



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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My dear People:

Ours is a world of instant communication. Yet, even with radio, television, the press and jet travel to bring us together, there are still wars; there is still suffering; there is still hunger. Our neighbors are in need.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Christ defined neighbor as the one who is sensitive to the needs of others. "Which of the three was neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" Christ asked. The answer: "the Samaritan who stopped to help."

What a challenge to the Church and to us! It is our privilege to be neighbor to the world, to announce to suffering peoples the Good News of Christ's love. This is Mission. It is the mission of each one of us: to proclaim the Gospel and offer compassionate service in Christ's name to the human family.

How can we fulfill this mission? Daily we must pray for our world neighbors. And we must share our great blessings.

This is why World Mission Sunday exists. It is our day to join together in prayer for the Missions and to make a sacrifice for the poor Mission Church of Asia, Africa, the Americas and the Islands of the Pacific.

Your prayers and sacrifice through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will help spread the peace and love of Christ across the world. I thank you for helping, and I ask God's blessing on all of us as we struggle to live the Gospel message.

Your brother in Christ,  
*Matthew H. Clark*  
 Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, D.D.  
 Bishop of Rochester

P.S. I ask you to bring this to the attention of our people as part of your parish celebration of World Mission Sunday. The Mission Sunday collection will be taken up over the weekend of October 18 and 19.

**"If You Have Met Christ . . . Proclaim Him to the World!"**

—Pope John Paul II

# Mission Sunday

# October 19th, 1980

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