



# MISSION IN SCRIPTURE

October 15, 2017 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ***Weekend before World Mission Sunday***

When we experience a difficult period in our lives, we can become so consumed by our problems and pain that we forget that God is with us – always. St. Paul tells early Christians, who had made a point of helping him, that he is grateful for their generous efforts. However our Lord has given him the grace and power to endure both good situations and bad. “In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress (Philippians 4:12-14).

Each of us must willingly open ourselves to God’s plan and understand that sometimes this means persevering despite suffering of body, mind or spirit. Whatever distress we face, we are *never* alone. Our Lord will bless and help His faithful people, whether or not we realize it at the time or even completely comprehend what He wants of us. We must trust Christ’s love. He will never fail us. And on this weekend before World Mission Sunday, we must be reminded to support missionaries who deliver the hope-filled good news that God is with us always to our brothers and sisters in greatest need.

**Suggested missionary action:** In anticipation of World Mission Sunday next week, let us offer a World Mission Rosary asking Jesus to care for missionaries and those they serve and to help us express our faith in all we do.

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October 22, 2017 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ***World Mission Sunday***

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.

**Suggested missionary action:** We can thank our Lord for His gift of salvation to all the people of the world. And we can show genuine concern for those who have not yet embraced Christ by supporting the Church’s Missions on this World Mission Sunday.

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