

Day of Prayer, Fasting and Works of Charity, to implore the Divine to help Humanity in overcoming the Pandemic caused by Coronavirus – 14th May, 2020

DIOCESE OF GALLE

“In compliance with the initiative of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity and the appeal by Pope Francis on 3rd May, 2020, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome invites believers of all religions and people of goodwill to spiritually unite themselves in a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Works of Charity, to implore the Divine to help Humanity in overcoming the Pandemic caused by Coronavirus”

With the guidance of the Bishop of the Diocese of Galle Most Rev. Dr. Raymond Wickramasinghe, I would like to invite all the priests, religious brothers & Sisters and Lay faithful of the diocese to be an active part of this special day of prayer in the diocese of Galle.

1) ONE HOUR PRAYER WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

11.00 am to 12 Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Pray for One Hour
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The Parish priests will expose the Blessed Sacrament and pray for one hour from 11 am to 12 noon. The nearby convent sisters can join for prayer in the parish church. And if the convents are far away from the church, the sisters of the convents will join the one hour prayer from their chapels by exposing the Blessed Sacrament and praying for the whole world. The PP can invite few parishioners to join the prayer service, as it is a day that even the people can join as the curfew have been lifted during the day time. We also earnestly invite other Diocesan Institutions, Religious Communities to join with the diocesan “One Hour of Prayers for Humanity”.

2) RECITING THE HOLY ROSARY AS A DIOCESE

7.00 pm to 7.45 pm	Reciting the Holy Rosary as a Diocese
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Bishop, Priests of the diocese, all the Sisters from their convents, Religious Houses from their Communities will pray the Holy Rosary & Litany from 7 pm to 7.45 pm and the parishioners will join as families from their houses; thus it will be a time of prayer as a diocese and in this way, **WE**, the Diocese of Galle will join with the whole church to pray for the whole humanity. (The priests may inform the leaders of the parish pastoral councils and they will inform their zonal members/ or the PP can send a SMS to his parishioners inviting them to join to Pray the Rosary as a Diocese.)

May God Bless you!

Fr. Damian Arsakularatne
The Diocesan Coordinator of All the Apostolates
10th May, 2020