



**24 October 2021  
MISSION SUNDAY**



### **INTRODUCTION:**

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). To be ‘in a state of mission’ is a reflection of gratitude towards the encounter with Jesus Christ. The first Christians turned problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. In these days of pandemic, there is urgent need for the mission of compassion to overcome the worst kind of skepticism: ‘Nothing changes, everything stays the same.’ There is an urgent need for missionaries of hope: It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard. Christians “cannot but speak” because they had a full and definitive encounter so that their mission becomes irrepressible.

### **READINGS:**

First Reading: Jer 31:7-9  
Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** On this World Mission Sunday, “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard!” We remember Jesus’ call to go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. We ask God’s blessing that, through our self-giving and speaking about our faith, the “Good News” of Jesus may be proclaimed to all nations and peoples.

**Response:** Lord, hear our Prayer

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

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..

For an increase in our own missionary spirit, that we may be fervent in our faith and in experiencing the power of God’s love, that we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard with the entire world....Let us pray to the Lord...

For those who are ill or who live in spiritual loneliness, especially as we recover from the pandemic, that they may unite their sufferings with the Crucified Christ for the redemption of the world... Let us pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** God our Father, You bless us with the gift of faith. Increase our faith – and give us courage to speak about it and share it to the ends of the earth – as we answer our baptismal call to take part in the worldwide mission of Jesus. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the World. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:**

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.