

**2023 WORLD
MISSION SUNDAY**
October 22

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on fire,
feet on
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Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders, Staff, Parishioners, ...

As many of you are aware, October is “Mission Month” in the Catholic Church, and one of the many great missionary activities included in that is the celebration of World Mission Sunday. This year, the 97th annual World Mission Sunday collection will take place the weekend of October 21st/22nd, 2023. Through the work of our Mission Office/Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the World Mission Sunday celebration and collection connects us with the loving work of missionaries throughout the world as well as encounters taking place here in our own diocese. It is the combination of these encounters happening each and every day that mark us as true Christian disciples, true Missionary Disciples! This year’s theme is “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”. As always, World Mission Sunday funds will go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a world-wide Catholic network of mission cooperation, which enables the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach some of the most marginalized of our brothers and sisters on all ends of the earth. As Catholics, this is our opportunity to collectively combine our resources to carry out our baptismal call as missionary disciples. Your generous contributions will help train teachers and catechists to proclaim their faith and educate others, as well as help build churches and chapels in mission stations and dioceses for people to worship, hear God’s word and receive the sacraments. We invite you and your parishes, schools, youth groups and faith formation classes to remember that we are all called to support missionary efforts with our prayers, our words, our sacrifices and our actions this World Mission Sunday and always. Thank you for joining in the many ways we unite with our brothers and sisters both near and far!

World Mission Sunday Resources

Once again, we are happy to share with you several resources to help inform your communities about World Mission Sunday and encourage their participation in it. Enclosed in the mailed packet are two World Mission Sunday posters; and the World Mission Rosary poster; please let us know if you would like additional copies. In addition, you can also find several resources available for download on the Mission Office website at www.stcloudmissionoffice.com. This year’s parish resource packet includes: 1.) Sample bulletin and Mass announcements; 2.) Pope Francis’s message for World Mission Sunday 2023; 3.) Liturgical planning suggestions; 4.) Alternative prayers from the Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples, in both English and Spanish; 5.) a 1/2 page insert for parish bulletins; 6.) a World Mission Rosary poster and information card; 7.) World Mission Sunday posters in both English and Spanish.

An email has gone out as well to all parishes with this packet of resources for yet another method of easy access as you promote World Mission Sunday within your communities.

A reminder that we ask that you send contributions received in the World Mission Sunday collection to the Mission Office (11 - 8th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN. 56301) in check form by December 15th, as these funds are sent to the National Office immediately in the new calendar year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the Mission Office (320- 251-1100) if you have questions. And don’t forget to watch for the special mission supplement in the Central Minnesota Catholic, which will include stories of missionary encounters throughout our diocese and world. With gratitude for all you do in your faith communities to support, promote and encourage participation in the many on-going mission activities in our diocese and building-up the Body of Christ in our world!

Blessings and peace always,

Letter from the Director

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Spread the Good News!

Bulletin announcements and announcements before or after Masses are a great way to help parishioners be aware of and prepare for the upcoming celebration of World Mission Sunday, as well as a great way to thank them for their ongoing support of mission. This year's World Mission Sunday theme is *"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move."* Please share the following sample announcements with your community as you encourage them and thank them for the ways in which they act as Christ's hands, feet and hearts of mercy throughout the world. For additional bulletin art or information, contact us at the Mission Office or visit our website: www.stcloudmissionoffice.com
A special $\frac{1}{2}$ page insert can be found among these resources for use in parish bulletins or newsletters. The Pope's message for World Mission Sunday also makes a great bulletin insert or resource for a homily or bulletin cover, etc. Please utilize any and all of these resources you see fit for informing and inspiring parishioners this World Mission Sunday!

Weekend(s) Before World Mission Sunday

The weekend of October 21st/22nd we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call saying, *"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move."* We act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is still needed most. Envelopes are available in your monthly packets or as your Sunday collection. All funds collected on World Mission Sunday support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,111 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society directed by Pope Francis and administered by the local St. Cloud Mission Office. Please plan to give generously. For more information on the mission needs of our world and mission activities of our diocese, visit: www.stcloudmissionoffice.com

On World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day when we celebrate responding to the call to Mission with the words, *"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move."* Our prayers and sacrificial gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the St. Cloud Mission Office support the efforts of clergy, religious and lay missionaries striving to act upon the call to love and serve as Christ around the world, as they offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to communities, children and families in need in 180 countries primarily throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. If you forgot your World Mission Sunday envelope, you can send it to the parish office or directly to the St. Cloud Mission Office at: 11—8th Avenue So., St. Cloud MN 56301. Thank you for your prayers and support for mission today!

