



20 October 2024
World Mission Sunday



Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This celebration is a call to mobilise faith, resources, and action in introducing the Gospel to our brothers and sisters across the world. The theme Pope Francis chose for this year's Mission Sunday is, "*Go and invite everyone to the banquet,*" inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet in Mt 22:9. This theme calls us to reach out and welcome all, to the feast of God's love, echoing the inclusivity and urgency of the king's invitation. Let us pray for the Universal Mission of the Church, and show our solidarity by sharing our resources.

Readings:

First Reading: Is 53: 10-11
Psalm: Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20&22
Second Reading: Heb 4: 14-16
Gospel: Mk 10: 35- 45

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

On this World Mission Sunday, we unite with the whole Catholic Church in praying for the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all nations.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Pope Francis, and all leaders of the Catholic Church: may they be given the strength to follow the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For missionaries, especially those working in places of danger and persecution: may they find the courage and wisdom to witness to the Gospel of peace and justice. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For our parish community: That we may open our hearts to the needs of the missions and respond generously on this World Mission Sunday. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For the Synod on Synodality: That the Church may grow in unity and shared mission through the insights and guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For those who suffer through poverty, violence, and oppression: may the power of the Gospel heal division, dispel the darkness of ignorance, and bring hope to those who despair. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant:

Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son and the call to share His love with the world. Hear our prayers and help us to be faithful witnesses of Your mercy and grace. We ask this through 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