

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (WMS)

We live in a world full of activities, commitments, and tasks to accomplish. And in the midst of all this hustle and bustle, it can be overwhelming. We need a respite for the soul; we need to connect with God.

This is how the first reading, taken from the Book of Exodus, tells us: Israel was wandering in the desert and facing a great battle against the Amalekites. Moses invites Joshua to take action to defend Israel, while Moses humbly prays for God's help.

Thus, with this example, we can understand why today the Church proposes prayer as a way of life; to include it as a vital part of our daily battles. In this way, we will make the words of the psalmist our own: help comes to me from the Lord.

To be authentic, prayer must be accompanied by perseverance, and the result will make us grow in hope.

Why is prayer necessary in our lives?

First, we can say that among the various needs in our lives—financial, health, and family—we must humbly accept that we cannot do it alone; we need God's help and divine intervention.

Prayer helps us realize that what we need is God himself in our lives and recognize him as a provident father.

Prayer helps us maintain that connection with our Father God; it helps us discover that we are his children and that we need his love.

In this constant dialogue with God, we will experience the strength of his love and will be able to continue walking in hope, knowing that we are loved and accompanied.

Today, our mother, the Church, invites us to unite as a family in faith and pray, especially for missions throughout the world.

This Sunday, we pray and collaborate so that the message of Christ may reach all nations, that the name of Christ may continue to be made known, and that through our solidarity, we may also meet the needs of those most in need and bring them news of hope.

As a Church, we unite to pray for this intention, this great mission. We also contribute financially to the continued construction of churches, hospitals, and schools, and to enable missionaries throughout the world to carry out this task.

But we also unite in the commitment to bear witness to our faith, being bearers of hope.

May Our Lady in heaven, Mother of Evangelization, help us in this task and mission.