

Sunday 20 October

Ex 17:8-13, Ps 121:1-8, 2 Tm 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8

World Mission Day 2019

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2019 BAPTISED AND SENT: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD

From Baptised and Sent

The efficacy of continuous prayer, of constant supplication, of the insistent search for love for truth and justice, forges the disciple's capacity for mission. Only those who insistently pray put Christ at the centre of their lives and of the mission entrusted to them, growing in faith. Only those who insistently pray become attentive and able to listen, to realise and discover the needs and requests for material and spiritual redemption so present in the heart of today's humanity. (p. 150-151)

From Pope Francis

The saints are men and women who enter fully into the mystery of prayer. Men and women who *struggle with prayer*, letting the Holy Spirit pray and struggle in them. They *struggle to the very end*, with all their strength, and they triumph, but not by their own efforts: the Lord triumphs in them and with them. The saintly witnesses fought the good fight of faith and love by their prayers. That is why *they remained firm in faith, with a generous and steadfast heart...* May we cry out day and night to God, without losing heart. May we let the Holy Spirit pray in us, and may we support one another in prayer.ⁱ

CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise

5.00pm - 6.00pm: one hour together on one day, to be one across the nation

CRA wishes to call all our congregations to set aside time and space in unity:

- *to offer a national response from Catholic Religious across the country to recognise survivors and all who have been harmed from abuse in the Church and to make a commitment to a safer future. To bring together all congregations and at the same time in a coordinated manner, to make a national gesture of sorrow and promise, with a unified voice and responding to the needs within each individual community*
- *to honour those who spoke their stories to break the silence and those who work in the interests of those harmed by abuse and for the safety of the vulnerable*
- *a Liturgy of Sorrow and Promise will be provided*

ⁱ Mass, Homily of the Holy Father, St. Peter's Square, Sunday, October 16, 2016