



**23 October 2022
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This celebration of Mission Sunday deeply concerns all of us, for mission is the task given to all. The words of Jesus, “You shall be my witnesses” in Acts 1:8, remind us that Church is missionary by nature. At this Eucharist today, we are challenged to make each day of our life, a day of mission, and not just one more ordinary day of the year, for I am a mission / you are a mission / the Church is a mission.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Cel: As members of the mystical Body of Christ, we support each other in prayer, as we raise our hearts and minds to God on this World Mission Sunday.

Your response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church - for the accomplishment of her mission in the World: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, the ministers of the Church and all those who lead the various missionary offices, may guide the People of God in compassion, mercy, and empathy. That, as we Journey towards the Synod, all our missionary initiatives may transform her as the Church for the poor and of the poor, with shared responsibility. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all our missionaries who have laid down their lives for the faith: That their missionary zeal, be rewarded in the heavenly kingdom. May they, whilenow enjoying the beatific vision of the Risen Christ, be our intercessors. Let us pray to the Lord.

For missionaries, men and women of unwavering faith, who have left their homeland to bear witness to the Gospel in various parts of the world, That the Lord may always be with them, specially, when faced with threats from fundamentalism, communalism, hatred and violence. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For all Christians that they may have a sense of mission wherever they are. That they may strive to make this world a better place - free of injustice, poverty and selfishness. Let us pray to the Lord.

We now pray for our personal intentions [pause] Our Response ...

Cel: God our Father, receive our prayers and accept our thanksgiving for being with us in our mission journeys. We pray that we fulfil your desire “that all may be one” persevering in hope. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

(After Communion)

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He commissioned His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations” and you remind us that through our Baptism, we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

--Pontifical Mission Organization, India.

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