

Celebrant: As we celebrate World Mission Sunday and give thanks to God for the mission of the Church in the world, let us pray to our Heavenly Father that all Christians may be one in Christ and united in the mission of love and the proclamation of the Gospel.

1. Let us pray for the Church, that, guided by the Holy Spirit, She may grow ever more in unity and courageously proclaim the presence of Christ to all nations.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
2. Let us pray for Pope Leo, for all bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and for all missionaries, that the Lord may strengthen their zeal and grant them the joy of witnessing to God's love even in the most difficult circumstances.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
3. For ourselves, that through our gathering at the Eucharist we may be given the grace to serve the Church and to proclaim the Good News to the society around us. May we also show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in those places where the Church is small or poor through our support of Missio Scotland.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
4. Let us pray for young people, that the Lord may awaken in their hearts generosity and courage to respond to the missionary calling to serve Christ to the ends of the earth.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
5. For those who are sick and for those who suffer because of war, poverty, persecution, and loneliness, that through the closeness of Christians and works of charity they may experience God's consolation and hope.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
6. For our deceased relatives and friends and for those missionaries who gave their lives to proclaim the Gospel message overseas, especially those who came from our own communities here in Scotland. May they experience eternal peace and the reward for their witness to the faith.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*

Let us now offer our own intentions in the silence of our hearts.

Celebrant: God our Father, You have called Your Church to be a sign of unity and salvation for all nations. Hear our prayers and help us to remain united in Christ and faithful witnesses of the Gospel in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.