



July 2009 Devotion
Blessed to be a Blessing

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: "... the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" (*Luke 10: 1-2 NIV*)

All: **Dear Lord, Heavenly Father, raise up missionaries to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. Bless them and keep them in your care.**

Leader: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." (*James 1:12 NIV*)

All: **Lord, keep the missionaries and their families strong in body and soul. Open the hearts of those who hear the Good News so that they will believe and be baptized. Embolden them to tell others about Jesus' love.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (*Matthew 28:19-20 NIV*)

All: **Lord, the mission field is all around us. Give us opportunities to share what you have done for us. Send us the power of the Holy Spirit and give us the words to tell others about the Good News. Because you first loved us, we are blessed to be a blessing.**

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen

All sing: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**