

Taken from the Kenyan Service of Holy Communion

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR MISSIONS

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord our God.
For the growth of God's Kingdom throughout the world,
We pray to you, O God.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the ministry of the Holy Church of God to make disciples of
all nations,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all baptized Christians, that they may discern their vocation
to spread the Gospel at all times and in all places,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have not yet heard or believed in the Gospel, and
those who may have the opportunity to declare it to them,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose ministry it is to respond to human need and
suffering and for all who preach the Gospel and teach the truth,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an increase in evangelism and ministries of mercy in our
local community and abroad, that all people may come to know
and enjoy your blessings,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For greater awareness and advocacy on behalf of the
persecuted churches,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them.

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer for the sake of the Gospel,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever.

AMEN.

AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Are there any who have not yet received the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation?

People: **Almost 1.5 billion Muslims have never been invited to the Lord's Table.**
More than 1 billion Hindus have never been invited to the Lord's Table.
400 million Buddhists have never been invited to the Lord's Table.
300 million urban poor have never been invited to the Lord's Table.
250 million Deaf people have never been invited to the Lord's Table.

200 million tribal people have never been invited to the Lord's Table.

180 million Chinese have never been invited to the Lord's Table.

20 million Sikhs have never been invited to the Lord's Table.

Millions of Jews have never been invited to the Lord's Table.

7,200 unreached people groups have no church to invite them to the Lord's Table.

Leader: Who will go share the Good News that the Banquet is prepared for everyone?

People: **We will go, by our prayers, our offerings, our lives, we will go!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your Word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and witness for you in the power of the Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Minister: All our problems:

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All our difficulties:

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All the devil's works:

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All our hopes:

People: **We set on the risen Christ.**

Minister: Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path:
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Minister: *Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send
you". Go forth in peace.*

People: **Thanks be to God**