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Circular of Fr Prior General on The New Syro-Malabar Liturgy of the Hours

Dear Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Prayerful Greetings from CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills!

As it is intimated through the Circular of the Major Archbishop dated 05 February 2023 (Prot. No.0073/2023) revised text of the Syro-Malabar Liturgy of the Hours will come into effect from 19 February 2023, the first Sunday of the Lent for the use of the religious, clergy and faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church. Our communities have been using the canonical prayers prepared by Rev. Fr Abel CMI at the direction of Mar Joseph Cardinal Parecattil, the President of the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference of that time.

The present text is worked out at the direction of the Syro-Malabar Synod of 2014 through a committee consisting of theologians, liturgists and representatives of priests, religious and the laity to revise the existing texts with correct linguistic and liturgical expressions, prayers and hymns. The text was finally approved by the XXX Synod at its Second Session which held from 16 to 25 August 2022. This text of the new Liturgy of the Hours is prepared in such a way that it helps us to reflect on the Word of God as well as to make us come closer to life that is permeated with the Word of God.

Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Fr Abel CMI and we are acquainted with the use of the text of canonical prayers prepared by him that is rich in its content and spirit. However, now we have the new revised Syro-Malabar Liturgy of the Hours promulgated officially for the use by the competent Authority, let me request all our members that as directed by the Major Archbishop of our Syro-Malabar Church, we shall start, from the first Sunday of the Lent, on 19 February 2023 to use them in our community for praying *Ramsa, Leliya and Sapra*.

We shall also encourage the use of the new canonical prayers in all our formation houses including the Aspirants Houses in Kerala. Since the English and Hindi translation of this may take more time, we shall continue to use the existing prayers in English and Hindi in all our houses outside Kerala where they are used now.

Thanking you most sincerely and praying for the blessings of the Lord on each and every member of our Congregation to grow in the love of the Lord and in the zeal to serve God and His people.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Fr Thomas Chathamparampil CMI
Prior General

