spirit, O Lord. [00:04]

In temptation and in weakness, [00:04]

All: Give us your Spirit, O Lord. [00:04]

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In the battle against evil and sin, [00:04]

All: Give us your Spirit, O Lord. [00:04]

In the search for true good and true joy, [00:04]

All: Give us your Spirit, O Lord. [00:04]

In the decision to remain in You and in Your friendship, [00:04]

All: Give us your Spirit, O Lord. [00:04]

11. Prayer for the Departed Souls

Most Rev. Vincent Aind

Bishop of Bagdogra, West Bengal

From the Tomb of Mother Theresa, Kolkata

Celebrant: Let Us Pray [00:03]

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and grant them eternal rest.

Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. [00:30]

All: Amen. [00:02]

(Announcement: Let us now pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of all who have died of Covid-19 and other illnesses). [00:09]

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. [00:05]

All: And let perpetual light shine upon them. [00:05]

Celebrant: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. [00:08]

All: Amen. [00:02]

**12. Consecration of the Church in India
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Most Rev. Anil Joseph Thomas Couto
Secretary General, CCBI and Archbishop of Delhi
From Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi

(Announcement: Kindly recite together with the celebrant) [00:03]

Celebrant: Heart of Jesus Christ, healer of souls, Beloved Son and Face of the Father's mercy, the pilgrim Church in our beloved motherland India looks to Your open side, its fountain of salvation, and begs You: - in this particular hour of distress, watch over Your Church, inspire the leaders of the nations, listen to the poor and the afflicted, exalt the humble and the oppressed, heal the sick and the sinners, raise up those who are bowed down and disheartened, release captives and prisoners and deliver us from the pandemic which besets us.

Heart of Jesus Christ, healer of souls, the pilgrim Church in our beloved motherland India gazes upon You and we beg You: - in this particular hour of distress, sustain the children, the elderly and the most vulnerable, comfort the physicians, nurses, healthcare professionals and voluntary caregivers, strengthen families and reinforce us in fellowship and solidarity, be the light of the dying, receive the deceased in Your kingdom, turn away all evil from us and deliver us from the pandemic which besets us.

Heart of Jesus Christ, healer of souls and Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the Heart of Your Mother, accept the consecration of Your Church in our beloved motherland India, and deliver us from the pandemic which besets us. By consecrating ourselves to Your Sacred Heart, the symbol of saving love, may we help continue the redemption of all people from the scourge of sin, pain, suffering and the finality of death.

We hereby entrust our country to the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who leads our way to Your Divine Heart. May the Blessed Virgin Mary be the Health of the Sick and the Refuge of Your disciples born at the foot of the Cross of Your love.

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May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to whom we entrust ourselves, stay with us. In this particular hour of distress, receive those who have died, encourage those who consecrate themselves to You and renew the universe and all humankind. [02:30]

All: Amen. [00:02]

13. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrão

President, CCBI and Archbishop of Goa and Daman

From the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Goa (Tomb of St. Francis Xavier)

Prayer of Blessing

Celebrant: Let us Pray [00:02]

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, bless us all with your untiring love, comfort us in our loss and sorrow, gently wipe away every tear from our eyes and lift us up from the depths of our grief.

May the love and the peace of Jesus, Your Son sustain us in hope and may Your Holy Spirit strengthen and console us, until at last we are all reunited with those who went before us. [00:30]

All: Amen. [00:02]

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

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Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. [01:00]

Choir

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Down in adoration falling,

Veneremur cernui:

Lo! the sacred Host we hail,

Et antiquum documentum

Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing

Novo cedat ritui:

Newer rites of grace prevail;

Praestet fides supplementum

Faith for all defects supplying,

Sensuum defectui.

Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque

To the everlasting Father,

Laus et iubilatio,

And the Son Who reigns on high

Salus, honor, virtus quoque

With the Holy Spirit proceeding

Sit et benedictio:

Forth from each eternally,

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Procedenti ab utroque

Be salvation, honor, blessing,

Compar sit laudatio.

Might and endless majesty.

Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

[00:30]

All: Amen [00:02]

14. Concluding Song

From the Basilica of Our Lady of Vailankanni, Tamilnadu

Choir:

Salve Regina - Hail Holy Queen (Latin Song)

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae:

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy:

Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.

Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes

To you we sigh, mourning and weeping

in hac lacrimarum valle.

in this valley of tears.

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Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
Turn then, our advocate,

illos tuos misericordes oculos
those merciful eyes

ad nos converte.
toward us.

Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,

nobis, post hoc exilium ostende.
after our exile, show us.

O clemens: O pia: O dulcis
O clement, O loving, O sweet

Virgo Maria.
Virgin Mary.