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(SECAM) CONCERN FOR THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE**

“The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well” (Gaudium et Spes no. 1)

We, members of the SECAM Standing Committee, meeting in Nairobi, Kenya from March 4. -7, 2020 have noted with concern the growing number of cases of Corona virus infection in Africa and the rest of the world. We express our sympathy for and solidarity with those who are infected and affected by this strange epidemic and pray that an effective and affordable treatment of this disease may soon be found. In the meantime, we strongly urge our people to adopt the highest level of preventive measures to curb the spread of this disease.

Finally we encourage all the faithful to meticulously follow the instructions given by the Civil and Ecclesiastical authorities regarding the virus. We also ask that they pray for those infected and affected by this disease and for a quick end to the scourge of the Corona virus.

We suggest the following Prayer for the end of the Virus

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation
We come before you asking for a quick control of the Corona Virus currently ravaging our world
Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world
Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families
We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found
We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people
Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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