Weekend Following World Mission Sunday

Thank you to all who put their faith into action by responding so generously on World Mission Sunday! Our parish raised \$_____ for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies and the needs of the Catholic Church around the world. Your solidarity and love for our global brothers and sisters makes a huge difference!

Parish Announcements

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Dear brothers and sisters!

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

1. *Our hearts burned within us "when he explained the Scriptures to us". In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.*

On the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the hearts of the two disciples were downcast, as shown by their dejected faces, because of the death of Jesus, in whom they had believed (cf. v. 17). Faced with the failure of the crucified Master, their hopes that he was the Messiah collapsed (cf. v. 21).

Then, "as they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them" (v. 15). As when he first called the disciples, so now, amid their bewilderment, the Lord takes the initiative; he approaches them and walks alongside them. So too, in his great mercy, he never tires of being with us, despite all our failings, doubts, weaknesses, and the dismay and pessimism that make us become "foolish and slow of heart" (v. 25), men and women of little faith.

Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, "let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!" ([Evangelii Gaudium](#), 86). The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, "useless servants" (cf. [Lk 17:10](#)).

I desire to express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring any kind of hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelization in distant lands. Not every day of our lives is serene and unclouded, but let us never forget the words of the Lord Jesus to his friends before his Passion: "In the world you will have tribulations, but be courageous: I have conquered the world!" ([Jn 16:33](#)).

After listening to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the risen Jesus, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" ([Lk 24:27](#)). The hearts of the disciples thrilled, as they later confided to each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (v. 32). Jesus is himself the living Word, who alone can make our hearts burn within us, as he enlightens and transforms them.

In this way, we can better understand Saint Jerome's dictum that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" ([Commentary on Isaiah](#), Prologue). "Without the Lord to introduce us, it is impossible to understand sacred Scripture in depth; yet the opposite is equally true: without sacred Scripture, the events of Jesus' mission and of his Church in the world remain indecipherable" ([Aperuit Illis](#), 1). It follows that knowledge of Scripture is important for the Christian life, and even more so for the preaching of Christ and his Gospel. Otherwise, what are you passing on to others if not your own ideas and projects? A cold heart can never make other hearts burn!

So let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he

make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit.

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2. Our eyes were “opened and recognized him” in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.

The fact that their hearts burned for the word of God prompted the disciples of Emmaus to ask the mysterious Wayfarer to stay with them as evening drew near. When they gathered around the table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him when he broke the bread. The decisive element that opened the eyes of the disciples was the sequence of actions performed by Jesus: he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Those were the usual gestures of the head of a Jewish household, but, performed by Jesus Christ with the grace of the Holy Spirit, they renewed for his two table companions the sign of the multiplication of the loaves and above all that of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the sacrifice of the cross. Yet at the very moment when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, “he vanished from their sight” (Lk 24:31). Here we can recognize an essential reality of our faith: Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world.

Here it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission *par excellence*, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: “We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: ‘An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church’” ([Sacramentum Caritatis](#), 84).

In order to bear fruit we must remain united to Jesus (cf. Jn 15:4-9). This union is achieved through daily prayer, particularly in Eucharistic adoration, as we remain in silence in the presence of the Lord, who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. By lovingly cultivating this communion with Christ, the missionary disciple can become a mystic in action. May our hearts always yearn for the company of Jesus, echoing the ardent plea of the two disciples of Emmaus, especially in the evening hours: “Stay with us, Lord!” (cf. Lk 24:29).

3. Our feet set out on the way, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. The eternal youth of a Church that is always going forth.

After their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus “in the breaking of the bread”, the disciples “set out without delay and returned to Jerusalem” (cf. Lk 24:33). This setting out in haste, to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord, demonstrates that “the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by him are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn” ([Evangelii Gaudium](#), 1). One cannot truly encounter the risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him. Therefore, the primary and principal resource of the mission are those persons who have come to know the risen Christ in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, who carry his fire in their heart and his light in their gaze. They can bear witness to the life that never dies, even in the most difficult of situations and in the darkest of moments.

The image of “feet setting out” reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that “everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet” ([Evangelii Gaudium](#), 14). Missionary conversion remains the principal goal that we must set for ourselves as individuals and as a community, because “missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity*” ([ibid.](#), 15).

