

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH [EMM]

Liturgy for 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20 OCTOBER 2019

WORLD MISSION DAY

Introduction:

Today is “World Mission Sunday,” couched within the ‘Extraordinary Missionary Month’ promulgated by Pope Francis with the goal of fostering an increased awareness of our Baptismal call to be Missionaries in the Church. The focus this Sunday is on “Missionary Formation: Biblical, Catechetical, Spiritual and Theological.” Seeking holistic formation to spread the faith we have received, let us pray for the strength to live our faith radically and heroically as we carry the Gospel wherever we go.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You came to preach the Good News, - *Lord Have Mercy*

You are the light that shines on all nations - *Christ Have Mercy*

You are the judge of the living and the dead - *Lord Have Mercy*

READINGS:

I Reading: EXODUS: 17: 8-13

We have a beautiful example of the power of prayerful support in the first reading which should inspire our own missionary activity in the world.

II Reading: 2 Tim: 3:14-4:2

St. Paul reminds Timothy of the need to be fully formed and equipped to be missionaries in the world.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus promises God’s justice and help to all who seek Him with faith in their times of distress.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: On this Mission Sunday, we raise our minds and hearts to God, to guide our steps as missionaries willing to bring the Good News to everyone in the world.

Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD.**

1. That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the Lay Faithful may collaborate together in fulfilling the mission entrusted to the Church by Jesus... We pray to the Lord...

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2. That our political leaders may work towards reducing the burdens of life suffered by widows, orphans, the underprivileged and those discriminated against by society... We pray to the Lord...

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3. That all Christians may be inspired by God's Word while planning to reach out to evangelise people who are struggling with their faith and are seeking their true identity as children of God... We pray to the Lord...

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4. That our children and youth may receive the right mentorship to be missionaries in the world in the circumstances of their lives... We pray to the Lord...

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5. That all those involved with missionary formation may be equipped themselves as they seek to equip others to evangelise the world... We pray to the Lord...

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6. That the Lord may grant the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts, especially for missionaries ministering in hostile conditions... (short pause)... We pray to the Lord...

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CELEBRANT: God our Father, we thank You for listening to the prayers we make with faith as we seek Your strength to become missionaries in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One Gd forever and ever. Amen.