

Mozambique Litanies

Litany "Sending and Challenging"

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Translated from Spanish

Leader: We proclaim our love to you today Lord Jesus, we celebrate with gratitude all you have done for us. We lift our praises to the heavens; we join the thousands of voices worshipping your Almighty and Wonderful name.

People: We rejoice in Your gladness, we delight in Your goodness. Your Word declares You the God of Justice, and we come in expectation that you will empower our voices today to denounce the slavery and social injustice that breaks Your heart.

Leader: We find You in the heavens, in the wondrous waves of the vast sea, in the vibrant colors of the flowers, we see Your tender artistry and we adore You. Help us also find you in the pain of the brokenhearted, in the people without homes, in our brothers and sisters without voice.

People: We want to go deeper God, we want to understand more of your heart. Give us ears to hear your voice in the silence of the morning. Make us attentive to where Your Spirit desires to lead us, and let us hear the oppressed voices around us calling out for help.

Leader: As we hear You all around us Lord, so we know You are near in the beauty of Your creation. When we stop to embrace the aroma of fresh fruits and blooming flowers, help us to also stop and smell the toxic pollution filling lungs, the frustration of those powerless to change their environment.

People: Oh Lord, how Your heart breaks at how we treat Your precious creation. Teach us to savor what You graciously gave us, teach us to treat Your world with respect and love.

Leader: Oh! Guide us Lord Jesus to lift up Your Gospel, to sing of your works and to honor Your name in everything we do. Equip our hands to transform Your world, uniting us as we strive to live in Your peace.

All: Only You, O Lord, give us the eyes and ears and voices and hands to serve You. Only You, O Lord, can convict, call, and empower us to serve You. Only You, O

Lord, can give us thousands of gifts, everlasting strength, and all-knowing reason to transform Your world by serving You.

Litany of Repentance

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Leader: Where worship is full of abundant joy, held in simple sanctuaries, and resounds with song and praise and prayer,

People: We find you, Lord Jesus.

Leader: In the wonder of fields filled with maize, early in the morning, full of hope for famished families,

People: We praise you, Lord Jesus!

Leader: In the provision of cashew trees, cassava roots, coconuts, fish, and shelters formed from the sustenance of the land,

People: We discover your simple and abundant bounty, Lord Jesus.

Leader: In villages where children have been maimed and left as orphans,

People: We discover you in the community of believers, extending shelter, declaring the lost a new family, and giving hope.

Leader: In a village formerly ravaged by leprosy, now transformed to a healthy, thriving community,

People: We find you in restored lives, living as healed sons and daughters of the King.

Leader: You provide for our needs in ways beyond our imagination!

People: Where people hungry for work cook late into the night to wake up and sell baked goods early in the morning,

Leader: We wait and watch, experiencing the angst others feel of watching people work while having nothing to do.

People: We learn that you call us to BE, to love and to learn a new way of helping:

Leader: The way of hospitality, of praise without reserve or fear of shame, of faith without fear, of action motivated by uninhibited love,

People: Opening hardened hearts and providing for those who have been wounded,

Leader: Clearing our minds of violence, arrogance, and isolation;

People: Recognizing we have wounded others and in so doing we have been wounded.

Leader: We need your healing presence. We need your forgiving love.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We turn our hearts to you with joy.

Litany of Thanks (Psalm 21)
Written by Amanda Pelletier

Leader: We rejoice in your strength, Lord. How great is our joy in the victories You give!

People: You have granted us our heart's desire and have not withheld the request of our lips.

Leader: In the face of famine, war, and drought You came to greet us with rich blessings, and You placed a crown of pure gold on each of our heads.

People: We asked You for life, and You gave it to us – length of days, forever and ever.

Leader: Through the victories You give and the sustenance You provide, Your glory is great; You have bestowed magnificent splendor and majesty on us.

People: Surely You have granted us unending blessings and made us glad with the joy of Your presence.

All: For we trust in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High, no matter what we face, we will not be shaken.

Litany (1 Corinthians 12:27)

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Leader: Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

People: Our brothers and sisters in Missouri and our brothers and sisters in Mozambique are equal parts of the body of Christ. Though our two cultures look very different, neither is superior over the other – just different.

Leader: Though we worship in different languages, we worship the same Father.

People: The Lord is glorified in English, in Portuguese, and in Xitswa – His Word declares all nations He has made will come and worship Him.

Leader: In Mozambique, the offering is brought up to the altar with energetic song and dance, displaying the cheerful, giving hearts of the congregation.

People: In Missouri, the offering is placed in the plates passed by the ushers, and we stand in holy veneration as it is placed on the altar.

Leader: In Mozambique and Missouri, the children of God worship and pray with joy, thanking God for our abundant blessings.

People: In Mozambique and Missouri, the children of God greet one another with love and enjoy Christian fellowship together.

Leader: As we reflect on our differences and similarities, we recognize that we truly are one family, united as the body of Christ.

All: We worship in our own way, knowing we are all God's children. We give thanks to the Almighty Lord, who uniquely creates each of us to complete His purpose!