



Heavenly Father,
you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church
to strengthen and direct her in the mission
of making disciples of all nations
in every time and place.

You raised up in your Church holy men and women,
the missionary priests Saints Junípero Serra,
Isaac Jogues, and Damien of Molokai
and the Venerable Augustus Tolton,
Saints Kateri Tekakwitha, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the
bishop John Neumann,
along with Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and Servant of
God Thea Bowman.

All were filled with love for your Son, Jesus Christ,
and were emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit.
They shared the Good News of your abundant mercy
across our country.

We ask, Lord,
that you fill us with the same love
of Christ and of neighbor,
as we follow their holy examples of faith and service.

Strengthen us as we work to build up
your Church throughout the United States and
its territories,
as did these missionary disciples we venerate,
and so bring us to share with them
the glory of your presence for all eternity.

Amen.