



Supporting the Missions

Together with other members of your household, review the three roles that the missions play in bringing the light of Jesus to the whole world.

- In the **priestly** role, missionaries try to bridge the gaps between the rich and the poor, between those who have power and those who have none, and between those who have a place in society and those who are outside it.
- In the **prophetic** role, missionaries proclaim the Good News of Jesus and speak out boldly on behalf of those who are denied basic human rights.
- In the **kingly** role, missionaries act as servant leaders by taking care of those who are in need and by helping those who are oppressed to build a better life.

Read about ways you can support the work of the missions in three different ways.

- Some of the ways we can support missionaries in their **priestly** role are by praying for them each day, trying to be people of peace in our homes and our communities, and writing letters to a missionary or a family served by missionaries.
- Some of the ways we can support missionaries in their **prophetic** role are by learning about the work of a particular mission, writing letters to congressional leaders to support programs that help those who are poor, and joining organizations that protect human rights.
- Some of the ways we can support missionaries in their **kingly** role are by donating money to a mission, volunteering for a parish outreach project, and practicing “servant leadership” at home, at work, on a sports team, or during school activities.

Talk about three things your family can do to support the work of the missions. Write these three things in the appropriate spaces on the Promise Statement. Try to name specific things that you will do. Then sign the statement.

When you have finished, sign your names to the star and decorate it. Hang your star near your prayer space.



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We promise to support the missions in their **priestly** role by _____

We promise to support the missions in their **prophetic** role by _____

We promise to support the missions in their **kingly** role by _____

Signed _____



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