

October 18th, 2026. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

World Mission Sunday Mass Preparation Guide



World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

It is encouraged that each diocese celebrates a diocesan wide mass for World Mission Sunday with the local ordinary or diocesan director (if priest) as presider or homilist. Some dioceses may choose to do this in their own cathedral or another parish.

To assist your worship office or parish liturgy team in preparing for a mass, this guide lists suggestions for Mass formularies, eucharistic prayers and song selections.

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Dear brothers and sisters, on World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October [18th], as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be missionaries of hope among the peoples, let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus, our hope, to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all.

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MASS FORMULARIES

World Mission Sunday falls on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the prayers for that day can be used.

However, the Roman Missal gives a beautiful option to utilize the Mass formularies that pray for the mission of the Church in the world. One such option is *For the Evangelization of Peoples*, found in the section *Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*:

FOR HOLY CHURCH

18. *For the Evangelization of Peoples*

This mass may be used even on Sundays of Ordinary Time, whenever there are special celebrations for the work of the missions, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.

The collect, prayer over the offerings and prayer after communion options have beautiful imagery about evangelization and mission work. The rubrics indicate that these prayers can replace the regular Sunday prayers on occasions such as World Mission Sunday.



Entrance Antiphon

O God, be gracious and bless us, and let your face shed its light upon us, and have mercy. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.

Cf. Ps 67 (66): 2-3

Collect

O God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, look upon your abundant harvest and be pleased to send workers to gather it, that the Gospel may be preached to all creation and that your people, gathered by the word of life and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the path of salvation and love Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

or

O God, who send your Son into the world as the true light, pour out, we pray, the Spirit he promised to sow seeds of truth constantly in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith, so that, being born to new life through Baptism, all may become part of your one people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ, who handled himself over as a ransom for all, so that through him, from the rising of the sun to its setting, your name may be exalted among the nations and in every place a single offering may be presented to your majesty. Through Christ our Lord

Communion Antiphon

Teach all nations to keep whatever I have commanded you, says the Lord. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Cf. Mt 28: 20

Prayer After Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase Through Christ our Lord.

Formularies "For the Evangelization of Peoples"

OPTION B

Entrance Antiphon

Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

Ps 96 (95): 3-4

Collect

O God, you have willed that your Church
be the sacrament of salvation for all nations,
so that Christ's saving work
may continue to the end of the ages;
stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful
and grant that they may feel a more urgent call
to work for the salvation of every creature,
so that from all the peoples on earth
one family and one people of your own
may arise and increase
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer Over the Offerings

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord,
rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance,
just as the glorious Passion of your Son
was pleasing to you
for the salvation of the whole world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

O Praise the Lord, all your nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! For his merciful love has prevailed over us, and the Lord's faithfulness endures for ever.

Ps 117 (116): 1-2

or

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the Lord. I am with you always.

Ps 117 (116): 1-2

Prayer After Communion

May our participation at your table sanctify us,
O Lord, we pray,
and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church
all nations may receive in rejoicing
the salvation accomplished on the Cross
by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

LECTIONARY READINGS

For the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading ([Isaiah 45:1, 4-6](#))

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm ([Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10](#))

R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
awesome is he, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of
nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The LORD is king,
he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading ([1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b](#))

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,
before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Alleluia ([Philippians 2:15d, 16a](#))

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.ch conviction.

Gospel ([Matthew 22:15-21](#))

The Pharisees went off
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,
for you do not regard a person's status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

In the appendix to the order of mass, the celebrant may use "Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs III – Jesus, the Way to the Father".

The rubric notes: "The following form of this Eucharistic Prayer is appropriately used with Mass formularies such as, For the Evangelization of Peoples".

MUSICAL SUGGESTIONS

As World Mission Sunday occurs during Ordinary Time, there is some flexibility in song selections. Below is a list of suggestions that you may want to include.

Chant Propers for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Click any title below to download)

Gregorian Propers (from CC Watershed)

[Ego clamavi \(Introit\)](#)

[Meditabor in mandatis tuis \(Offertory\)](#)

[Domine Dominus noster \(Communion\)](#)

Simple English Propers (from CC Watershed)

[Complete score \(Introit, Offertory, and Communion\)](#)

[Complete Chant Settings for the Mass](#)

Suggested Hymns

Processional

Jesus Christ by Faith Revealed (Dix)

Lord You Give the Great Commission (Abbot's Leigh OR Hymn to Joy)

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (In Babilone)

O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)

Preparation of the Gifts

Many and Great (Manalo)

The Servant Song (Gillard)

The Summons (Kelvingrove)

Whatsoever You Do (Jabusch)

Communion

A Place At Your Table (Walther)

Bread for the World (Farrell)

Gift of Finest Wheat (Westendorf)

Ubi Caritas (Multiple Settings)

Recessional

Take Christ to the World (Inwood)

Go Make of All Disciples (Ellacombe)

Go to the World (Sine Nomine)

Faith of Our Fathers (St. Catherine)

Spanish/Bilingual Songs:

Cancion del Misionero (Alma Misionera)

Id y Enseñad (Gabarain)

Para Amar Como Tu (Fernandez/Manibusan)

Pan Del Cielo (Diaz)

Qué Detalle, Señor (Cubiella/Viejo)

Todos los Pueblos de la Tierra (Castillo)