Prayers of the Faithful [edited from World Mission Ireland]

**Celebrant:** The love of Christ gathers us together in communion this World Mission Sunday so that we might be renewed through this celebration of our faith and in our commitment to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth and so we make our prayer to our loving Father.

1. We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May he continue to shepherd, steward, and renew the flock committed to his care.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for missionaries; men and women of faith who have left their homeland to witness to the Gospel in all areas of the world. May their example of love and mercy guide the Universal Church in examples of missionary discipleship.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the whole Church on mission in the world. May our faith in Jesus Christ send all Christians forth to generously give of ourselves to build life-giving relationships.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for young people and all who are considering their role in life. May many of them answer God’s call to be missionaries.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our community gathered here today. May the support we give to the spread of the Gospel today bring us all closer into communion with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. We pray for faith communities in the farthest frontiers, especially those suffering persecution. May their human rights, equality, and religious freedom be recognised and respected.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. We pray for our deceased missionaries and for all our dead. May they be welcomed into the light of God’s kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** God our loving Father, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wonderful plan of salvation on this World Mission Sunday, send us out as missionaries of Gospel joy to all we meet. We make this and all our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.