

# The Spread of the Gospel

*especially on Home Mission Day: 3rd Sunday in September  
& World Mission Day: the penultimate Sunday in October*

## Background

Home Mission day is on the 3rd Sunday in September. Material for the day is prepared by the Catholic Agency to support Evangelisation (CASE). There may be a collection to support the work of the agency.

World Mission Day is on the penultimate Sunday in October. A Mass 'for the Spread of the Gospel' may be celebrated on this Sunday. Each year the Holy Father writes a message for World Mission day. In England and Wales material is produced for parishes by the Pontifical Mission Societies. There may be a collection for their work on this day.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For the courage to live lives faithful to the gospel.
- For the ability to recognise Christ in all whom we meet.

## Liturgical Texts

*may be used when permitted - see Table of Rubrics*

- For the Spread of the Gospel

## Opportunities and Challenges

- How is the parish a welcoming community?
- What opportunities for common prayer or liturgy does the parish offer other than Mass
- What would be necessary to keep the church open.
- What are the ways the parish can support celebrations of wedding and funerals?
- Put a phrase from the gospel in the newsletter each week and invite people to reflect upon it.
- Find out more about the Pontifical Mission Societies by subscribing to one of the magazines they produce.

Roman Missal

## Prayer

*God our Father,  
you will all men to be saved  
and come to the knowledge of your truth.  
Send workers into your great harvest  
that the gospel may be preached  
to every creature  
and your people, gathered together  
by the word of life  
and strengthened by the power of  
the sacraments,  
may advance in the way of salvation  
and love.*

## Links

- Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE) [<http://www.caseresources.org.uk/>]
- life4seekers [<http://www.life4seekers.co.uk/>]
- Holy Father's message for World Mission day [[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/missions/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/missions/index_en.htm)]
- Pontifical Mission Societies [<http://www.missionsocieties.org.uk>]
- General Directory for Catechesis [[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cclergy/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccatheduc\\_doc\\_17041998\\_directory-for-catechesis\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cclergy/documents/rc_con_ccatheduc_doc_17041998_directory-for-catechesis_en.html)]

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# Justice and Peace in the World

*especially on Racial Justice Day: 2nd Sunday in September & Harvest Fast Day: 1st Friday on October*

## Background

The day of prayer for Racial Justice is organised by the ecumenical Churches' Commission for Racial Justice. Within the Catholic Church material is distributed by Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) for whom a collection may be taken on this day.

The Harvest Fast day is one of two such days organised by CAFOD. The money offered from the fasting is usually collected at Mass on the following Sunday.

Prayer

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For tolerance and respect, for an openness to neighbours and strangers.
- For the broadening of our horizons and an awareness of what is happening in the world.

## Prayer

*Lord,  
you guide all creation with fatherly care.  
As you have given all men common origin,  
bring them together peacefully into one family  
and keep them united in brotherly love.*

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## Liturgical Texts

*may be used when permitted - see Table of Rubrics*

- For Peace and Justice

## Opportunities and Challenges

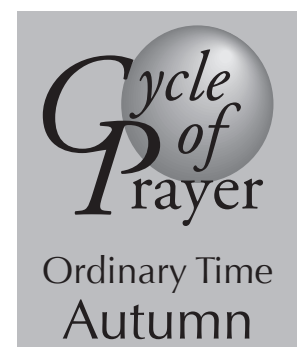
- How well do those who minister to the assembly represent the diversity present in the parish?
- The use of music from around the world can both remind us that we belong to a worldwide Church and give us fresh insight into our beliefs.
- Invite different ethnic groups within the parish to contribute to an evening of food and entertainment.

## Links

- Catholic Association for Racial Justice [<http://www.carj.co.uk/>]
- Churches' Commission for Racial Justice [<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/index.php?op=modload&name=knowledge&file=index&viewCat=18>]
- CAFOD [<http://www.cafod.org.uk>]

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# The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation

*especially on last Sunday in September or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.*

## Background

The Church has long celebrated the agricultural harvest. This intention also includes all human work. In all circumstances of human life there are choices to be made regarding the environment and our reverent stewardship of the God's gift of creation.

*"The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast. Therefore the earth's treasures no longer serve to build God's garden for all to live in, but they have been made to serve the powers of exploitation and destruction"* (Benedict XVI, homily at Inaugural Mass, 2005).

## Liturgical Texts

*may be used when permitted - see Table of Rubrics*

- For the blessing of Man's Labour
- For Productive Land
- After the Harvest

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands.
- For politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth may they safeguard the planet for future generations.

## Prayer

*God our Father,  
you have placed all the powers of nature  
under the control of man and his work.  
May we bring the spirit of Christ  
to all our efforts  
and work with our brothers and sisters  
at our common task,  
establishing true love  
and guiding your creation to perfect fulfilment.*

Roman Missal

## Opportunities and Challenges

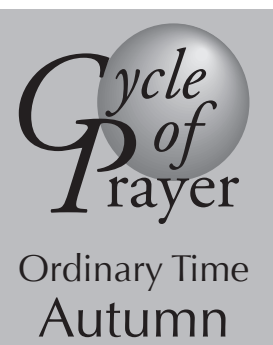
- The symbols that are used in the liturgy should be authentic — candles made from wax, for example.
- The bread that is used in the eucharist should have the appearance of real food — try baking bread for Mass.
- Some areas of the country may be able to use wine that is produced from a local vineyard.
- The celebration of the liturgical seasons can demand the awareness of the natural seasons of the year. The encouragement to eat more locally produced seasonal produce can inform our sense of the passing of liturgical time.
- Consider how this intention links with the previous intention: Justice and Peace in the World

## Links

- Holy Father's message for World Food Day [[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/food/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/food/index_en.htm)]
- The Call of Creation [[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/content/download/1504/11687/file/The%20Call%20of%20Creation\\_2002.pdf](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/content/download/1504/11687/file/The%20Call%20of%20Creation_2002.pdf)]
- *livesimply* [<http://www.livesimply.org.uk>]
- Bread for the Eucharist — Recipes [[www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Documents/Bread.html](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Documents/Bread.html)]

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# All Victims of War

*especially on Remembrance Sunday: 2nd Sunday in November*

## Background

Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn. In England and Wales one Mass for the Dead may be celebrated on this Sunday.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For peace and reconciliation between nations; that enemies may put aside all differences.
- For all those who have died through war or acts of violence; may we never forget their sacrifice.

