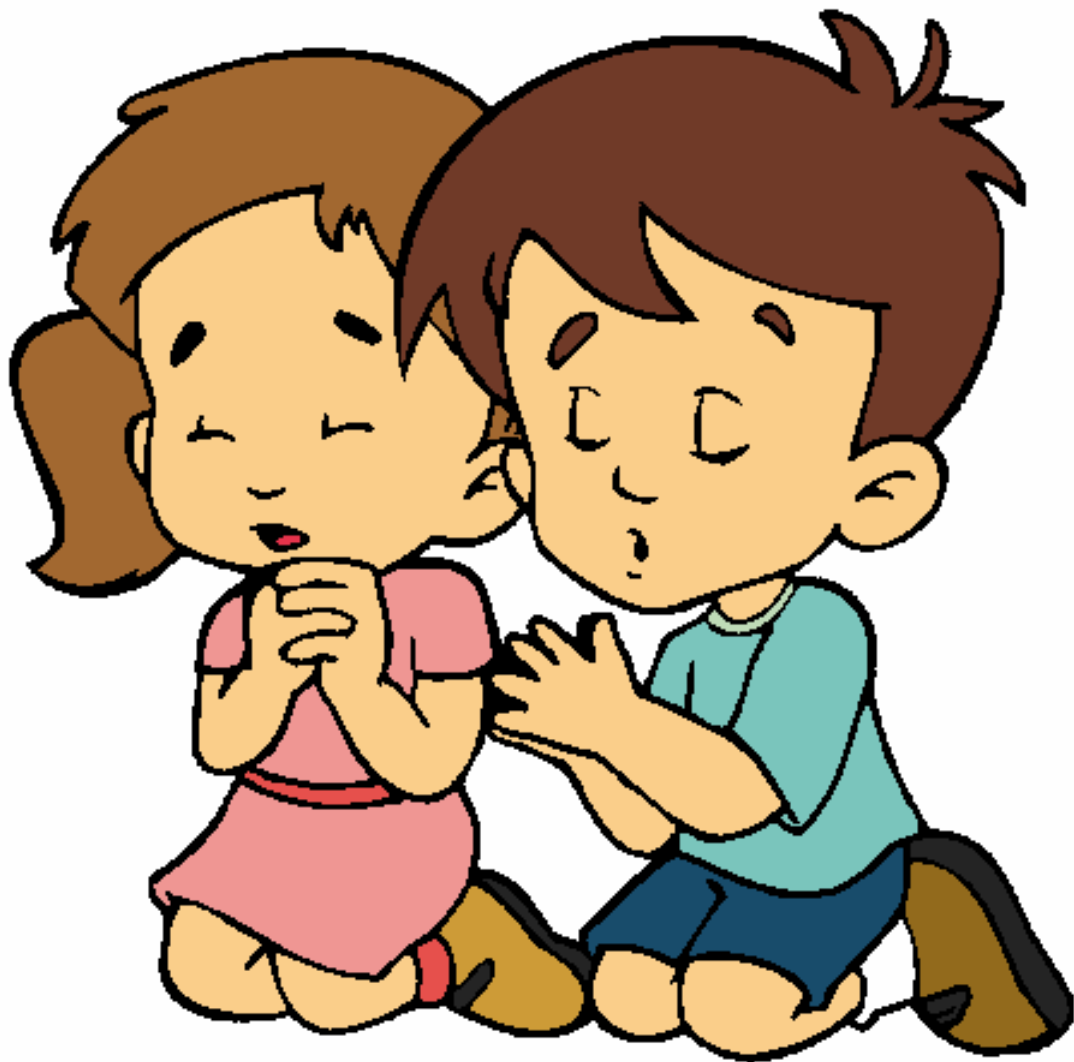


Missionary Children Prayer Service (1)



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Missio Champions



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Opening Procession of Priest Celebrant and Children.

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Priest Celebrant

We are all called by God to make a difference, no matter how small. This is what being a missionary is about. October is mission month. Today is a special day to celebrate being a community and doing good things together. We are the community that continues Jesus' mission to proclaim the Good News to the whole world. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to remain with us and to help us do His work and share His love. Each of us has a different role to play, but together we can perform it better. Together we are mission! Today we are gathered to celebrate, in a special way, how we are linked together and are called to love one another and to care for each other. We are called to care especially for those who live in poverty or fear.

In our prayers today we remember:

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Collect Prayer

God our Father, you love us as a father loves his children. Help us to live and love like your Son, Jesus. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Reading (Acts 2:1-33)

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were Jews living in Jerusalem and other religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard the noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed: "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages?" Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other: "What does this mean?" But others made fun of the believers, saying: "These people are drunk!" Then Peter stood up with the other 11 apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Listen to me and let me tell you what this means. Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through Him. You yourselves know this, for it happened here among you. God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact. He has been raised to the right side of God, His Father, and we have received the Holy Spirit from Him, as He promised.

What you now see and hear is His gift that He has poured out on us."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,

"Go out to the whole world and tell everyone what I have done."

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 28:16-20)

The 11 disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them: "I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of time."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful

1) We pray that all the children of the world will be filled with your love and happiness. We pray to the Lord.

