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Onam Must Be a Celebration of Unity: KCBC

Kochi: In a joint message, the President of the KCBC, Archbishop Varghese Chakkalakal, Vice-President Bishop Samuel Mar Irenios, and Secretary-General Archbishop Thomas Tharayil expressed their wishes that the Onam celebrations—a symbol of Kerala's cultural heritage and unity—bring peace, prosperity, and togetherness.

They stated that Onam festivities should serve as an occasion to share and foster human brotherhood, unity, love, peace, goodness, and patriotism, transcending religious and communal considerations. In their message of greetings, they observed that stories shape human culture and that the story of Onam represents one such uplifting narrative. They added that the legend of King Mahabali, which inspires people to dream of a better tomorrow free from falsehood and deceit, remains relevant for all times.

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