

Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers

Let us be united in prayer and timely action in this time of crisis due to heavy rain and severe flood in Kerala. Our members are spending time in prayer and fasting. Our novices and seminarians are at the Eucharistic Lord in prayer to save our state and people.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of all our members, houses and institutions in Kerala in supporting the rescue operations and relief camps. We have reached out to the affected people by accommodating them in our houses, institutions and churches. Most of our institutions have opened relief camps. The food and water are the main concerns now along with rescuing people. The work can be one only locally and jointly with Government and other agencies for the time being as each area is isolated by water. Our members are actively involved in each area. In many places, we cannot get them connected through telephone.

Thanks to the efforts of Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop of Irinjalakuda, Rev. Fr. Walter Thelappilly CMI, the provincial of Devamatha Province, Mr. B. D. Devassy MLA, Rev. Fr. Paulson Paliekara, Rev. Fr. Saju Edamana for their timely intervention and support in rescuing our members, sisters and staff who were stranded in CSR. Thanks to Rev. Fr. Josen Padikkala for his efforts from the hospital. Despite all our efforts it took more than 12 hours to rescue them.

Still there are many who have got stranded in various places. Let us pray and make our efforts to rescue and take care of people with full generosity.

Let us open all our houses and institutions for relief camps and taking care of their needs in this critical time

May the Lord of the Universe take care of us! Let us be united in prayer and selfless outreach to help out the affected people in Kerala.

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