

# WORLD *Mission Sunday*

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MISSION IN SCRIPTURE

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday and the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in spreading the message of Christ to every land. The liturgical readings for today remind us that Almighty God is King of the earth and all creation. “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. . . . Say among the nations: The Lord is King, He governs the people with equity” (Psalm 96:1, 3, 10).

Jesus came to redeem us from sinfulness and mortality and to offer us forgiveness and eternal life. It is up to each of us to say “yes” to Him. But before people can accept Christ’s invitation to His way of life and love, they must first meet Him through us, His followers. As Catholics we can communicate our belief in His boundless mercy as well as praying for—and contributing to—the work of today’s missionaries through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This World Mission Month, let Pope Francis tell you about his missions. Learn more at [ChatWithThePope.org](http://ChatWithThePope.org).

### PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

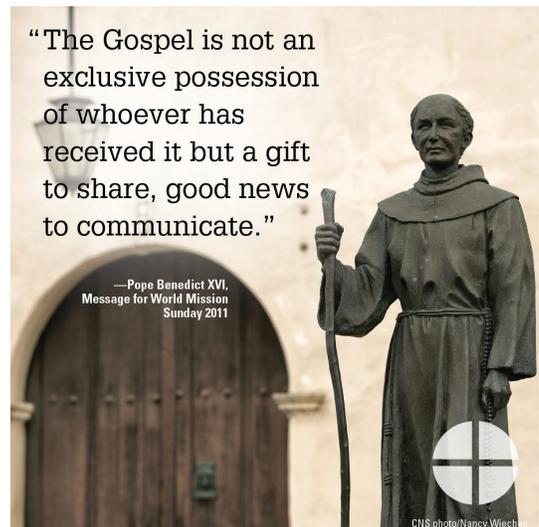
If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

“The Gospel is not an exclusive possession of whoever has received it but a gift to share, good news to communicate.”

—Pope Benedict XVI,  
Message for World Mission  
Sunday 2011



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—Papa Benedicto XVI,  
Mensaje para la Jornada  
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