

# Home Mission Sunday Universal Prayers

(Prayers of the Faithful)

**1. We pray for renewal in our mission to preach the Gospel.**

Jesus Christ sent His Spirit to guide the Church and to energise Her to proclaim the Good News everywhere. May the same Holy Spirit renew and inflame the entire Church – laity, consecrated religious, and clergy – to bring the Joy of Gospel wherever they go.

**Priest:** Lord in your mercy

**All:** Hear our prayer

**2. We pray for an increase in holiness, that our lives may be formed by the Gospel.**

Christ sent his disciples to proclaim the Good News to all the world. In all that we do may our lives bear witness to our love of Christ and our trust in His Word.

**Priest:** Lord in your mercy

**All:** Hear our prayer

**3. We pray for those who do not know Christ.**

Jesus Christ came to save each and every person. We pray that our efforts to spread the Joy of the Gospel will reach those who have never heard the Good News, and do not know the love, mercy, peace, hope, and healing that only Christ can give.

**Priest:** Lord in your mercy

**All:** Hear our prayer

**4. We pray for those who have encountered Christ and come home to our parish.**

Everyone rejoices in heaven over each person who turns to Christ. May we reflect this joy for those who have decided to follow Jesus in our parish community as they continue to experience the joy of growing closer to Christ day by day.

**Priest:** Lord in your mercy

**All:** Hear our prayer

**5. (Please insert a prayer for the sick or those who have recently died in your community)**

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**6. Our Lady was the first to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel** when she declared “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.” On this Home Mission Sunday we ask her intercession for all our intentions as we pray: “Hail Mary...”