



# Mercy in Motion for Lent

Set up an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions and a World Mission Rosary, that can be obtained from the Missionary Childhood Office.

**Leader:** Saint Irenaeus tells us, “The Lord wants us to make our offering(s) in all sincerity and freedom from sin. Jesus declared this when He said: “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Let’s pause for a moment to think about how we can apply this to our own lives this Lent—reaching out to others in mercy and charity while being sure to reconcile with those around us when necessary.

## Pause for silent reflection.

**Reader 1:** God’s word teaches us how to treat each other with love, respect, and mercy. As we enter into the Lenten season, let us begin anew to live in love as missionary disciples.

**Reader 2:**

**(Romans 12: 9-18)**

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks Be to God.**

**Pause for silent reflection**

**Reader 1:** In our world, there are many places where children are in desperate need of the comfort of God’s mercy. We pray that we may be a sign of his mercy and forgiveness by helping to send missionaries to those in most need.

**Reader 2:** Our response is:

**Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Venezuela**, some of whom depend on missionaries for a daily meal, we pray:

**All: Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Reader 2:** For the children of **Ghana**, some of whom depend on missionaries for education, we pray:

**All: Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Cambodia**, some of whom depend on missionaries to learn about Jesus, we pray:

**All: Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Reader 2:** For the children of the **Papua New Guinea**, some of whom depend on missionaries for medical care, we pray:

**All: Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Kazakhstan**, some of whom depend on missionaries for safe after school programs, we pray:

**All: Lord, this Lent, let me be mercy in motion.**

**Leader:** Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers and show us the way to peace and reconciliation in this world. Help us to see where you want us to serve You with the gifts You have given us. This Lent, may we live as Your servants and true missionary disciples.

**All: Amen**

**Closing Song: Servant Song (Haas)**

Invite participants to close their eyes and listen as you play the song. Find the music here: <https://bit.ly/2V7feaF>