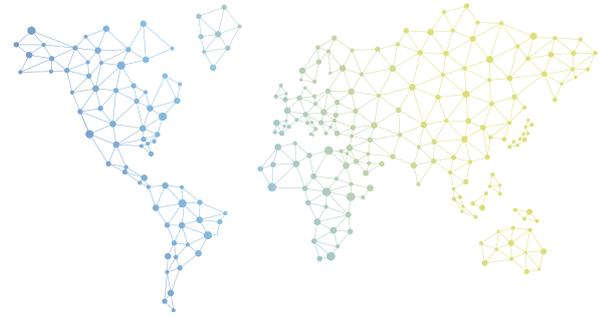




Lausanne Movement

Connecting influencers and ideas for global mission



Global Mission Sunday

Connect your local church with God's global mission



Thank you for joining local churches around the world in celebrating Global Mission Sunday! We have initiated Global Mission Sunday in honor of God's faithfulness in and through the Lausanne Movement the past 40 years.

On Global Mission Sunday, we want to celebrate God's saving work in the nations and remember his church around the world. We also want to connect with God's global mission more strategically and deeply, and be called to prayer and action regarding today's most pressing challenges and opportunities in his mission.

Below are resources and ideas for your Sunday service on Global Mission Sunday. Some churches may structure their entire worship service around the global mission theme, while others may only incorporate one or two suggestions. Please incorporate any and all of the elements that best fit your church and context.

Spotlight a global mission issue

The Lausanne Movement focuses on 36 of the most pressing missional challenges and opportunities facing the church today. [View all of them on our website.](#)

We encourage you to highlight one of these issues on Global Mission Sunday:

- Integral Mission and a Christian mission response to the Ebola outbreak
- A Christian mission response to radical Islam and ISIS
- Proclamation Evangelism in the context of the conflict in Ukraine and Russia

Half-page bulletin inserts with prayer points on each topic as well as additional resources are available for download at: www.lausanne.org/gms

Downloads are available in English, French, Korean, Japanese and Spanish.

Musical worship and the arts

During the corporate, musical worship time, we encourage the worship team or choir to choose hymns and songs related to God's heart for the nations, salvation through Jesus Christ, and our response to God's mission.

This is also an opportunity for those gifted in visual and performing arts to help with creative expressions and experiences that both celebrate God's saving work in the nations and portray urgent missional needs and challenges. Some ideas:

- A dance or drama performance
- Photographs, paintings, projections, art installations, or other visual displays
- Stations or booths with interactive activities and opportunities for reflection

Call and response

Below is a call-and-response reading for a leader and congregation adapted from *The Cape Town Commitment* that you can incorporate in your service. The leader's parts are marked in italics.

Love is the language of worship. That's what it means to adore the living God! The biblical covenants, old and new, are the expression of God's redeeming love and grace reaching out to lost humanity and spoiled creation. And because he first loved us, we stand with the historic church, affirming with all the saints past and present:

- *We love the whole gospel*, as God's glorious good news in Christ, for every dimension of his creation, for it has all been ravaged by sin and evil.
- *We love the whole church*, as God's people, redeemed by Christ from every nation on earth and every age of history, to share God's mission in this age and glorify him for ever in the age to come.
- *We love the whole world*, which is so far from God but so close to his heart, the world that God so loved, that he gave his only Son for its salvation.
- *We love our missionary God*. Mission, like all things, is from God, through God, and to God. Salvation belongs to our triune God, the God we love—Father, Son, and Spirit.

In the grip of that three-fold love, we commit ourselves afresh to be the whole church, to believe, obey, and share the whole gospel, and to go to the whole world to make disciples of all nations.

Prayer

There are many urgent and strategic needs your church can pray for on Global Mission Sunday. Here are some topics:

Prayer for urgent global crises—The major global crises that we are currently calling the global church to intercede for are the **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa; the **ISIS** situation in Iraq and Syria; and the ongoing conflict in **Russia and the Ukraine**. Printable guidelines and other resources on how to pray specifically for these current global needs will be available by the end of October.

Prayer for specific nations and people groups—Your country, neighboring nations, places where your church has missionaries or ministry partners, and areas of most urgent concern.

Prayer for challenges and opportunities in mission—The Lausanne Movement focuses on 36 of the most pressing missional challenges and opportunities facing the church today. We ask for your prayers for any of the 36 issues, such as church planting, creation care, diasporas, Islam, orality, and more. [View all of them on our website.](#)

Prayer for the Lausanne Movement—We would eagerly welcome your prayers for the leadership of the Lausanne Movement and our calling as a ministry to connect influencers and ideas for global mission.

