

HOSPITALLER MISSIONARY WEEK 2025

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE  
AMONG THE PEOPLES



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The motto ‘Missionaries of hope among peoples’ reminds us of our vocation to be bearers of hope through the hospitality that defines and identifies us.

We are called to be a merciful presence among the men and women in need in our time. Jesus sends us to continue his ministry of hope for humanity, bending over like the Good Samaritan ‘before each person who is poor, afflicted, desperate and oppressed by evil, to pour on their wounds “the oil of consolation and the wine of hope”’.

(Pope's Message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025).



## MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG THE PEOPLES



MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

## LIVING HOPE STARTING POINT

I wish you all a time of grace  
with the faithful God who has regenerated us in  
the risen Christ 'for a living hope'.  
(Pope's message for the 99th World Mission Day  
2025)

### Biblical text

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who [...] has begotten us again to a living hope, [...] Therefore, gird up the loins of your spirit, be sober, and set your hope fully upon the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 1:3. 13)

"FOR YOU ARE MY HOPE,  
LORD, YAHWEH, MY TRUST  
SINCE MY YOUTH"  
PSALM 71:5

### Charismatic text

The passion of the Lord continues today in the history of humanity. We transmit to people who are suffering and excluded that Jesus Christ is still alive and is a source of hope. (HSC Const. n.14)

### For our reflection:

In what moments of my daily life, in what aspects of my spiritual life, do I recognise myself as most in need of a living, renewed hope?





TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

## MISSIONARY IDENTITY CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

Therefore, let us also feel inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus, so that, with Him and in Him, we may be signs and messengers of hope for everyone, in every place and circumstance that God grants us to live. May all the baptised, disciples and missionaries of Christ, make their hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!

(Pope's message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025)

Biblical text:

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:16)

“TELL THE NATIONS OF HIS  
GLORY, HIS WONDERS TO ALL  
THE PEOPLES. FOR THE LORD  
IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE  
PRAISED”

PSALM 95 [96], 3-4

Charismatic text:

As Hospitallers, we strive to embody ever more deeply Christ's feelings towards the sick and needy (...) we assist them as the beloved of the Kingdom; we proclaim to them the love of the Father and the mystery of his total salvation. (Const. OH n.3)

For our reflection:

Christian missionary identity is lived out in everyday life: in gestures of tenderness, in patient listening, in closeness to those who suffer.

For us as hospitallers, this mission has a face. How do I show closeness and compassion to the sick, the needy, my colleagues, and my brothers and sisters in the community?





WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

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## REKINDLING HOPE IN A WORLD OVERWHELMED BY DENSE SHADOWS

Following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to spread the Good News by sharing the concrete living conditions of the people they encounter, thus becoming bearers and builders of hope.

(Pope's Message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025)

### Biblical text

‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in the land of shadows, a light has shone’. (Isaiah 9:1)

**“THE LORD IS CLOSE TO  
THE AFFLICTED”  
PSALM 34(33):18-19 ‘**

### Charismatic text

This letter is to let you know how passionate I am and how much I need, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, for all of this. Because you must know that there are so many poor people who come here that I myself am often amazed at how they can be sustained, but Jesus Christ foresees everything. (Letter from John of God to Gutierrez Laso)

### For our reflection:

In the face of the human crisis we are experiencing today, how can we become these beacons of hope and restorers of a humanity that is often distracted and unhappy?



THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

## CONTINUING JESUS' MINISTRY OF HOPE

Encouraged by such great hope, Christian communities can be signs of a new humanity in a world that, in the most 'developed' areas, shows serious symptoms of a crisis of humanity: a widespread feeling of disorientation, loneliness and abandonment of the elderly; difficulty in being available to help those around us. (Pope's Message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025).

