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Prayer in Preparation for the Election of the New Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Lord Jesus, we adore you, praise you and glorify you. We acknowledge your providence in constantly guiding our Church, founded by the missionary activity of St. Thomas the Apostle. We thank you for the leadership ministry of all Bishops whom you designated from time to time, especially that of Cardinal George Alencherry.

You told your disciples: “you did not choose me, but I chose you”. Following your example, we now pray to you Lord Jesus, who prayed to the heavenly Father before choosing the Apostles. Bless the Synod of Bishops who will gather to elect the new Major Archbishop to lead the Syro-Malabar Church spread all over the world. Gracious Lord, we pray to you to give us the most suitable person to assume the role of service in the line of succession of St. Thomas, the Apostle.

Holy Mother Mary, you who were present in prayer in the upper room, intercede for us before your beloved son to anoint the Synod with the Holy Spirit. St. Thomas, the Apostle, our Father in faith, the Saints and Blesseds of our Church, pray for us!

1 Our Father. 1 Hail Mary 1 Glory be.

This prayer is to be recited after the celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* in all our churches, religious houses and institutions and after the evening prayers in our houses from 10 December 2023 to 13 January 2024

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