

## **Messengers of God's Mercy: Opening & Closing Prayers**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us begin with the sign of our faith: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, you sent Jesus to be your merciful face to a human family thirsting for knowledge of your peace. Send your Holy Spirit upon us today, we pray. Bless us with your wisdom; open our hearts and minds to grow in love and understanding, that we might in turn be messengers of your mercy by passing on the riches we receive this day. We ask this through the same Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord, we thank you for the call to be messengers of your mercy. Expand our hearts with your joy as we grow in knowledge and understanding; fill us with your confidence and courage, that we might use what we learn this day to live and work as messengers of your mercy in all things. We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.