

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)
Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews III Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



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Blessings to the Vicar, Asst. Vicar, Priests of the locality, office bearers and beloved members of all parishes in our Church,

Dearly beloved,

We are writing this Kalpana with a heavy heart. The most devastating and unexpected calamity that ever happened in the history of Kerala has hit the Wayanad District, specially concentrated in places like Mundakai, Chooralmala and Punchirimattam. The devastating landslide that happened during mid night resulted in wiping out a few villages completely. You might have seen the heart breaking scenes of the calamity through the visual media. Every hour the death toll is rising alarmingly. No Christian would sleep peacefully when our brothers and sisters are in suffering and agony. The Metropolitans, Priests and Spiritual organisation members of the Dioceses of Sulthan Bathery and Malabar which are near to the affected area are actively participating in the rescue operations. They are trying to satisfy the immediate needs of food, medicine and clothing for the affected people. We have already requested to donate to the Bank Account of Sulthan Bathery Diocesan Metropolitan for arranging the immediate assistance. The Church has contributed Rs. 5,00,000/- as an emergency assistance.

We now realise that the extend of the devastation is much larger than what we imagined earlier. Therefore, to help the people of Wayanad who are affected with the devastation, the Church is planning a long term rehabilitation project. We would like to build houses at suitable places for those who lost everything in the calamity. The Project for the same has been planned as per the suggestions of our Advisory Committee and in consultation with Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim Metropolitan, the President of the committee designated to offer support in such situations (NARSOC). We wish to construct at least 50 houses costing Rs. 10 lacs each. We expect the generous support of our beloved children of the Holy Church in this project. It would be a welcome move if Parishes, spiritual organisations and individuals could sponsor these houses. The donations from within India should be sent as cheque to the Natural Calamities Fund of the Church or by direct transfer to the account, the details of which are given below. Natural Calamities Fund, Malankara Orthodox Church, Account No.57017053190, IFSC: SBIN0070820. If you make a direct transfer, all details related to the transfer including the name of the Church must be sent via e-mail to catholicateoffice@mosc.in or to the Whatsapp No. 9496938330. The Parishes are requested to collect the amount of those who wish to contribute in cash and send to the Catholicate Office. Donations in Foreign Currencies must be remitted to the FCRA Account of the Church through the respective Diocesan Centres.

Since we have no time to waste, your contributions must be collected under the initiative of Parishes and with the knowledge and cooperation of the Diocesan Metropolitans and sent to us at the earliest.

May the Grace and Blessings of the God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God, the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Yeldo Mar Baselios, Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven.....

Baselios Marthoma Mathews III

On August 02, 2024

From the Catholicate Palace, Kottayam, Kerala