

We believe that the Kingdom of God is near, that it is present among us. Let us give thanks with the whole Church:

* We bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, For you have called us to Life.

May our praise rise up to You by your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* Thank you Lord, so that your Holy Spirit may help grow in us everyday the Passion for Christ and for humanity.

Lord our God, grant us the grace to work intensively for justice and for peace in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters and all the men and women of Good Will.

Personal Prayer
Our Father

**Prayer for the extraordinary mission month
October 2019**

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, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

With Mary

You, Mary, Immaculate Virgin, who have revealed your name to Saint Bernadette, listen to our prayer for all the sick, for those of our families and for those of our communities, for those who are alone and for those who are forgotten.

You, the Virgin of listening and of contemplation, Mother of Love, intercede for the Church, never to be closed up in herself and never stops in her passion to establish the Kingdom. Amen!



Magnificat and final blessing

On the way towards
the month extraordinary
missionary - October 2019



PRAYER
FEBRUARY 2019

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!



We start our prayer with a thanksgiving Hymn to the Lord who calls us and sends us.

Soloist : "Go to all the Nations, and create disciples".

Together: Lord, may your Word revive our faith.

Soloist : "Baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

Together: Lord, may your Word be spread all over the earth.

Soloist : "Teach them to observe all that I have prescribed to you".

Together: Lord, may your Word make us faithful and generous missionaries.



Hymn

The Joy of the Gospel...a missionary joy

From The Joy of the Gospel n°20

The Word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in Him "to go forth". Abraham received the call to set out for a new land. Moses heard God's call "Go, I send you, and lead the people towards the promised land". To Jeremiah God says: "To all whom I send you, go and make disciples". It echoes in the changing scenarios and the ever new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization. All of us are called to take part in the new missionary "going forth".



Hymn

Each Christian and every community must discern the path identified by the Lord, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfortable zone in order to reach the peripheries in need of the light of the gospel.

Psalm 146

Antiphon: "It is only Jesus Christ who we have followed, it is only He who we always want to follow" St Jeanne-Antide

Praise the Lord, my soul!
I mean to praise the Lord all my life,
I mean to sing to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in men in power,
Or in any mortal man- he cannot save,
He yields his breath and goes back to the earth
he came from.
And on that day all his schemes perish.

Happy the man, who has the God of Jacob to help him,
Whose hope is fixed on the Lord his God,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And the sea, and all that these hold!

The Lord, forever faithful,
Gives justice to those denied it,
Gives food to the hungry;
Gives liberty to prisoners.

The Lord restores sight to the blind,
The Lord straightens the bent,
The Lord protects the stranger,
He keeps the orphan and widow.

The Lord loves the virtuous
and frustrates the wicked.
The Lord reigns forever,
You're God, Zion, from age to age.

From The Joy of the Gospel n°21

"This joy is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed and is bearing fruit. Yet the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward to sow the good seed, remains ever present."



Make me a pilgrim, Lord Jesus, You who made me,
You who displaced yourself so long from your Father,
to come and set up your tent among us.
You who by chance was born for a voyage and have travelled
all the routes, that of exile, pilgrimages and preaching:
Liberate me away from my egoism and from my comfort:
make me a pilgrim.

Lord Jesus, you often took the path on the mountain side
To seek silence and find the Father;
To teach your apostles to proclaim the Beatitudes;
And finally to offer your sacrifice,
to send your disciples and return to the Father;
Attract me to the heights:
make me a pilgrim on the mountain.

I am tempted to live in tranquillity while You are
continually asking me to risk my life like Abraham.
I am tempted to settle down peacefully
and You are asking me to set out, full of hope:
towards You, the highest in the glory of the Father.

Lord, you who created me through love and to love,
help me to walk towards You
with all my life, with all my brothers, with all creation,
with daring and adoration Amen! (Père Hyacinthe Volluz)

The Joy of the Gospel ... Good News for everyone

From The Joy of the Gospel n°23

In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, the poor and the little ones who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people"

From the Gospel of St Luke .10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, our peace will go and rest on him, if not, it will come back to you. Cure those in it who are sick. Si è avvicinato a voi il regno di Dio".



Refrain