

## PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS

**Heavenly Father,**

We give You praise for Your divine guidance. Turn to us, we pray, in our time of need. Look graciously on Your Church in the Virgin Islands. We are grateful to You for Your goodness to us since the creation of our Diocese. Over the years, You shepherded us through dedicated Pastors.

They helped us grow in unity. They strengthened our spiritual life through the Gospel and Eucharist. Now, more than ever, we come to You in praise and thanksgiving as we pray for vocations and seek leaders inspired by You.

As we thank You for blessing us with priests, we look ahead and pray that You turn Your ear to us during this time of expectations. Among our many and various needs, we pray that You grant us a bishop that will continue to shepherd us in ways pleasing to Your designs. We long for a bishop that will love your people and continue to minister to all the souls entrusted to his care.

Dear Lord, we pray that You watch over our priests, religious and the laity. Unite and inspire them to work together in order to advance the work of Evangelization in our territory.

We join our voices with the psalmist and say: “Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord”. (Ps 118:26). Yes Lord, may Your blessings dwell upon Your choice and empower him for his new mission.

May Your will be done, Father, in the Virgin Islands and let all Your people praise Your Holy Name, now and forever. Amen.

*Mary, Queen of the Apostles ... Pray for us.*

*Saints Peter and Paul ... Pray for us.*

*All the Saints of God ... Pray for us*