

Children's Holy Hour for the Missions

Suggestions for implementing the Holy Hour in your parish:

- Before bringing children into the Church, explain the devotion. Distribute the Adoration Intention Cards and allow the children time to record their intentions. Collect the cards and include them as part of the entrance procession.
- Invite a few of the children to read the intercessions and the Litany prayers.
- Consider praying the World Mission Rosary following the Litany for Missions. Visit the website of the Missionary Childhood Association at <https://www.diopitt.org/world-mission-sunday> for suggestions on praying the World Mission Rosary with children.

Order of Service for the Holy Hour

Hymn at the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament *O Salutaris Hostia*
or another suitable hymn

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

A reading from the Lectionary texts for the Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples

Suggested readings:

For a priest or deacon celebrant: Matthew 28:16-20

For a lector: Zechariah 8:20-23, Acts 1:3-8, or Romans 10:9-18

Homily

At the conclusion of the reading the priest or deacon may preach a homily followed by a period of silent prayer.

Intercessions

Leader: Chosen by the Father to share in His life through Baptism, we confidently present our petitions:

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and our bishops, that their missionary spirit may touch our hearts, *we pray to the Lord.*

That we may be a light to the nations as we serve as Ambassadors for Jesus, *we pray to the Lord.*

That we, as young people, may lead others to Christ by the example of our lives, *we pray to the Lord.*

That the suffering children of the world may come to know the love and hope of Jesus in their daily lives, *we pray to the Lord.*

That we may always be ready to help those in need, *we pray to the Lord.*

We pause to add our own personal intentions. . . *we pray to the Lord.*

Father in heaven, may You continually look upon us with favor and bless us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany for Missions

That it may please you to plant your Church in all the world, that the name of Jesus may be known and worshipped by all peoples,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to awaken a zeal for Missions in the hearts of all your people,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to send our laborers into your harvest,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to enkindle within your people an awareness of Mission and a willingness to provide faithful support,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to bless the Missions to all unevangelized areas of North America,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to restore and enlarge your Church in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to prosper the faith and practice of your Church in Africa,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to increase the Christian witness among the people of the Middle East,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to invigorate those who spread the Gospel in China, India and all of Asia,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to relieve and protect all members of your Church who suffer persecution for the faith throughout the world,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to enkindle love of the truth among all the nations and peoples,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to inspire faithful preaching of your Holy Gospel,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to assist with grace our Missionaries and their families, both at home and abroad,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to empower all the baptized for their daily life and work in your Name,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to guide bishops, priests, deacons, Religious and all who minister in your Church,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to increase vocations for service and sacrifice in your Name throughout the world,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to bless medical, agricultural and economic Missions done for your glory,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to enable sound learning and uphold the work of education in schools and learning centers everywhere,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to restore unity among all who love you,

R: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

Leader: O God, you have made of one blood, all the peoples of the Earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after your and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hardwood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hand in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. *AMEN.*

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Hymn before the Most Blessed Sacrament *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum or another suitable hymn*

Prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament (from the Ritual Book)

Blessing with the Most Blessed Sacrament

Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised adored and loved

with grateful affection in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Recessional

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name or another suitable hymn

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