Missionary Prayer Service
Commitment to the Missions

Grades: K - 2nd

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Hymn: Here I am Lord

Leader: (Read the following)
This month we celebrate the missions. We are called to serve others and help spread the Gospel by God at our baptism like St. Theresa of Lisieux, patron saint of the missions. With her autobiography, people learned about her little ways of doing things with love. Through her faith testimony, she would share the Good News of the Gospel, of the unconditional love and patience that God has for all of us, with our brothers and sisters around the world. She reminds us that we have to cooperate in building a world where faith, love, compassion and mercy exist, as she did through ordinary acts done for the love of God.

Reading: 1 Cor. 12: 4-11 (Allow two minutes of silent reflection)

Short Reflection
All of us together make up the body of Christ. God calls us to work together and use our talents. St. Paul reminds us that each one must do this in his or her own way according to their means and the gifts the Lord has given to them. St. Theresa of Lisieux is an example of this as she found a way of doing all things for the love of God. We recognize that being a Christian and a missionary disciple means more than living our faith solely for our own benefit. We are reminded of our responsibility to go out and proclaim the Good news to all in deeds and words.

Prayer of commitment: (Ask your students to repeat after you)

Accept and bless, O God our Father, the commitment we are about to make to You.
Give us a spirit of generosity, so that, just as we have received freely, we may give freely, for the glory of Your Name.
We accept anew our calling first received in Baptism, to spread the Good News, not only in word but also in deed. We will make greater efforts to take an active interest in MISSION:
by learning about mission;
by praying for the missions;
by actively and participating in the Missionary Childhood Association mission projects;
by sharing, through our sacrifices, with others around the world.
Come Holy Spirit, help us in this task.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: They will know we are Christians by our love.
In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Opening Hymn:** Here I am Lord

**Leader:** This month we celebrate the missions. We are called to serve others and proclaim our faith to all by God at our baptism like St. Theresa of Lisieux, patron saint of the missions. With her autobiography people learned about her little ways. Small and ordinary acts of kindness that were done with love for her brothers and sisters in Christ. Through her faith testimony, she shared the Good News of the Gospel with our brothers and sisters around the world. She reminds us that we all have to cooperate in building a world where faith, love, compassion and mercy exist not just as extraordinary things but as part of our everyday life. She did this through ordinary acts done for the love of God.

**Reading** 1 Cor. 12: 4-11 (Allow two minutes of silent reflection)

**Short Reflection**

All of us together make up the body of Christ. God calls us to work together and use our talents. St. Paul reminds us that each one must do this in his or her own way according to their means and the gifts the Lord has given to them. St. Theresa of Lisieux is an example as she found a way of doing all things for the love of God. We too must recognize that being a Christian means more than living our faith solely for our own benefit.

God our Father, send us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and answer the call you made to us in love through your Son, Jesus Christ. It is your will, O God, that all people should come to know your word; may we use our talents and abilities to build the body of Christ on earth, so that your Gospel may reach every person and that all, nourished by your living word and strengthened by your sacraments, may follow the path of love and salvation.

**Prayer of commitment:** *(All together)*

Accept and bless, O God our Father, the commitment we are about to make to You. Give us a spirit of generosity, so that, just as we have received freely, we may give freely, for the glory of Your Name.

We accept anew our calling first received in Baptism, to spread the Good News, not only in word but also in deed. We will make greater efforts to take an active interest in MISSION:

- By learning about mission;
- by praying for the missions;
- by actively and participating in the Missionary Childhood Association mission projects;
- by sharing, through our sacrifices, with others around the world.

**Come Holy Spirit, help us in this task.**

Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** They will know we are Christians by our love.
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Grades: 6th - 8th

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: This month we celebrate the missions. We are gathered here today to consider how God calls us through our Baptism to serve Him in spreading the Good News and in sharing the Gospel with our brothers and sisters around the world. Like St. Therese Lisieux, patron saint of the missions (with her autobiography) people learned of her little ways. Through her faith testimony, she would share the Good news of the Gospel with her brothers and sisters around the world. She reminds us that we have to cooperate in building a world where faith, love, compassion and mercy exist.

Opening Hymn: Here I am Lord

Reading 1 Cor. 12: 4-11 (2 minutes of silent reflection)

Short Reflection
All of us together make up the body of Christ. God calls us to work together and use our talents. St. Paul reminds us that each one must do this in his or her own way according to their state of life and the gifts the Lord has given to them. We know that being a Christian means more than living our faith solely for our own benefit. We have a responsibility to care for the common good and for those in need.

God our Father, send us Your Holy Spirit that we may hear and answer the call You made to us in love through Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is Your will, O God, that all people should come to know Your word; may we use our talents and abilities to build the body of Christ on earth, so that Your Gospel may reach every person and that all, nourished by Your living word and strengthened by Your sacraments, may follow the path of love and salvation.

Petitions:
R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

- United to our brothers and sisters all over the world, we pray Lord that our faith in Christ may translate itself into understanding and sharing. We Pray to the Lord ... R/

Prayer of commitment: (All together)

Accept and bless, O God our Father, the commitment we are about to make to You. Give us a spirit of generosity, so that, just as we have received freely, we may give freely, for the glory of Your name.

We accept anew our calling first received in Baptism, to spread the Good News, not only in word but also in deed. We will make greater efforts to take an active interest in MISSION:

- by learning about mission;
- by praying for the missions;
- by actively and participating in the Missionary Childhood Association mission projects;
- by sharing, through our sacrificial giving, with others around the world.

Come Holy Spirit, help us in this task. Amen.

Closing Hymn: They will know we are Christians by our love.