

World Mission Sunday
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2008

(Also designated as Marriage Sunday by the Bishops of Florida)

The following introduction, sample intercessions and conclusion are offered for use in your Sunday Prayers of the Faithful.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

INTRODUCTION:

On this World Mission Sunday, let us, like the community of believers in Thessalonika, pray to be strong in hope and faithful as we labor to carry out the Church's mission.

SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS:

- For the Church, that all the baptized strive to live in word and deed the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel of healing, mercy, and justice, we pray to the Lord.
- For faithful citizenship, that during this election season, we may make rational, informed and conscientious decisions about the moral and ethical issues facing us, we pray to the Lord.
- For married couples, "called by name", that they be renewed and strengthened as witnesses to the love between Christ and the Church, we pray to the Lord.
- For a deepening appreciation of the gift of marriage and family life in our society for the good of all, we pray to the Lord.
- For ministries that support couples preparing for marriage, those who are married, and those who have been hurt by divorce, we pray to the Lord.
- For an authentic use of our time, talent and treasure; that we joyfully return to God a portion of the blessings we have been given in order to further the Church's mission of evangelization, we pray to the Lord.

CONCLUSION:

Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayers and help us to live in accord with the truth that sets us free. We ask this through Christ our Lord.