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Subject: Day of Prayer for Global Crisis of Coronavirus
Organized by: GELC in Chotanagpur and Assam
Date: 9th April 2020 from 6 AM to 6 PM

“Not by Might nor by Power, but by my Spirit; says the Lord Almighty” (Zechariah 4:6)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the Blessed and Resurrected name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the light of public health concern related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic infectious disease all over the world, including India. The honorable Prime Minister of India has issued the directions to entire country to be locked down till April 14, 2020.

In pursuance of the above respective directions, all programs and activities (including church services) under GELC have been suspended which were already notified through various sources.

In the most critical time of uncertainty and fear, we look to the word of our dear Lord which brings assurance, peace and hope. Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God believe also in me” (John 14:1).

I am urging you all to take care of yourselves, take all precautions and continue to nurture your health during these crucial times. I assure that we will be victorious in the days to come as we fight against this deadly virus by God’s grace.

I urge the entire Gossner Family to participate in a day of prayer which will be observed on April 9, 2020 (Thursday) from 6am to 6pm.

During the time when the glorious temple was dedicated the Lord said to Solomon, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive the sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be opened and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place” (2 Chronicles 7:14-15).

Friends, turning to God with sincere heart will bring healing and restoration to the nation. This is the time we need to come together and intercede for one another. We, therefore, invite you and your family for joining in prayer. Please follow some guidelines mentioned below.

With prayers and regards,



Sincerely yours,

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Some guidelines:

- Prayer Day: 9th April 2020 (Thursday): Timing: from 6am to 6pm.
- This is the spiritual warfare therefore let us take it very seriously.
- Those who wish to fast and pray are encouraged.
- Prayer at Home. Each family can spend at least one hour in prayer.
- Have some worship time before you enter into prayer session.
- Conclude with a song, Lord's Prayer and words of blessing.

Prayer points suggested:

1. Prayer for government and world leaders: *Pray that the Lord will bless all those in authority with wisdom and discernment so that they take appropriate decisions which will benefit the humankind. Also pray for the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare to prevent future outbreaks.*
2. Pray that the citizens would follow statutory orders: *Pray that all the citizens will abide by the instructions given by the government and health authorities to remain alert, keeping safe distance, and staying indoor.*
3. Pray for the most affected Countries like Italy, Germany, Iran, Spain, South Korea, China, America, England, East-Asia, India and other countries.
4. Pray for Comfort and Peace: *Pray that the bereaved families who have lost their dear ones.*
5. Pray for the Healing: *Pray for all the people who are affected and especially senior citizens, children and all the vulnerable people who are prone to catch the virus.*
6. Pray for Marginalized and Homeless People: *Pray for all underprivileged people that God may protect them.*
7. Pray for Migrants, Students, Workers: *Pray that God may protect them and provide all the basic needs.*
8. Pray for the Health Care Workers: *Pray for doctors, nurses and para-medic who are laboring day and night.*
9. Pray for Municipal, Gramsabha, and Sanitation Workers: *Pray for the staff, workers and volunteers for the protection against virus.*
10. Pray for Helpers and NGOs: *Pray for the helpers and NGO workers throughout the world.*
11. Pray for Media Agencies: *Pray that they may communicate accurate information.*
12. Christian Leaders: *Pray for Christian leaders that they may exhibit servant leadership.*
13. Christian Community: *Pray that the entire community be a living witness.*



14. For our Families: *Pray that the Lord with watch over our families so that the families bond may be strengthened.*
15. Pray our Church People: *Pray that our church people will be under the shadow of God's presence, grace, mercy and protection.*
16. Pray for our Mission Partners and Friends: *Pray that all our beloved mission partners and friends who are in Germany and other places will be saved under God's wings and shelter.*

Thanking you so much for joining in prayer with us. May God bless you and your family and whole Gossner Family. Amen.



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