## Prayer

*God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst  
and wipe away our tears  
that we may all deserve  
to be called your sons and daughters.*

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## Liturgical Texts

*may be used when permitted - see Table of Rubrics*

- Masses for the Dead
- One Mass for the Dead is permitted on this Sunday.

## Opportunities and Challenges

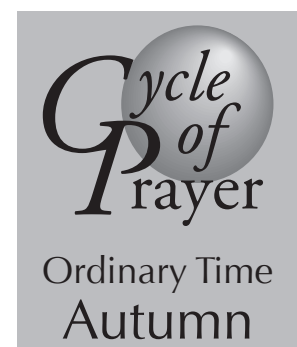
- Explore how the texts of the Sunday could be used to speak about the hope of resurrection.
- Remember to pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces through the year.

## Links

- CTBI Service for Remembrance Sunday [<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/index.php?op=modload&name=knowledge&file=kbasepage&LinkID=432>]
- Bishopric of the Forces [[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/index.php/ccb/catholic\\_church/the\\_church\\_in\\_england\\_and\\_wales/bishopric\\_of\\_the\\_forces](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/index.php/ccb/catholic_church/the_church_in_england_and_wales/bishopric_of_the_forces)]

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# Prisoners and their Families

*especially on 3rd Sunday in November and in Prisons Week: 3rd Week in November*

## Background

Prisoner's week was a Catholic initiative begun in 1975 by Bishop Victor Guazelli which has since ecumenical support and observance. It reflects the work of the Prison Advice and Care Trust which builds on its origins as the Bourne Trust — the Catholic Prisoner's Aid Society. The Sunday and the following week seek to focus attention not only on the needs of prisoners but on all those involved the field of prison care, prisoners families, victims of crime, prison staff and many volunteers.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For all in prison and their families that they may know the Lord's compassion and love.
- For the judicial system may it practice both justice and mercy.

## Liturgical Texts

*may be used when permitted - see Table of Rubrics*

- For Prisoners
- For those unjustly deprived of liberty

## Prayer

*Father of mercy,  
the secrets of all hearts  
are known to you alone.  
You know who is just  
and you forgive the unjust.  
Hear our prayers for those in prison,  
Give them patience  
and hope in their sufferings,  
and bring them home again soon.*

Roman Missal

## Opportunities and Challenges

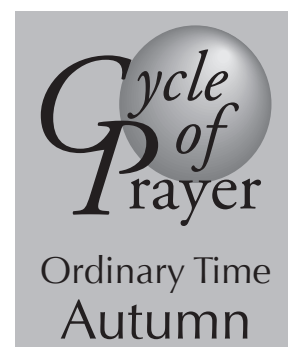
- Find out about the work of Prison Advice and Care Trust.
- Support the work of the Churches' Criminal Justice Forum.

## Links

- Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship [[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic\\_church/catholic\\_bishops\\_conference\\_of\\_england\\_and\\_wales/departments/christian\\_responsibility\\_and\\_citizenship](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic_church/catholic_bishops_conference_of_england_and_wales/departments/christian_responsibility_and_citizenship)]
- A Place of Redemption (pdf) [[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/content/download/1466/11433/file/APlaceofRedemption\\_2004.pdf](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/content/download/1466/11433/file/APlaceofRedemption_2004.pdf)]
- Prison Advice and Care Trust [<http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>]
  - Faith Zone [<http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/?q=faithzone>]
- Prisons Week [<http://www.prisonweek.org>]
- Churches' Criminal Justice Forum [<http://www.ccjf.org/>]

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# Young People

*especially on Christ the King: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

## Background

The Church in England and Wales has marked the contribution of young people on Christ the King for many years. Universally it is marked on Palm Sunday. In many parishes it is an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in the life of the parish. Over the last few years material prepared to assist the day has used the *livesimply* campaign [<http://www.livesimply.org.uk>]. There may be a collection for diocesan and nation youth services on this day.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*one of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs*

- For young people, may they grow in Christ
- For all who work with young people, may they show leadership and compassion.

## Opportunities and Challenges

- How can young people be integrated into the liturgy through the year?
- What opportunities are there for the formation of young people as liturgical ministers?

## Prayer

*Father,  
you have given all peoples  
one common origin,  
and your will is to gather them  
as one family in yourself.  
Fill the hearts of all young people  
with the fire of your love  
and the desire to ensure justice  
for all their brothers and sisters.  
By sharing the good things you give us  
may we secure justice and equality  
for every human being,  
an end to all division,  
and a human society based on  
love and peace.*

Roman Missal (adapted)

## Links

- CBCEW —Young People [[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic\\_church/catholic\\_bishops\\_conference\\_of\\_england\\_and\\_wales/working\\_nationally/young\\_people](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic_church/catholic_bishops_conference_of_england_and_wales/working_nationally/young_people)]
- Vatican — World Youth Day [<http://www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/>]
- Revealed online — A Catholic youth ministry formation resource [[HTTP://WWW.REVEALEDONLINE.CO.UK/](http://www.revealedonline.co.uk/)]

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