Celebrant

On this World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we remember Jesus’ call to go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. We ask God’s blessing that, through our self-giving, the “Good News” of Jesus may be proclaimed to all nations and peoples.

Lector

For a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, Who is alive in the Church, that the Holy Spirit will guide our catechetical formation for mission, and that our love for the Church’s mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people ‘grow ever stronger,’ let us pray to the Lord.

For our 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, especially martyred Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, a voice for the indigenous peoples of the Amazon and a faithful servant of the Gospel, that they may be loving, wise and holy witnesses of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

For the witness of missionary saints, especially patroness St. Thérèse of Lisieux and patron St. Francis Xavier, that they may intercede for the fervent missionary spirit of the faithful of our Universal Church, both nearby and far away, let us pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of nations, that they may be committed to justice for all peoples - especially indigenous peoples and those persecuted for their faith, that our leaders may also be dedicated to preserving our common home and building a world at peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For an increase in missionary charity, that our spiritual and financial sacrifices may help the message and love of our Lord be made known to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

[Parish intentions for the sick and for those who have died]

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God our Father, you bless us with the gift of faith. Increase our faith 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.