

Celebrant: On this World Mission Sunday, we are invited by Christ to the banquet of God's faithful.
Let us now ask for God's grace and offer our petitions as part of our duty to pray for the Church and the world.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the first missionary of the Church, and for the bishops and clergy of Scotland, that they may serve and strengthen God's people through holiness and wisdom.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
2. For ourselves, that through our gathering at the banquet of the Eucharist we may be given the grace to serve the Church and to proclaim the Good News to the society around us. May we also show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in those places where the Church is small or poor through our support of Missio Scotland.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
3. For our society and the world, that there will be justice, especially for the poor and disadvantaged, and peace for those who are caught up in war, famine or natural disasters.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
4. For those who are sick that they be given the grace to bear witness to the faith in their sufferings and be comforted by our prayers for them.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*
5. For our deceased relatives and friends and for those missionaries who gave their lives to proclaim the Gospel message overseas, especially those who came from our own communities here in Scotland. May they experience eternal peace and the reward for their witness to the faith.
Lord, hear us. *R. Lord, graciously hear us.*

Let us now spend a moment and offer our own intentions in the silence of our hearts.

Celebrant: God our Father, we give You thanks for the gift of our faith. Continue to inspire us to bear witness to Your Son by building up Your Church. Accept these prayers and grant them through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.