

MISSION PRAYER

God, our loving Father,
You sent your Son into the world
To proclaim the Good News of Salvation to all:
To sinners, the poor, oppressed, the sick,
The abandoned and neglected.
He gave his life on the Cross for us
And rose again to new life
To redeem us and reconcile us with you.
You sent your Holy Spirit to the Apostles
To continue the work of your Son
And to lead all to salvation.

We thank you, Father,
For bringing us from darkness into light.
Through your loving plan, 500 years ago
Missionaries came to our land to proclaim
The Gospel of Jesus your Son to our ancestors.
That made us your people and the Church.
The gift of faith has accompanied us
Through both darkness and lights,
Defeats and victories of our history as your people.
Our faith has become for us true light
That shines in the darkness.

Renew in us the grace of your Spirit
That impels us to be witnesses of Jesus your Son,
To a world broken by greed, violence, injustice, sickness and suffering.
May our faith bring us to unity as your children
To care for and love one another.
May the Holy Spirit empower us
To be proclaimers of the Good News
To our brothers and sisters in Asia and to all nations.
Give us the sincere desire to help others
To come to faith in the Lord Jesus
To share in your joy and life.

May the Blessed Mother, the Star of Evangelization,
Accompany us and pray for us
As we live and share our faith with others.
May our strong love and devotion to her
As our *Mahal na Ina*
Form us to be true disciples
And witnesses of Jesus to all,
Always ready to be sent,
And to be obedient to whatever Jesus asks of us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.