

A Mass for Missionary Children (2)



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Opening Procession of Priest Celebrant and Children.

Invite a child to read what is being brought to the sanctuary and why.

We bring a globe (or map of the world) to remember all the children of the world. We bring our candles in the mission colours: Green for the children of Africa, yellow for the children of Asia, white for the children of Europe, blue for the children of Oceania, and red for the children of the Americas. We also bring a Missio Scotland collection box (or some coins in a jar). We do without things we like, so that we can give to others. We bring the book of the Gospels (Lectionary) and today we will be hearing about how Jesus helps us to grow in love by following His example.

Priest Celebrant

We are all called by God to make a difference, no matter how small. This is what being a missionary is about. October is mission month. Today is a special day when children offer prayers for the needs of each other and for children living throughout the world. One of the things we all have in common is that we are all loved by God. The Bible is full of stories about God's love for everyone and how God wants us to love one another in the same way as He loves us. Today we are gathered to celebrate in a special way how we are all linked together and are called to love one another and to care for each other. We are called to care especially for those who live in poverty or fear.

In our prayers today we remember:

The children of Africa (light green candle)

The children of Asia (light yellow candle)

The children of Europe (light white candle)

The children of Oceania (light blue candle)

The children of the Americas (light red candle)



Collect Prayer

God our Father, you love us as a father loves his children. Help us to live and love like your Son, Jesus. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

St Paul was a follower of Jesus and a great writer of letters to other people who also wished to follow Jesus. He wrote to the people of Corinth to help them understand more about love. This is what he said: "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 36): This psalm tells us about God's constant love for us.

Response: God the Father Loves Us

Lord, your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your righteousness is towering like the mountains; your justice is like the depths of the sea. (R)

How precious, O God, is your constant love! We find protection under the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundant food you provide; you let us drink from the river of your goodness. (R)

Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous.
Do not let proud people attack me or the wicked make me run away. (R)

You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light. (R)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,

“If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples,” says the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus came on earth to tell people the Good News of God’s love and to show them how to live in love. Before Jesus began this mission, He went to the synagogue in His home town of Nazareth and read aloud some words from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament. St Luke later recorded these words in his Gospel. This is what Jesus said: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful

1) Lord, we pray for all the children of the world. Fill them with your love and happiness. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

2) Lord, we pray that we will share the love of God with our brothers and sisters around the world. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

3) We pray for Pope Francis and the leaders of the Church, that they will always be guided by God’s love through the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

4) We pray for all children who are suffering especially because of poverty. We pray that we may help them by supporting organisations such as Missio Scotland. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

5) We pray for those who have died. May they be at peace in God’s loving arms in Heaven. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Prayer over the Offerings

God our Father, we bring you our gifts of bread and wine. With them, we bring our love for one another. Help us to grow more in love of you and for all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, you have given us Jesus in a special way in this Mass. Help us to love each other more,

with the love of Jesus, your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Celebrant

Before our final blessing, let us pray the Missionary Children's prayer together.

May all children

In the world

Share love

Share friendship and live

In the peace

Of God's love

Now and forever, Amen.

Go in peace, to love God and to show love at home, in school and to all those we meet.

Thanks be to God.

