



Pastoral letter from the Moderator

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Warm Christian Greetings from the Moderator



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we step into this new year, we embrace it with renewed hope and aspirations in Christ. Each year is a fresh opportunity to trust in God's providence, to deepen our faith, and to walk in His light. However, as we begin 2025, we are mindful that the realities surrounding us are not easy.

Our beloved country is going through an increasingly unstable period. The socio-economic and political situations are deteriorating, and many people are struggling with the hardships that come with uncertainty. The burdens of economic crisis, inflation, and political unrest continue to impact lives, causing distress, fear, and frustration among our people. Many families are suffering, especially those who are already vulnerable—daily wage earners, marginalized communities, and those in rural areas who find it difficult to sustain their livelihoods.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are not untouched by these struggles. The Church of Bangladesh continues to feel the impact of these national challenges. Many of our ministries, churches, and programs face difficulties due to the prevailing instability. However, in the midst of these trials, we hold onto the hope that one day, all these turbulent situations will pass, and peace will be restored.

I urge all our brothers and sisters to continue praying for the Church of Bangladesh and for our nation. Your fervent prayers and moral support are essential in this time of trial. As a Church, we must stand together in faith, supporting one another, encouraging each other, and bearing witness to Christ's love in our communities. Let us not lose heart but hold on to the promises of God.

Until then, we must remain steadfast in our faith, trusting in God's guidance and providence.

Despite these challenges, God has been gracious to His Church. I am grateful that, even in this difficult time, the deaneries of the Church of Bangladesh have successfully completed their annual revival meetings. These gatherings have been a great blessing, enabling many congregations to experience spiritual renewal. People have been reminded of the transforming power of God's love and have been encouraged to continue their faith journey with new strength. Such moments of revival serve as a reminder that the Church stands strong, not because of favorable circumstances, but because Christ Himself is our foundation.

Now, as we enter the season of Lent, we are called to deep reflection and renewal. Lent is not merely a ritual; it is a time of repentance, spiritual discipline, and renewal by the Holy Spirit. In this season, we must turn our hearts toward God, seeking His mercy and grace. It is a time to examine our lives, repent for our sins, and walk more faithfully in Christ's footsteps. Jesus Himself fasted for forty days in the wilderness, overcoming trials and temptations. Likewise, as a Church and as individuals, we must strengthen our spiritual discipline and prepare our hearts for the joy of the resurrection.

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In the midst of all uncertainties, let us take courage in the words of the Lord to Joshua:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

May we find strength in these words as we navigate through the challenges before us. May the Lord bless us, keep us, and fill us with His peace and joy.

Yours in Christ,

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