Some other ideas for the Sunday corporate prayer time:

Prayer in multiple languages—We encourage your church to have a time when individuals can lift up prayers in a variety of languages. It is powerful and moving when we hear men and women pray in their heart languages.

Call and response—The following is suggested as a pastoral prayer or a corporate call-and-response prayer. If you would like to use it as a call and response, the leader's parts are marked in italics.

Father, on this day, we come to you, seeking to think your thoughts about the world, and to pray your prayers for the world. So, Father:

- We ask for the gospel for every person—that every man, woman, and child would have an opportunity to hear and respond to the love of God in the gospel. Send laborers into the harvest field . . . that the world may know Christ.
- We ask for an evangelical church for every people—that the church would be planted in those 7,000 remaining unreached people groups, most of which have absolutely no access to the gospel and so have never heard of Jesus. And we ask that indigenous churches would grow strong and be able to reach their people for Jesus . . . that the world may know Christ.
- We ask for Christ-like leaders for every church—that in every nation, leaders of humility and integrity, leaders who have lives of simplicity, would love and lead the church as Jesus would . . . that the world may know Christ.
- And we ask for kingdom impact for every sphere of society—that your people, whether in the marketplace or on the mission field, whether in the academy, the public arena, the courts, the media, or any other sphere of society, would boldly testify to the lordship of Jesus in all things . . . that the world may know Christ!

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus . . . THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW CHRIST!

We also encourage a time of silent prayer, for everyone to have an opportunity to ask God about his/her personal calling in God's mission and to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit for further prayer, confession, or action.

Sermon

There are opportunities to invite a Lausanne leader to preach on Global Mission Sunday at your church. Simply contact communications@lausanne.org with your request. Or we encourage the pastor of your church to give a sermon focused on God's mission.

A section from *The Cape Town Commitment* on 'Unchanged Realities' that you may want to consider for the sermon is:

In a world which works to re-invent itself at an ever-accelerated pace, some things remain the same. These great truths provide the biblical rationale for our missional engagement.

- **Human beings are lost.** *The underlying human predicament remains as the Bible describes it: we stand under the just judgment of God in our sin and rebellion, and without Christ we are without hope.*
- **The gospel is good news.** *The gospel is not a concept that needs fresh ideas, but a story that needs fresh telling. It is the unchanged story of what God has done to save the world, supremely in the historical events of the life, death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ. In Christ there is hope.*
- **The church's mission goes on.** *The mission of God continues to the ends of the earth and to the end of the world. The day will come when the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ and God will dwell with his redeemed humanity in the new creation. Until that day, the church's participation in God's mission continues, in joyful urgency, and with fresh and exciting opportunities in every generation including our own.*

An application point that you may consider is that not every Christian should be a cross-cultural missionary, but every Christian should be involved in God's mission regardless of vocation or location. This can be through financial giving, mobilizing others, praying, loving our neighbors, and faithfully pursuing the calling God has called each of us to, whether on the mission field, in the home, in the marketplace, academy, and elsewhere.

Commitment

This confession is from the introduction of *The Lausanne Covenant*. One suggestion is to include this as a congregational response after the sermon.

We are deeply stirred by what God is doing in our day, moved to penitence by our failures, and challenged by the unfinished task of evangelization. We believe the gospel is God's good news for the whole world, and we are determined by his grace to obey Christ's commission to proclaim it to all mankind and to make disciples of every nation. We desire, therefore, to affirm our faith and our resolve, and to make public our commitment.

Video resources

In addition to highlighting a specific global mission issue, you may want to browse Lausanne's [online content library](#) for other videos to show during your service. Here are three suggestions:

- **About the Lausanne Movement:** A brief video about our history and calling to connect influencers and ideas for global mission (1 min, 43 sec).
- **North Korean Testimony:** A young woman from North Korea shares a testimony of salvation, suffering, and courageous witness. This testimony was given at the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization (Cape Town 2010) (8 min, 41 sec).
- **Tears of the Saints:** This challenging and moving video made by Asia Link about the world's need for Christ was also shown at Cape Town 2010 (6 min, 10 sec).

Introducing Lausanne

At some point in the service, you may want to take a few moments to introduce the Lausanne Movement to your congregation. Here is a brief way to describe Lausanne's unique calling in God's mission:

The Lausanne Movement connects influencers and ideas for the global mission of:

- The gospel for every person
- An evangelical church for every people
- Christ-like leaders for every church
- Kingdom impact in every sphere of society

You can also show a [two-minute video](#) introducing the Movement.

