

**YOUR GUIDE TO**

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

19 October 2025

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**Q Why are all parishes throughout the world asked to support World Mission Sunday?**

**A** On World Mission Sunday (WMS) every Catholic parish around the world celebrates Mass together and has a special collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. WMS is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church via Missio.

Mission is the responsibility of the whole Church, and this global celebration of WMS is a reminder that we are one family in Christ. This special day is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love.

**Q Where do I send the World Mission Sunday collection?**

**A** Please send donations from your parish directly to Missio in the Freepost envelope provided. Cheques from parishioners, made out to World Mission Sunday or Missio, can be sent directly to us together with the parish collection and any completed Gift Aid forms and donation envelopes. **Please do not send to your diocesan offices.** If parishioners wish to complete the form on our prepaid donation envelopes to give by card, please remind them to return these directly to Missio, rather than place them in the parish collection. They will be added to your parish total.

**Q How can people donate online?**

**A** Individual supporters can give directly through our secure website. Simply visit [missio.org.uk/wmsdonate](https://missio.org.uk/wmsdonate) to help build a future of hope around the world.

For more information, please visit [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk), call 020 7821 9755 during office hours, or email [info@missio.org.uk](mailto:info@missio.org.uk)

# Useful key messages for your presentations, talks or homilies

## **Q** What is mission?

**A** At its core, mission is an invitation to experience God's unconditional, compassionate, life-giving love and to want to share it with everyone, everywhere.

Pope Leo XIV states that our Church is increasingly called to be 'a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity'.

Faithful to the mission received from the Lord, we – the Church – are called to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. To set out over and over again, without growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

One of the many wonderful ways to support mission is through the annual celebration of WMS in October.

## **Q** Who is involved in World Mission Sunday?

**A** WMS is coordinated by Missio, the Pope's official charity for world mission, and ensures that support reaches communities most in need in areas of great poverty, conflict and turmoil.

Everyone is asked to play their part so that those in greatest need receive support. In 2024, Catholics in Rwanda raised £12,000; Ecuador raised £197,000; Italy raised £3.3 million; and here in England and Wales we raised £790,000.

Every Catholic community, in every country, will be sending a powerful message of faith, hope and love through their prayers and donations. Missio exists to help all Catholics take part in this life-changing mission.

## **Q** Who benefits from the World Mission Sunday appeal?

**A** Donations to WMS go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. These communities request the support they need to bring lasting change – whether it's help to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school, or create a safe space for children. Your support encourages communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance.

On WMS, Catholics everywhere will be united in prayer and giving for the work of mission: finding new ways to make God's love visible in the world.

## **Q** Why is it important for me to donate and pray?

**A** The local community requests support from the Missio network. These requests are then reviewed and agreed upon by Missio's National Directors throughout the world. This support from the global Missio family transforms lives. **It creates a hub from which the young Church can spread the Good News of the Gospel, minister to the faithful and deliver essential services in health and education.**

**Q Why has the Pope chosen the theme ‘Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples’?**

**A** The theme for WMS reminds ‘individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptised, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope’ shared Pope Francis at the beginning of 2025.

We are all called to share the hope of the Gospel. Everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God’s Spirit – we can all become instruments of that hope.

WMS also reminds us that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged and to tenderly care for those who suffer.

We are invited to live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God’s Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting peace with justice and inviting people to know God’s goodness.

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** *On this World Mission Sunday, we unite with the whole Catholic Church in praying for the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all nations.*

- **For Pope Leo, our Bishop... and all Church leaders:** may they be given the strength to follow the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.
- **For missionaries, especially those working in places of danger and persecution:** may they find the courage and wisdom to witness to the Gospel of peace and justice.
- **For those who suffer through poverty, violence and oppression:** may the power of the Gospel heal division, dispel the darkness of ignorance and bring hope to those who despair.
- **For the work of Missio across the world:** may our prayers and gifts be a means by which God’s grace reaches out in love to our brothers and sisters in need of help.

**Celebrant:** *God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ calls us all to be messengers and builders of hope. Hear our prayers as we place all our hope in you, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Inserts for your Parish newsletter

## ‘Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples’

### **Sunday 12 October** – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God’s love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### **Sunday 19 October** – Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ‘Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples’ as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God’s Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelope**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### **Sunday 26 October** – Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours).

## Your guide to online

World Mission Sunday materials are available on Missio’s website.

This will make it easier for you to copy and paste directly into your own materials, for example, your parish newsletter.

Here is a list of the available material:

**World Mission Sunday – [missio.org.uk/wms](http://missio.org.uk/wms)**

- The Holy Father’s Message
- FAQs, Intercessions & Newsletter Inserts
- World Mission Sunday posters
- Children’s Activity Sheets (only online)

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