As the Apostle Paul confirms, the love of Christ captivates and impels us (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). This love is two-fold: the love of Christ for us, which calls forth, inspires and arouses our love for him. A love that makes the Church, in constantly setting out anew, ever young. For all her members are entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, in the conviction that “he died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again” (v. 15). All of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness. *The Pontifical Mission Societies* are the privileged means of fostering this missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. For this reason, the collection taken on World Mission Sunday is devoted to the *Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

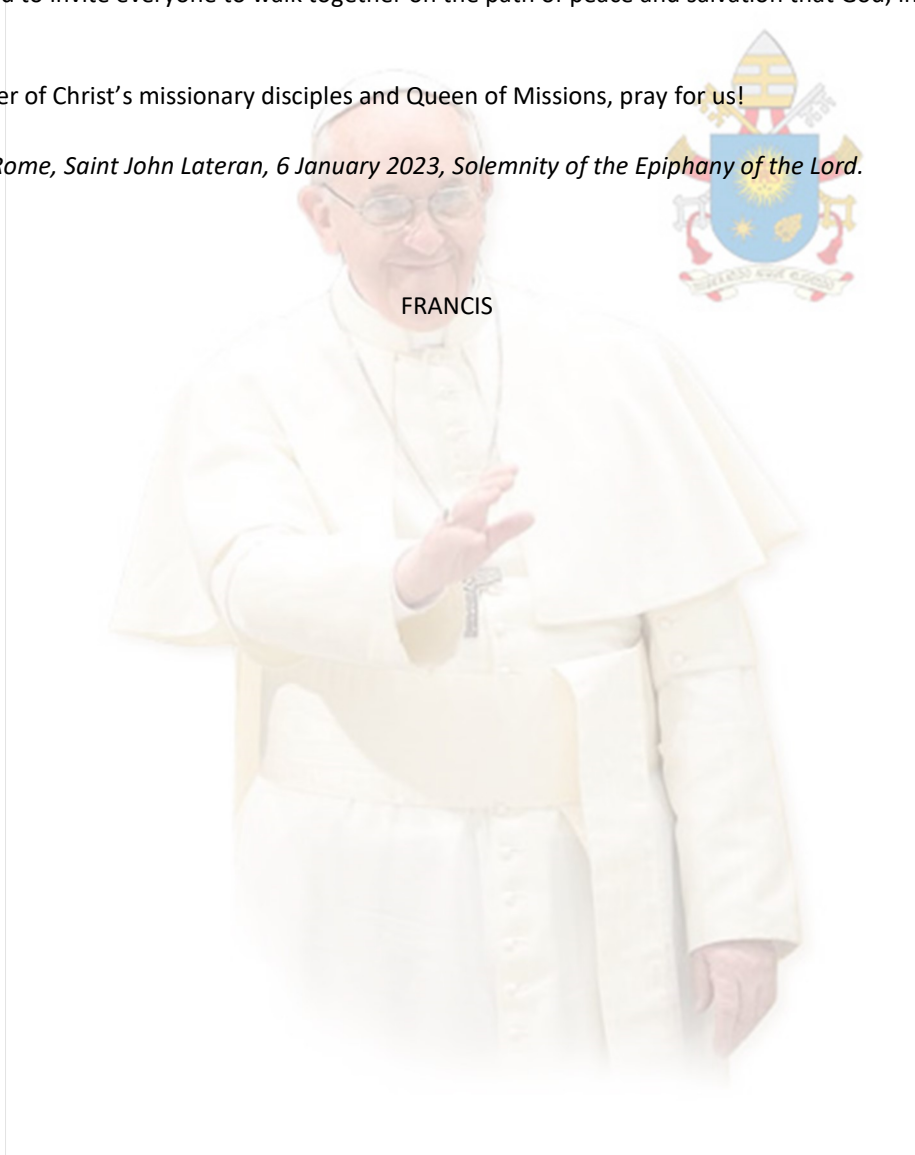
The urgency of the Church's missionary activity naturally calls for an ever closer missionary cooperation on the part of all her members and at every level. This is an essential goal of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken, guided by the key words: *communion, participation, mission*. This journey is certainly not a turning of the Church in upon herself; nor is it a referendum about what we ought to believe and practice, nor a matter of human preferences. Rather, it is a process of setting out on the way and, like the disciples of Emmaus, listening to the risen Lord. For he always comes among us to explain the meaning of the Scriptures and to break bread for us, so that we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, carry out his mission in the world.

