

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The bishop or the priest shall invite the Sunday School Teachers to stand before him and addressing the congregation shall say:

L: Dearly beloved we have gathered here in the presence of God to recognize those who have responded to His call to teach our children the Word of God. As they now dedicate themselves to God to be consecrated as teachers, it is fitting that we the members of this congregation, should with them, consecrate our lives to the work they have been entrusted with and that we should publicly assume the responsibility to support them by our loyalty and prayers, seeking with them the measure of God's grace which may enable them to discharge their responsibilities with faithfulness and godly fear.

The Kauma & Lord's Prayer

Sunday School Teachers' Oath Of Responsibility

(To be said in unison / or after the celebrant)

We, the teachers of the Mar Thoma Church Sunday School, hereby yield ourselves to the ministry of teaching our children the love of God through Jesus Christ. We believe that salvation comes from the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and is for all who believe. We commit ourselves for witnessing the message of this gospel in our daily lives and for faithfully following the commandments of our Lord. We believe that the Word of God, consisting of 66 books, is inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it is the ultimate authority for instruction, correction and guiding our lives. As members of the Mar Thoma Church, we acknowledge the seven sacraments administered by the church, and will adhere to the faith and practices of the Mar Thoma Church. We shall strive to follow Jesus and be examples to our students. We acknowledge that we have professed this before the congregation of believers and acknowledge that we are accountable to them and to God. We ask for the grace of God in this matter in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

L: O Lord our God, look with mercy on your servants who have offered themselves to the service of leading our children to You. Holy Spirit, imprint the words, "Come to Jesus, Bring Every Child to Jesus" on the hearts of these your servants. Kindly lead every teacher to a fuller knowledge of your truth and speak through each one. Let them not depend on their own ability to teach but let them be guided by the Holy Spirit personally to receive Your Word. O Holy Spirit, remind each one of them of his or her responsibility to the church so that they never take the responsibility lightly. Lord we also pray that the students we teach will one day respond to your call to teach the next/coming generation. All this we pray, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

Benediction

Grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.