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We thank Thee for sending forth the Holy Spirit upon Thine apostles and through them and their successors bringing to us Thy saving Gospel. Cause Thy word to run swiftly and to gather a great harvest in this city and in every city and land. Sustain, inspire, and enlighten Thy servants, our bishops, priests, monks and nuns, and missionaries who labor with the Holy Gospel in fields ripe for harvest.

Forgive us, O merciful Lord, who have failed to obey Thy commandments. Thou hast not neglected us, the lost sheep of Thy fold. Grant us also a yearning for those outside the Church and those who have gone astray. Enlarge our hearts, O Lord, and account us, Thine unworthy servants, worthy to bring the knowledge of Thee to others that they may come to a saving knowledge of the truth, and that Thy Name may be praised among all the peoples of the world.

Implant in our hearts and minds the Gospel of salvation. Evangelize us, O Christ, that we may ever remember Thy magnificent and saving deeds and meditate upon them day and night. Enkindle our parish with missionary zeal and enable us to proclaim the glad tidings with great power. May we send forth from our midst priests, monastics, and missionaries.

Make our hearts generous that we may share the treasures of the faith and the wonders of dwelling in Thy house. For unto Thee we ascribe glory together with thine unoriginated Father and thine all holy pure and life-giving spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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