Just as the two disciples of Emmaus told the others what had taken place along the way (cf. *Lk 24:35*), so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives.

So let us set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ's missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2023, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.



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Celebrate Mission in your Parish

World Mission Sunday is not just about a collection! It is also a great way for we, the Catholic faithful, to recognize our common call through Baptism to be united with one another—in our parishes, communities and across the globe! World Mission Sunday can help us on our pilgrim journey towards this unity through incorporating elements of celebration, of global awareness, and of prayer as well as sacrifice for the most vulnerable of our world. There is no better time and place for all these elements to come together than around the Eucharistic table! **We therefore invite you to mark this 97th anniversary of World Mission Sunday with special mission emphasis placed in your parish liturgies.** Below are just a few of the many ways you can help your parish proclaim and celebrate the world-wide unity we share in the Eucharist and the call to mission we share in our one baptism.

1.) Start with the Scriptures

The readings for this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that we are called by God to bring his love to others. Let us remember that as we are called to proclaim God's glory, and invite others to praise his name.

- *Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6*
- *Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10*
- *1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b*
- *Matthew 22: 15-21*

*Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous
deeds. (Psalm 96 : 1-3)*

2.) Share Mission Stories

As you break open the Scriptures on World Mission Sunday, consider how this year's theme ("*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move*") is present in your community. With the many mission connections in our parishes and diocese, it is easy to find those who have been involved in mission near and far, who have incredible heartfelt stories of faith and solidarity to share. Use them! There is nothing as powerful as first-hand stories! So if you yourself do not have mission experience, please consider inviting those who do. Possible speakers could include:

- A returned long-term missionary or global volunteer, or someone serving in our diocese (such as an international priest or religious)
- Parishioners who have participated in diocesan delegations to our partner dioceses in Kenya or Venezuela, or who have participated in other short-term mission trips
- Someone from the area who is of another culture, perhaps a refugee, immigrant or international student
- A member of the diocese's Mission Speakers Bureau (contact the Mission Office) to share their mission experiences, current missiology

Whether it's at Mass on World Mission Sunday, in your Faith Formation programs, or at a special parish event, these missionaries and their stories will certainly enhance your celebration and parish life!

3.) Include Other Languages

Another great way to celebrate the beauty of diversity is through use of language. The language we use shapes how we think and act; and the use of multiple languages

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can do the same, bringing with it an awareness and appreciation for the global nature of our faith. Whether or not you have multi-lingual communities, consider adding this element to your liturgy to help call to mind our brothers and sisters sharing the same prayers of the Mass.

Ways to incorporate other languages include, but aren't limited to:

- Reading the Prayers of the Faithful in varying languages, or having the response be in another language (note: OCP Publications has a Multi-lingual sung response for petitions from the Mass of Spirit and Grace setting)
- If your parish has projection capabilities, consider projecting and saying the Lord's Prayer in another language
- At the Sign of Peace, have the word "Peace" projected in multiple other languages
- Have printed prayer cards of the Lord's Prayer or "Peace" (or another important prayer or word to your community) available either in the pews or after Mass, offering a great take-home reminder to continue praying for unity and the mission of our universal church



4.) Join in Prayers for the World

Perhaps the most important way to help call to mind mission is through special prayers. Prayers from the *Mass for the Evangelization of the Peoples* are available for you (in English and Spanish) on subsequent pages of this resource packet.

And at the very least, please consider incorporating the sample Prayers of the Faithful from this Mass into your petitions on World Mission Sunday; additional mission petitions are available from the Mission Office as well.

5.) Use Visuals

The environment can add a lot to a celebration. Doing so on World Mission Sunday will not only enhance your worship space, but can physically show your unity with other cultures and peoples by including them and their symbols in your liturgy. Examples could include:

- Using cultural cloths or vestments (hanging banners, Altar or ambo cloths, priest vestments/stoles, etc.)
- Using cultural statues, icons or images (ie. Our Lady of Czestochowa or Guadalupe or African Madonna; Black Christ, cultural statues or crosses; etc.)
- Displays in the narthex with photos from other countries or mission trips, globes, world maps (perhaps with stickers or pins for people to mark places they have been or come from around the world), sculptures or icons of unity, mission documents, information from the Mission Office, World Mission Rosaries, and more!

