



2023 Missionary Cooperation Plan Suggested Prayer Intentions

We pray that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
every baptized Christian sets out
to proclaim that the Lord has truly risen
and so experiences their hearts on fire and feet on the move.
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Church leaders,
especially missionaries serving around the world,
that they may feel Jesus walking closely beside them,
enlightening and transforming them to proclaim the mystery of salvation.
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we become bread broken and shared
for mission dioceses who experience suffering
due to war, poverty and persecution
by sharing our material bread
and our Eucharistic Bread, which is Christ himself.
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That each of us may encounter the Risen Christ
to then carry his fire in our heart and his light in our gaze.
May we bear witness to the life that never dies
in the most difficult situations and in the darkest of moments.
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

(Consider including an intention for the specific mission cause that is visiting)

These intentions were inspired by Pope Francis' [2023 Message for World Mission Day](#), also available in [Spanish](#) and [Polish](#).