



## Missionary Sending of Families

Dear families,

I invite you to continue your journey  
by listening to the Father who calls you:  
become missionaries in the ways of the world!

Do not walk alone!

You, young families, be guided by those who know the way,  
you who are further along, be companions on the journey for others.

You who are lost because of difficulties,  
do not be overcome by sadness,  
trust the Love God has placed in you,  
plead daily with the Spirit to revive it.  
Announce with joy the beauty of being family!

Announce to children and young people the grace of Christian marriage.

Give hope to those who have none

Act as if everything depends on you,

knowing that everything must be entrusted to God.

Be you who "sew" the fabric of society and of a synodal Church,  
creating relationships, multiplying love and life.

Be a sign of the living Christ,

do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you  
nor be generous with Him.

Open yourselves to Christ, listen to Him in the silence of prayer.

Accompany those who are most fragile,  
take charge of those who are alone, refugees, abandoned.

Be the seed of a more fraternal world!

Be families with big hearts!

Be the welcoming face of the Church!

And please pray, always pray!

May Mary, our Mother, come to your aid when there is no more wine,  
be a companion in the time of silence and trial,  
help you to walk together with her Risen Son.

*Francis*