6.) Share Early

Mission stories and these other ways of sharing the message of global solidarity are important to have as part of your World Mission Sunday liturgy, but are equally as valuable to share *prior* to this day as you gain inspiration and understanding of the work of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith and missionaries across the world. Prepare your community throughout Mission Month (October) by using bulletin and Mass announcements, having displays, incorporating mission into your school and faith formation programs, or utilizing other resources from the Mission Office.

"May God who called you to be in mission, send you out to be witnesses of his love for people of every nation in our world. May almighty God bless you, + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

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Opening Prayer:

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all the nations, So that Christ's saving work may continue to the end of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of the faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Jesus calls us to go to all nations, to proclaim His Gospel and to build His Church. On this World Mission Sunday, as all local churches unite in prayer and sacrifice at the Table of the Lord, we ask God's blessing that, through our prayers and offerings, the "Good News" of Jesus may be proclaimed to all the world.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, first missionary of the Church, and for all missionaries who give their lives to tell the glory of the Lord to the world, that they may be loving, wise and holy witnesses of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations, that they may be committed to justice for all peoples and dedicated to building a world at peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill or who live in spiritual loneliness, that they may unite their sufferings with the Crucified Christ for the redemption of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an increase in our own missionary spirit, so that, nourished by the Eucharist, we may help the message and love of our Lord be made known in every corner of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[Parish intentions for the sick and for those who have died, and others as appropriate]

Lord, hear our prayer.

God our Father, You bless us with the gift of faith. Increase our faith as we answer the call to take part in the worldwide mission of Your Son, building Your Church and loving our neighbor. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world.

Amen.

Prayer Over the Gifts:

*May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world. **Through Christ our Lord.***

Prayer After Communion:

*May our participation at Your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of Your Church That all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by Your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Through Christ our Lord.***

Final Blessing:

*May Your grace and love be upon us, O Lord as we place all our hope in You. **Amen.***

*May Your grace and love be upon us, O Lord, as we go out to be Your missionaries in our world. **Amen.***

*May Your grace and love be upon us, O Lord, and may we be blessed in the presence of one another. **Amen.***

May Your grace and love be upon us, O Lord, as we go out

*+ in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

Prayers

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Oración de colecta:

Oh Dios, que quieres que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad, mira tú inmensa mies y envíale operarios, para que sea predicado el Evangelio a toda criatura, y tu grey, congregada por la palabra de vida y sostenida por la fuerza de los sacramentos, camine por las sendas de la salvación y del amor. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Oraciones de los Fieles:

Hoy se nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra relación personal con Cristo y cómo compartimos el Evangelio en oración y acción. Estamos conscientes también de todos los misioneros alrededor del mundo que sacrifican sus vidas para servir a los más necesitados. Que el Espíritu Santo habite en ellos y en nosotros mientras oramos por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo.

Por el Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Que sea fortalecido y sostenido en su liderazgo y de testimonio de la misión salvífica de Jesús al mundo, roguemos al Señor.

Te lo pedimos, Señor.

Por los líderes de las naciones, que siempre puedan poner las necesidades del pueblo primero, roguemos al Señor.

Te lo pedimos, Señor.

Por los líderes de la Iglesia, que los responsables de las Iglesias locales tengan constante vigilancia para la formación de los catequistas, los profesores y los laicos comprometidos al servicio del Evangelio, roguemos al Señor.

Te lo pedimos, Señor.

Por todos los fieles viviendo su llamado a la misión. Que la celebración del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones haga consciente a todos los cristianos que no son sólo receptores sino también anunciadores de la Palabra de Dios, roguemos al Señor.

Te lo pedimos, Señor.

Oh Dios, todo poderoso y amoroso, al reflexionar sobre nuestra relación personal con Cristo y la presencia de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas, que sigamos actuando cada día más semejantes a Cristo en la fe y sencillez y ayudemos a compartir la presencia del amor de Dios con los desesperados alrededor del mundo donde las personas son esclavizadas en muchas maneras, física y espiritualmente. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amen.**

Oración sobre las ofrendas:

Mira, Señor, el rostro de tu Cristo, que se entregó a la muerte para redimirnos a todos; y haz que por su mediación sea glorificado tu nombre en las naciones desde donde sale el sol hasta el ocaso, y se ofrezca en todo el mundo un mismo sacrificio a tu divina Majestad, Por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Oración después de comunión:

Fortalecidos, Señor, por el banquete de nuestra redención, te pedimos que por este auxilio de salvación eterna, crezca sin cesar en el mundo la fe verdadera. Por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Bendición final:

Que tu amor esté con nosotros, O Señor, ponemos toda nuestra esperanza en ti. **Amen.**

Que tu amor esté con nosotros, O Señor, al ser Tus misioneros en nuestro mundo. **Amen.**

Que tu amor esté con nosotros, O Señor, y que podamos ser bendecidos unos a otros. **Amen.**

Que tu amor esté con nosotros, O Señor, a medida que avanzamos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. **Amen.**

Oraciones



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What is World Mission Sunday?