The Lord's Supper

As the Lord's Supper is a central aspect of the church, and is unique to each denominational affiliation, we recognize that the liturgy may not be altered in some contexts. If this is the case for your church, please do not feel obligated to include the following text adapted from *The Cape Town Commitment*. However, if you'd like to add it as a reminder of the global nature and communion of the church, please feel free to do so.

Jesus calls all his disciples together to be one family among the nations, a reconciled fellowship in which all sinful barriers are broken down through his reconciling grace. This church is a community of grace, obedience, and love in the communion of the Holy Spirit, in which the glorious attributes of God and gracious characteristics of Christ are reflected and God's multi-coloured wisdom is displayed. As the most

vivid present expression of the kingdom of God, the church is the community of the reconciled who no longer live for themselves, but for the Saviour who loved them and gave himself for them. We do this in remembrance of that Savior and his great love for us, his global body.

Offering

This would be an opportune time for your church to take an offering for global mission. Your church may decide to commit the offering to support missionaries from your church or other partner ministries. You may also want to pray about challenging individuals in your congregation to support global missions through a regular financial commitment to a ministry that your church recommends.

We also invite your church to join the growing number of congregations around the world who [financially partner](#) with the Lausanne Movement as a part of their yearly giving budget. Learn more at www.lausanne.org/give.

Benediction

The following text is from *The Lausanne Covenant* and can be used as a benediction or blessing at the end of the service.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate his salvation and his judgment. This promise of his coming is a further spur to our evangelism, for we remember his words that the gospel must first be preached to all nations. We believe that the interim period between Christ's ascension and return is to be filled with the mission of the people of God, who have no liberty to stop before the end. We look forward with eager anticipation to that day, and to the new heaven and earth in which righteousness will dwell and God will reign forever. Meanwhile, we rededicate ourselves to the service of Christ and of people in joyful submission to his authority over the whole of our lives. May God help us by his grace and for his glory to be faithful to this our covenant! Amen, Alleluia!

Post-service fellowship

Enjoy a meal or snacks together after the Sunday service and extend your conversations about Global Mission Sunday. This can be a time to informally share reflections and convictions from the service. Another suggestion is to eat in small groups and provide reflection questions for the groups.

Share about Global Mission Sunday

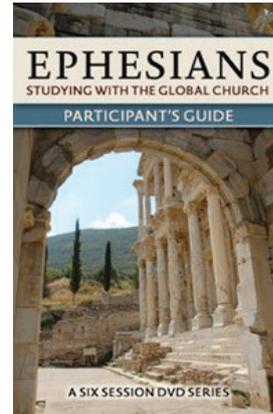
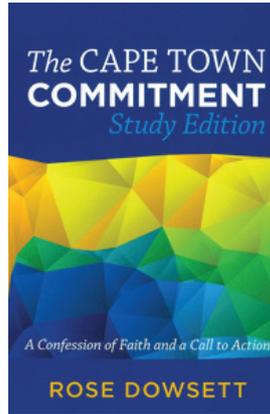
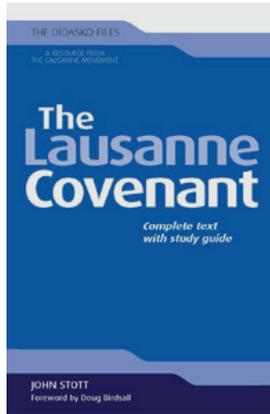
We would love to hear testimonies and stories about Global Mission Sunday at your church! Please send any feedback to communications@lausanne.org or connect with us on social media. Tweet @lcwe or tag 'Lausanne Movement' in your Global Mission Sunday Facebook photos.

Next Steps

If you would like to extend the focus on global mission beyond Global Mission Sunday, here are some suggested follow-up study series for small groups or adult Sunday school classes:

- Bible study on God's heart for the nations.
- [The Lausanne Covenant: Commentary and study questions](#) by John Stott available online and [in print](#).

- *The Cape Town Commitment*: A study edition and a small group DVD edition are both available in the Lausanne online bookstore.
- *Studying Ephesians with the Global Church* with accompanying DVD sessions, adapted from the main Bible expositions given during the Cape Town 2010 Congress by six different expositors from around the world.
- Additional books are available in our online bookstore. Visit www.lausanne.org/books.



You could also form a reading group to discuss and pray through articles from the *Lausanne Global Analysis*, our bi-monthly, online publication with evangelical analysis of current mission trends and world events.

If you have any questions or comments about this document, please contact us at communications@lausanne.org. May God use Global Mission Sunday to bless your church and churches around the world as we commit ourselves to his mission!