## Prayer for newly commissioned missionaries

Lord God, heavenly Father, your love for sinners has no limit. In love you sent your Son into this dark world to bring life and immortality to light. In love you caused your light to shine in the darkness of our own hearts so that we see your glory reflected in the face of Christ. And just as you sent your Son to give us life, so your Son sends us out into the world to proclaim true and everlasting life in his name.

Make us faithful in our mission at home and abroad. Give us eyes to see that the work you give us to do begins within our own families and continues to the ends of the earth. Give us power to proclaim your Word boldly, as we ought, and free us from every fear that might hold us back or hinder us from speaking your truth.

We thank you for answering our prayers by supplying us with workers who are willing to go out into your worldwide harvest field. We ask for your blessing on these five new home and world missionaries, whom we are sending out in your name. By your Holy Spirit, equip them with every gift they need to carry out their work. Give them wisdom and an understanding heart, that they may come to know and love the people among whom they are to work. Give them courage and strength, that the message of Christ might be fully proclaimed among the people in their respective mission fields.

Let the joy of your great love so fill our hearts to we may always sing your praise and long for our Savior's appearing. So may your will be done, your kingdom come, and your name by kept holy among us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