(Response) Lord, hear our prayer

2) We pray that we may work for justice and speak out in support of someone who is having difficulty; those who may be homeless, being bullied, sick or lonely. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

3) We pray that we will share the love of God with our brothers and sisters around the world and do acts of love and kindness for one another. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

4) We pray for all children who are suffering; whose spirits are crushed by war, violence and all forms of poverty. We pray that we may help them by supporting organisations such as the Society of Missionary Children. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

5) We pray for Pope Francis and the leaders of the Church, that they will always be guided by God's love through the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

6) We pray for those who have died. May they be at peace in God's loving arms in Heaven. We pray to the Lord.

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Commissioning of Missio Champions

Priest Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, Jesus sent out His disciples to spread the Good News and to serve others. Those first followers heard Jesus' call and answered it. We believe that these young people are responding to a similar call. Our primary school pupils watching today are to be entrusted with serving God and others through faith

witness in their school. The young people present before us are representing our Church and, most importantly, Jesus as they become Missio Champions for their school.

The celebrant pauses and then addresses the candidates

In this service, you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness, unity and love. You must strive to help others in your school to come to know of the work of Missio Scotland and to help support this work. As witnesses to the love of God be especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour. For, when He gave His body as food to His disciples, He said to them: "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

Priest Celebrant

Young people of Primary (?), I ask you do you undertake the service of being witnesses to God's love, to love your brothers and sisters and so serve to build up the Church?

(Childrens' response) With God as our help, we will

Priest Celebrant

The scriptures remind us that when we help the poor we are joining God in His work. Will you join God in His work?

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Priest Celebrant

Jesus called His followers to be his witnesses in their homes, their towns, countries, and to the ends of the earth. Will you answer Jesus' call to holiness by being a faith witness to others in your school?

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St Paul tells us: "If your gift is serving others, serve them well." Will you serve God by serving others to the best of your ability?

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The rest of the congregation are asked to stand

Priest Celebrant

Members of God's family watching today, will you support these young people with your prayers? Will you pray that God works through them, that they will encounter Jesus in this role as MISSIO champion, and that God will bless those they help?

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Priest Celebrant

Before we conclude our service, let us pray the Missionary Children's prayer together.

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Collect Prayer

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Reading (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

St Paul was a follower of Jesus and a great writer of letters to other people who also wished to follow Jesus. He wrote to the people of Corinth to help them understand more about love. This is what he said: "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,

"If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples," says the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus came on earth to tell people the Good News of God's love and to show them how to live in love. Before Jesus began this mission, He went to the synagogue in His home town of Nazareth and read aloud

some words from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament. St Luke later recorded these words in his Gospel. This is what Jesus said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Priest Celebrant

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Reading (Romans 12:8-13)

Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully. Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold onto what is good. Love one another warmly as Christians and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians and open your homes to strangers.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,

"Go help everyone, everywhere to follow me," says the Lord. "And you will be my brothers and sisters too."

Alleluia

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:29-31)

Jesus and His apostles spent a lot of time in the area around the Sea of Galilee. They went from town to town. In each place, Jesus taught people about God and God's great love for the world. Sometimes, He healed people who were sick. He showed people how to love one another, as God wanted them to. One day, Jesus and His friends came to a town called Capernaum and Jesus began to teach the people there. Now Simon Peter and Andrew lived in the town of Capernaum, so Jesus and some of His other Apostles, including James and John, went to their house. But as soon as He arrived, Jesus heard that Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed. She was sick with a very high temperature and her family were worried that she was going to die. Right away, Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. Immediately, the woman's temperature returned to normal and she was well again. She got up and began to serve those who were in the house.

The Gospel of the Lord

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(Response) Lord, hear our prayer

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Lord, hear our prayer

3) We pray that all families in the world receive love and happiness. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

4) We pray that when there is war, dangerous weather, famine or poverty, that children and their families will find safety and peace. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

5) We pray that those who leave their families behind here in Scotland to help children in the world are supported and kept safe. We pray for those missionaries who bring medicine, healing, education, love and care to others. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

6) We pray that children and their families who come to Scotland for new beginnings have a warm and loving welcome here. May we reach out in friendship and love and invite them to be part of our larger human family as they must be lonely and miss their own homes. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

7) We pray that members of our families who have died and all the dead be at peace with God in Heaven. We pray to the Lord.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 <p>Part of the global network of Pontifical Mission Societies</p>		<p>October is Mission Month and also the Month of the Rosary. Take a few minutes each day to pray with children all over the world. Try the World Mission Rosary and pray a decade for each continent.</p> 		<p>1</p> <p>Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux: Why not practise her Little Way?</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Pray for the missionaries who serve in Europe</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Pray that the scars of conflict of children in Syria can be healed</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>Feast of St Francis of Assisi: Pray for peace in the world</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for lay missionaries, wherever they may be, that God will continue to bless their work</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for families in the missions who struggle with sickness—especially from Covid-19—that they may find the medical help they need</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ask Our Lady of the Rosary to watch over the babies of the world</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Pray for all religious men and women who serve as missionaries across all five continents</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pray for the missionaries who serve in the Americas</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Pray that the children of Papua New Guinea receive a good education</p> 
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<p>18</p> <p>Pray for refugees, wherever they may be, that they find a safe home</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray for the Pontifical Mission Societies all over the world that their work may be supported both spiritually and financially</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for children in mission countries and territories who are homeless and living on the streets</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Say this prayer: Dear God, tell me what you want me to do today and I will do it. Amen</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Feast of St Pope John Paul II: Pray for children around the world</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for the missionaries who serve in Africa</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Today, on World Mission Sunday, pray for all the boys and girls, our brothers and sisters in faith, throughout the world</p>
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