Every year, Catholic parishes around the world are asked to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This day honors our call as baptized Catholics to be missionary disciples, and invites us to remember as we gather around the Eucharistic table the countless brothers and sisters across the globe who are doing the same, all of us united in Holy Communion through Christ's sacrificial love. We also find unity through our own loving sacrifice of prayer and financial giving on this day for those others most in need throughout the universal church.

You Shall Be My Witnesses....

In his message for this year's 97th World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church is Missionary by nature: **You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).**

World Mission Sunday celebrates the missionary nature of our faith, that which sets us apart from other agencies of good work – that we are *universal*, we are a people of unity, we are the *living sign* of Christ's heart in our world today, following the example set before us for over 2000 years!

What Happens to my World Mission Sunday donation?

When you place \$50 (or \$5 or \$500) in your World Mission Sunday envelope, your parish sends your offering, along with those of fellow parishioners, to our Mission Office, which serves as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies charged with sharing resources with those Catholic dioceses around the world most in need.

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2023 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
October 22

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

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You Shall Be My Witnesses....

In his message for this year's 97th World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church is Missionary by nature: **You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).**

World Mission Sunday celebrates the missionary nature of our faith, that which sets us apart from other agencies of good work – that we are *universal*, we are a people of unity, we are the *living sign* of Christ's heart in our world today, following the example set before us for over 2000 years!

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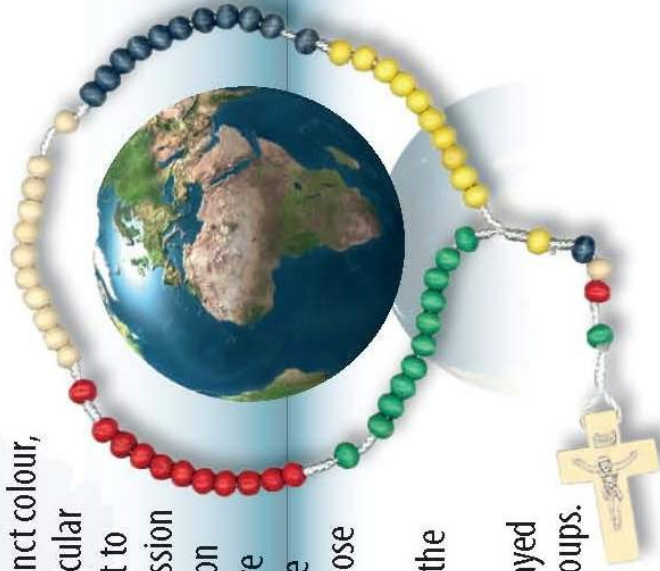
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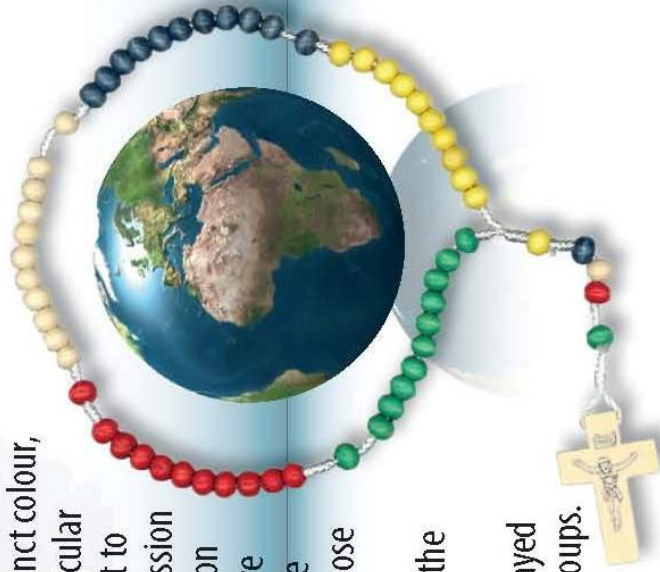
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