

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

### Opening prayer

God, who sent the true light into this world by giving your own Son, don't stop communicating to men your Spirit, the carrier of the seeds of truth; may he spread them into the heart of each person to arouse their faith and make possible for all of them to reborn from the same baptism and become a single nation within Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### The Liturgy of the Word of God

#### First reading

##### A reading from the book of *Isaiah* (56: 1. 6-7)

Thus says Yahweh: Make fair judgement your concern, act with justice, for soon my salvation will come and my saving justice be manifest. As for foreigners who adhere to Yahweh to serve him, to love Yahweh's name and become his servants, all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant: these I shall lead to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

– **Thanks be to God**

#### Psalm 66 (65)

**Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer, nor his own faithful love from me.**

Acclaim God, all the earth,  
sing psalms to the glory of his name,  
glorify him with your praises,  
say to God, 'How awesome you are!

Come and see the marvels of God,  
his awesome deeds for the children of Adam:  
he changed the sea into dry land,  
they crossed the river on foot.

Nations, bless our God,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;  
he brings us to life  
and keeps our feet from stumbling.

*(We can also listen to a meditative song)*

#### Second reading

##### A reading from the *Acts of the Apostles* (1: 3-8)

He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. While at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but, not many days from now, you are going to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come for you to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth's remotest end.'

The Word of the Lord.

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#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, gave his life to gather together into one, the scattered children of God. **Alleluia.**

("As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.")

#### Gospel

The Word of the Lord.

– **Thanks be to God**

#### A reading from the holy *Gospel according to John* (17, 11b.17-23) . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After saying this, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for these but also for those who through their teaching will come to believe in me. May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so perfected in unity that the world will recognize that it was you who sent me and that you have loved them as you have loved me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

– **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### Homily

#### Profession of faith

#### Suggestions for the Universal Prayer

Let us present our prayers to the Lord, let us invoke his love for the world.

The mission is to make the name of Jesus known to the ends of the earth. Let us give thanks to the Lord who calls each and every one of us by our names. Let us pray the Lord and ask him to give us the strength to help others live the experience of Jesus. May he guide our communities into the baptismal testimony and the missionary commitments.

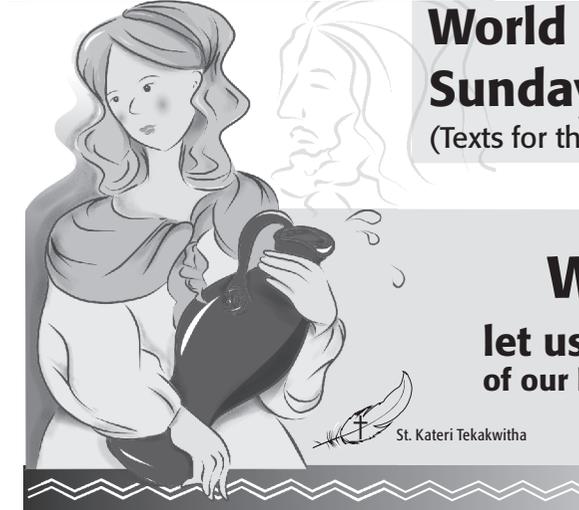
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The Holy Spirit works within us! Let us pray the Lord and ask him to work within our hearts and our communities, in order for them to be available to the calls of the universal mission through solidarity, through sharing and through prayer.

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## World Mission Sunday Mass

(Texts for the Evangelization of Peoples)



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**Word of GOD...**

**let us quench the thirst  
of our brothers and sisters.**

**Opening song: A song of your choice**

*(If there is no song, we can repeat the following Entrance Antiphon.)*

May God show kindness and bless us, and make his face shine on us. Then the earth will acknowledge your ways, and all nations your power to save.

### Greeting

May the grace and the peace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

— **And also with you.**

### Penitential Rite

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

- Lord Jesus, you were sent by the Father to cure and save Humanity; we often lack faith to live the mission that you entrusted us. Lord, have mercy.

- O Christ, you came into the world to call men and women to announce the Good news; we often lack hope to live the mission that you entrusted us. Christ, have mercy.

- Lord, through the communion with your body, you make us participate in the Easter sacrifice; we often lack charity to live the mission that you entrusted us. Lord, have mercy.

### Communion song

#### Communion Antiphon

"teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord, we receive from you the supplies that we will have in your Kingdom and we pray for the people who do not know you: may this sacrament of eternal salvation that nourishes the faith of your Church, always draw to the truth more believers. By Jesus...

#### Prayer for World Mission Sunday

#### Final solemn blessing for World Mission Sunday

- May the Lord our God, keep you united in the same love and may he increase the desire of the mission of Christ within you. **Amen.**

- May you be the witnesses of God's love within the world: open your door to the miserable and to the poor, who will receive you one day with gratitude in the house of the Father. **Amen.**

- May every person in trouble, find in you the support and the comfort he/she needs. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Go in the peace of Christ.

— **Thanks be to God**

#### Final song

Our faith is active and our charity requires effort! Let us pray the Lord for all the actors of the proclamation of the Word of God and for all those who realize a greater charity between humans. May the missionary generosity live within our communities and may it give them the energy and the determination and thus favor a more universal sharing.

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A Church is not a Church if it is not missionary! May the joy of the Gospel's radiance help us call men and women in order to serve the Mission, in particular to go towards those who had never heard your name : May they discover the Truth and your love.

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As heirs of the Word of God and of the Faith, we pray for the priests, the religious and the laymen who gave their life in order to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, in particular to the poor. Lord, may their testimony and their prayer be the seeds for the life of our communities. Let us pray the Lord!

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"Prayer is not enough for the internal warrior. He must transform words into mountains, lakes, rivers or wild horses. Like him, you have to learn how to create reality from your desires. Then, the words "happiness", "tranquility", "peace of the spirit" will be transformed into landscapes of the soul and you will really live in a new world. (Native American wisdom). Through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha, who is canonized today, in Rome, by His Holiness Benedict XVI, let us pray the Lord so that happiness, tranquility, peace and justice prevail among the First Nations and us. May Kateri, an heiress of the Word of God, help us build a better world.

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### World Mission Sunday Collection

#### Prayer over the gifts

Lord, look at the face of your Christ and remember that he gave his life for the salvation of all; through him who glorified you until his death, make yourself known as a God of love, from one end of the world to the other: may all the nations of the earth send towards you the thanks giving of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. Who lives and reigns...