



Here I am, Send Me!

Set up an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions and a World Mission Rosary which can be obtained from the Missionary Childhood Office.

Leader: In our Church, every October is Mission Month! Pope Francis has set the theme for Mission Month 2020 to be: Here I am, Send Me!

Let us pause for a moment and think about how our active membership in Missionary Childhood leads us to daily words, prayers, and acts of loving kindness towards each other and children in the missions. As we hear God's word, let's think about how we can be sent to help others, especially children in the missions.

Reader 1: *A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (Mk 16: 15; 19-20)*

Jesus said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pause for silent reflection.

Reader 2: At our Baptism, we were given the job to pass on our faith to everyone we meet as well as to those whose paths we may never cross. Lord Jesus, we ask for daily guidance so that we may always show Your love and kindness to all God's children—We want to be Your missionaries!

Our response to today's prayers is: **Here I am, send me to help them!**

Reader 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for our brothers and sisters in **Kenya** who may go hungry today. Remind us to share our bounty.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we pray for children who are homeless this day in **Brazil**. Remind us to be grateful for the blessing of our homes.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Reader 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for the youth of **Papua New Guinea** who may have no decent clothes to wear. Remind us to be grateful for all we have and to donate our extra, unused clothing to those in need locally.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we pray for the many children in **Bangladesh** who live in unjust circumstances and are not allowed to go to school because of who they are. Remind us to be grateful for the gift of education.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Reader 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for children in **Albania** who become ill and are far from doctors and medicine. Remind us to visit them spiritually in prayer as we appreciate our own gift of health care.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, every day children worldwide die from lack of food, clean water, or medicine – things to which we have access. We pray that they are received into Your Kingdom of peace and love.

All: Here I am, send me to help them!

Leader: God our Father, when Your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations.' Through our Baptism we are sent out to continue this great mission. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still far from completion, may bring life and light to the world. May all people experience the generous love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

All: Amen