

Intercessory Prayers

(After each prayer, the congregation should say, "Lord hear our prayers")

L: We pray for all our bishops, priests, evangelists, Dayara members, Sevini sisters, lay leaders who have been commissioned to lead the church in accordance to the times and needs.

C: Lord hear our prayers.

L: We pray for all the activities of the Yuvajana Sakhyam, especially the social programmes, the youth formation camps, the publications, *Yuvadeepam* and *Ripples*.

C: Lord hear our prayers.

L: We pray for all those who are providing valuable leadership for the Yuvajana Sakhyam: our respected President Bishop, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, the Treasurer, committee members, office workers, and volunteers.

C: Lord hear our prayers

L: We pray for all youths, for those studying and those working and for their respective situations, especially those who are living away from home.

C: Lord hear our prayers

L: We pray for those who are preparing to enter into marital life and for those who are married that God may bless them that they may enjoy the bliss of family life and lead a life of witness.

C: Lord hear our prayers

Closing Prayer

Lord we are weaklings who may falter in our step at any time. Nevertheless, we submit ourselves completely into your hands. Strengthen us O lord. Youth is your gift. Enable us to dedicate our abilities and potentials for your service. Through the Holy Spirit deliver us from mistakes. Guard our eyes from the illusory sights of the world, our minds from the tempting nature of worldly pleasures, our bodies from the allures of worldly comforts. We ask in Jesus' name...**Amen**

MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Youth Sunday

16th October 2011

Worship Order

Approved by the Metropolitan

(Use the book of Selected Hymns and Order of Worship along with this worship order)

Call to Worship

Worship is the time to commit our body, mind and soul in the Lord's presence; a time to listen and acknowledge God's voice; a time of bestowal of God's blessings upon us. Let us come together with unified minds and hearts and stand in reverence before the Lord.

Let's pray silently...(After a moment of silence...)

Hymn

Kauma

Prayer

O God the Creator, the source of all and one who brought them to perfection, your Word has brought life from nothingness, order from chaos, and wholeness from incompleteness. We remember your divine intervention which lent grace to history, and your Will which provided the proper place for all.

God, you who have been our refuge in our weakness and have transformed our limitations into opportunities, strengthen us. Renew our hearts and minds that we may submit the possibilities of our youth as thanks offerings. Help us O Lord to acknowledge you as the substance of our lives and to build our lives on the foundation of your Word. Lord inspire us to be partakers in the passion of Christ and fellow travellers in the path of his suffering. In this world filled with fanciful appearances provide us with a clear and purposeful vision. Enable us to view this world through your eyes. Endow us with the wisdom to formulate new and varied thoughts, styles, words and decisions. In Jesus' name we pray...**Amen.**

Confession of Sins

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."

Let us return to the loving abode of our Father from where we have gone astray. Let us walk back to our Father who is waiting for us with expectant eyes.

(After each prayer, the congregation should say, "Lord, in your mercy, forgive us")

Leader: Lord, though you have gifted us with life and health, we have seldom used our time for worship, study and prayer, but rather have many a time disregarded the opportunities that have passed our way.

Congregation: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

L: Lord, though you have endowed us with the immense capabilities of science and technology and mass media, we have often abused the knowledge and wisdom of information technology and the possibilities of the audio-visual media and have thus corrupted our sights and thoughts.

C: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

L: Lord, though the faith tradition and allegiance towards the church of our forefathers and mothers were instrumental in providing essence to our lives, we have failed to uphold their life of witness and imbibe their fervour for faith in our own lives.

C: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

L: Lord, where we should have been your voice, we have remained silent; where we should have been your arms, we have remained inactive; and even in situations which pained you we have remained aloof.

C: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

L: Lord, though you followed and presented us with a model of service that was founded on humility and inclusiveness, we have often sought for positions and power and have followed unworthy means to achieve those ends.

C: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

(After each prayer, the congregation should say, "We praise you O Lord")

L: For the Mar Thoma Church which is part of the Universal Church, for its gospel-oriented mission, for the inspiration provided by the Reformation, and for all your servants who have led the Church through the ages...

C: We praise you O Lord.

L: For all the individuals who have influenced and motivated the activities of the Yuvajana Sakhyam, who through their witness have been a strength to others, upheld the dignity of the Church and glorified the name of the Lord.

C: We praise you O Lord.

L: For all the General Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Vice-Presidents, treasurers, office staff and volunteers who have given leadership to the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam through the ages, and especially for the dynamic leadership of our beloved bishops who have guided the activities of the Sakhyam through their vision and encouragement...

C: We praise you O Lord.

L: For all the social initiatives, youth formation camps, study classes, Sports and Arts training programmes, musical services and other activities of the Yuvajana Sakhyam...

C: We praise you O Lord.

L: For all the youths who have dedicated themselves for evangelism and pastoral ministry, and for their parents, teachers, parishes, vicars and Sakhyam Sakhas...

C: We praise you O Lord.

Psalm 150