



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.