

Prayer for Missionaries

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“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them all I commanded you. I am with you always to the end of time.” (Mt. 28: 20)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of persons who have responded to your call, to be your hands and feet in this world, to bring your message of love and to be the voice for the voiceless. You have called them by their name because you wanted them to be your messengers. We pray for them today – be their strength and courage as they tread through rough paths, unfriendly and hostile situations, and when they are a threat to the powerful because these servants are the strength and voice for the poor and the marginalized. We ask for a hedge of protection and covering over them with your precious blood. When they are discouraged at times, for lack of fruit in their labours may you be their courage. Grant them patience and serenity to wait for your timing and wisdom. May their dedication and commitment to the mission continue to burn with more vigour and enthusiasm. May the vision of St. Arnold and the founding generation continue to bloom in different parts of the world in and through the members of the Arnold’s family. Amen

Sr. Tessie Varkey SSpS

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Dear Lord grant us a courageous heart and steadfast spirit to be in union with you always and strengthen us in our commitment to work for the kingdom of God. We pray that we may have the grace to walk in the footsteps of Jesus courageously. Jesus help us to invest our talents according to your will to the best of our ability. Lord our father and mother help us to keep our hearts and minds pure so that we may offer you a pure and perfect place to dwell in. As your followers we face evil forces in the world which are in the form of hatred, oppression injustice violence and exploitation. Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life; light up our life, dispels the darkness within us and fill our hearts with a passionate love for you and your kingdom. May we live by the gospel values of love, compassion, forgiveness, truth and justice that by our life and service we may uphold human dignity and respect for God’s entire creation. We pray that our lives become a living witness of Christ’s love and presence in the world.

Sr. Pratibha Pradhan SSpS

Lord of the Universe, you have called labourers into your Vineyard. Throughout centuries there have been men and women who responded to your call and crossed valleys and mountains, reaching every corner to give witness to your compassionate love through their lives and various activities. In order to accomplish this, they need your presence and strength of your spirit. It is your joy and hope that these missionaries transmit to those who are hopeless and desperate due to multiple challenges and difficulties they face in today's world.

Jesus, your mission is our mission. May all missionaries who are your instruments, deep within them experience the power of your presence and be enlightened by your Spirit, so that they continue to transform the world with inspired enthusiasm and renewed commitment. May they bring your Kingdom closer to the life of our brothers and sisters in selfless service.

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