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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Apostle's Prayer

Lord, when you called Abraham, he responded, "Ready." When you called Isaiah, he answered, "Here I am Lord." When the Angel Gabriel called out to Mary, she responded, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word."

Lord, I hear you calling my name. I hear you entrusting me with the task of building your kingdom. Like those holy men and women who have gone before me, I give you my 'yes'!

I will go anywhere you want me to go. I will do anything you want me to do. I will say anything you want me to say.

Holy Spirit, I welcome you and ask you to guide me. Form in me an apostle's heart filled with love for Christ and zeal for souls.

I will commit myself with courage and generosity to evangelisation. I will build brick-by-brick, the city of God inside the city of man.

Amen.

Pope St JP II's Prayer to Our Lady of the Evangelisation

We ask you, Mary, to help us to fulfil this mission of evangelisation which your Son has given to His Church and which falls to us.

Mindful of your role as Help of Christians, we entrust ourselves to you in the work of carrying the Gospel ever deeper into the hearts and lives of all the people. We entrust to you our missionary mandate and commit our cause totally to your prayers.

To Jesus Christ your Son, with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and thanksgiving forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYING AND PREPARING FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH

Choose a person to pray for each week:

- To encounter Christ and grow in faith;
- to speak to about my faith;
- to bring into the community of faith;
- recognise opportunities to share/pray.

How can I prepare to evangelise? Consider having each day:

Something to **read**, something to **pray**, something to **do**...

What can I do for others? Think of:

Something to **say**, something to **give** them, something to **invite** them to....



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