

Official Prayer for CAM 3

Composed by Pope Benedict XVI

Lord, you who call us to follow you as disciples,
Enliven our sense of generosity,
So that we may respond to your call with love.
May every Christian, and each particular Church in America
Live radically the ad gentes mission that you have entrusted us with.

Grant that our Christian communities in America may “be with you”,
That they may live the mystery of your Love,
And irradiate the Light of your forgiveness and your mercy.

Grant that we may be true and faithful disciples
To bring your Gospel, just as you gave it over to the Church,
To all the peoples of the earth.

Give us the fortitude to overcome the difficulties
That we may experience as Christians and as missionaries.
We know that you are always with us
And that you send us unceasingly your Holy Spirit.

Grant that we may be obedient to your command to evangelize,
That we may be full of joy and hope
When we cast out the nets of the Gospel,
Knowing the catch will be abundant, because it depends on you.

Raise up missionary vocations in your Church in America,
Send out priests, religious men and women,
Faithful laypeople, missionary families,
So that within our continent and beyond it,
They may attend to announcing the Gospel of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ.

We ask this through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Your Mother and our Mother.
With her we follow you as disciples
And with her we go out towards all the peoples,
As missionaries of your Word.