Missionary Prayer

“Go forth and set the world on fire.”
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

God of Heaven and Earth,

You have fed me your word
And sent me forth to love and serve.
A missionary, you have called me to be.
Even in my smallness and sin
You chose me to sing the song of your love,
The hymn of your mercy,
The anthem of your justice.

Guide my path, Lord.
Send me among the people you have made,
Whether across the globe or across the street.
Give me the grace to be welcomed in
And the courage to stand out.
May my words compel
As they invoke your spirit.
May my acts shine
As they demonstrate your faithfulness.

Though I may falter, help me to rise again,
Doing your will always.
And when I depart, may they say,
“That one was different.
That one knew the Lord.”

Amen