



DEVOTIONS

Day 3: Missionaries Around the World

Bible Reading:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

(Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)

Quote:

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy, I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”

(Rabindranath Tagore)

Prayer:

Almighty and Merciful God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, you gathered the first Christians in Jerusalem. Grant that, like the first church of Jerusalem, we may come together, and with courage, we may preach and live the Word, and the good news of truth, reconciliation, and peace.

God Creator, Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Initiator of Love, you made the world and everything in it. You created the human race in your image and likeness, and gave us the earth for all to share. Break down the walls that separate us.

God of Justice, your generosity is without bounds. Guard us from selfishness; inspire us to be instruments of love, and witnesses of your mercy and justice. Help us to face challenges and to struggle against all that is born of injustice. Lead us to act together in places and situations of want and need: where families are driven from their homes, where the vulnerable suffer in the hands of the powerful, where poverty and unemployment destroy lives...

*(The Jerusalem Prayer for 2011, written by the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem
Shared by Janet Lahr Lewis, a General Board of Global Ministries missionary in the Middle East)*

Questions for Reflection:

- How are we called to work for peace in our world?
- How can we instill in our hearts and minds the image of the suffering of Jesus Christ and his compassionate love as a source of courage and strength?