Biblical text:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. (Luke 4:18-19)

"MAY THE LORD BE GRACIOUS  
AND BLESS US; MAY HE MAKE  
HIS FACE SHINE UPON US; MAY  
THE EARTH KNOW YOUR WAYS,  
ALL PEOPLES YOUR SALVATION"  
PSALM: PSALM 67(66):2-3

Charismatic text

New situations of poverty and marginalisation, associated with psychological suffering, call for compassionate sensitivity and prophetic boldness towards new areas of mission, building a 'common home' based on hospitality in an intercultural and global world. (XXII C.G. HSC pg. 39)

For our reflection:

As Hospitallers, our way of caring is to follow in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan; how do I allow myself to be challenged by new situations of poverty so as not to fall into indifference?





FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

## HOSPITALITY: GOD'S STYLE

The hope we have received from God can be offered with simplicity (cf. 1 Peter 1:21), bringing to others the same comfort with which we have been comforted by God. (...)

"We have been sent to continue this mission: to be a sign of the Heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world. (Pope's Message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025)

Biblical text:

"He comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort others".

(2 Cor 1:3-4)

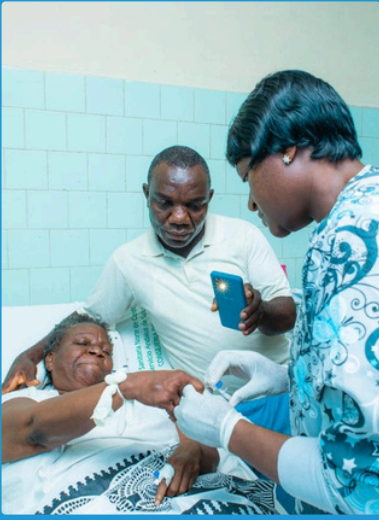
**"AS A FATHER HAS  
COMPASSION ON HIS  
CHILDREN, SO THE LORD  
HAS COMPASSION ON  
THOSE WHO FEAR HIM"  
PSALM 103(102):13-14**

Charismatic text

Through our charism, we are called to be witnesses of God's infinite mercy, embodying hospitality, carrying out Jesus' command to 'go and do likewise' and collaborating in the building of the Kingdom. (HSC Const. n. 3)

For our reflection:

Pope Francis invites us to drink from the source: the Heart of Christ, which 'is the living centre of the first announcement'. Can I say that the source of my hope is the Heart of Christ? What is my basis for saying this?





SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

## WELCOMING THE CRY OF HUMANITY: WALKING WITH THE LORD ON THE ROADS OF THE WORLD

Following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to spread the Good News by sharing the concrete living conditions of the people they encounter, thus becoming bearers and builders of hope. (Pope's Message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025).

### Biblical Text

Have I not commanded you to be brave and steadfast? Do not be afraid, do not be dismayed, for Yahweh your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**"WAIT FOR GOD, YOU WILL  
PRAISE HIM AGAIN"  
PSALM 42(41):6**

### Charismatic text

Our hospitable community is born and grows from the love that the Holy Spirit instils in our hearts (68). Its centre is the risen Lord, in whose name we gather to walk together towards the Father and communicate to men GS 1 the good news of salvation. (Const. OH n. 26)

### For our reflection:

Our mission takes us to the wounded heart of each person. How do I welcome and listen to others? Can I say that I am available?



SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

## BE ARTISANS OF HOPE

Today, faced with the urgency of the mission of hope, Christ's disciples are called first and foremost to form themselves, to be 'artisans' of hope and restorers of humanity. (...)

Let us renew the mission of hope, beginning with prayer.

(Pope's message for the 99th World Mission Day 2025).

### Biblical Text

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word".

(Lk 1:38)

**"GOD IS IN THE MIDST  
OF HER; SHE SHALL NOT  
BE MOVED"  
PSALM 46(45):6**

### Charismatic text

Sharing the same charism makes us a family in which we celebrate our faith, feel and live as brothers and sisters, and fulfil our common mission of serving the sick and needy.

### For our reflection:

What specific inspirations have I received during this missionary week of prayer?







Through prayer,  
we keep alive the flame of hope  
that God has kindled in us, so that  
it may become a great bonfire,  
illuminating and warming all those  
around us, also through concrete  
actions and gestures inspired by  
that same prayer.

(Pope's Message for the 99th  
World Mission Day 2025)

