

**Missionary Childhood Association Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
together we pray for the children of the world.  
May they live without fear of violence and war,  
without hunger or thirst,  
without sickness and poverty.

May they experience the joy of faith,  
the hope of the "Good News" of Jesus and  
the love that comes from knowing  
the Lord's great love for each one of us.

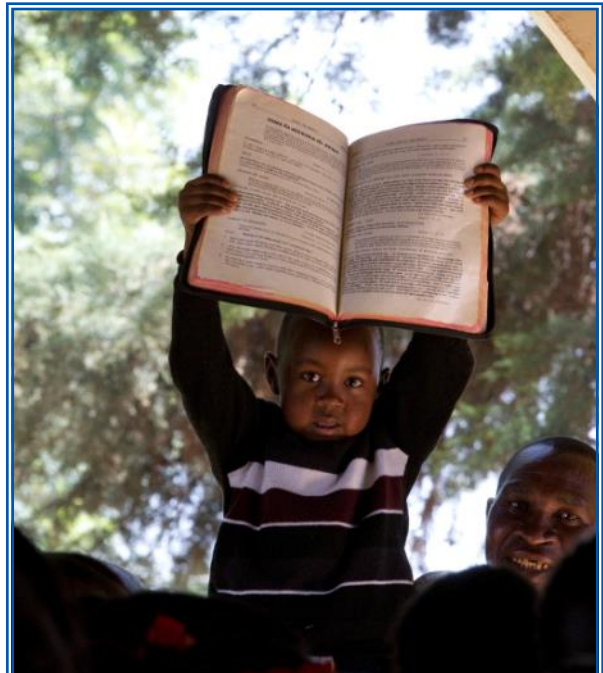
May they grow in faith  
so that we all walk together as Your children,  
in peace and love.

Help us to be better missionaries  
through our prayers and the help we offer  
to the Missionary Childhood Association.

Send us Your Holy Spirit to inspire us  
to work together  
for a different world,  
a better world for all.  
Amen.

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**I Want to be Your Missionary**

Lord God, I want to be Your Missionary  
to all the world.

I want to call the poor and the children  
and the burdened to rest in Your love.

Help me to be a missionary today,  
right where I am.

Bless me with the gift of simplicity  
so that what I have in abundance  
I will be happy to share.

Bless me with the gift of generosity so that  
I may think first of others who need  
to hear Your Good News.

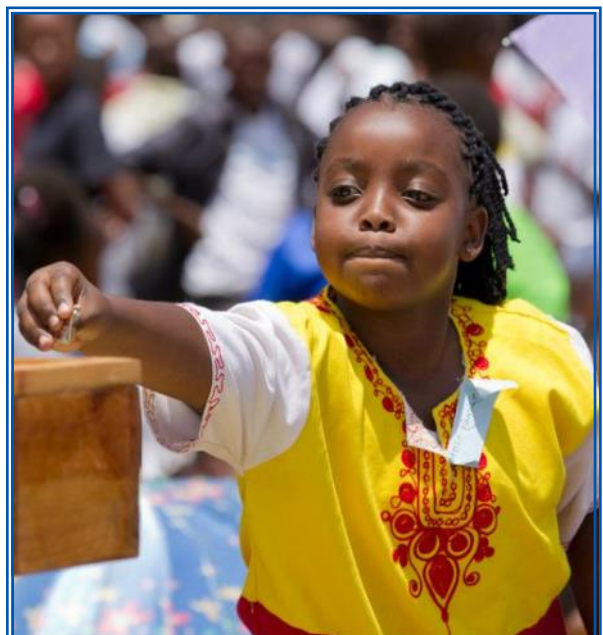
Bless me with the gift of such deep faith  
that it is no longer I who live, but Christ in me.

Then use me to extend Your Love around the  
world so that no corner of the earth may be  
without Your Good News of salvation.

I ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Amen.

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**Make Us Missionaries Like Saint Thérèse**

Jesus, friend of the little ones,  
I thank You because You enkindled  
in the heart of little Thérèse a great love  
like that of the apostles and the missionaries.

I ask You to repeat in every child  
the miracle of this love  
which carries us to God  
and saves the world.

Fill every young life with lively faith,  
with sincere love,  
with bright hope.

Make us missionaries like little Thérèse.  
We also want to speak of You  
to many children who do not know You.

Meanwhile, we commit ourselves  
to love You as You love us.  
Amen.

Mariateresa Crescini  
"Prayers of every day for the little ones of the earth," 2003  
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Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, co-patron of the Missions, as a child

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**Prayer for Children Everywhere**

Loving Jesus, please bless children everywhere.  
Those with blonde hair, red, brown, and black.

Those with skin of every color.

Those who smile, and those who suffer  
because of war, poverty, or hunger.

Bless those with comfortable homes,  
and those in homes with leaky roofs  
and dirt floors,  
and those with no homes at all.

Bless those who go to school,  
skip rope, and play ball,  
and those who work all day  
in fields and factories or on the street.

Bless the children with loving parents,  
and those who are orphaned and abused.

Help us to bring Your love  
and Your message of peace, hope,  
and eternal life to all these children.  
Amen.

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