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BLESSINGS TO THE PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are all aware that many people throughout Central Texas, particularly in Kerrville, have been gravely affected by the recent floods. Torrential rains and rapidly rising waters have caused widespread devastation, destroying homes, damaging infrastructure, and impacting entire communities. Tragically, hundreds of lives have been lost, and many remain missing. Our hearts remain with those who wait in hope and anguish, still searching for their loved ones. Countless others are facing profound uncertainty and hardship as they begin the long and difficult road to recovery.

In this challenging time, let us remember and take to heart the words that God spoke through the prophet Isaiah: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you" (Isaiah 43:2a). May we find comfort in God's presence and draw strength from His promises as we stand in solidarity with all those impacted by this disaster.

Let us uphold our Christian responsibility to extend a helping hand to our brethren as well as to the wider community during this time of great need. In a spirit of compassion and solidarity, all parishes/congregations are encouraged to set aside time during worship services to earnestly pray for those affected by the devastating floods. Those who wish to offer financial support toward recovery efforts may send their contributions to the Diocesan Office. All funds received will be promptly disbursed through the Southwest Regional Activity Committee (SWRAC) to trusted local agencies providing aid on the ground. Kindly ensure that all contributions reach the Diocesan Office before July 25, 2025.

May God, in His mercy, bring comfort to the afflicted, healing to the brokenhearted, and strength to communities as they move forward. May His peace and presence provide restoration and renewal.

Yours in Christ's Ministry,

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