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Lectionary Selection: John 3:1-17

Prayers for Mexico:

God of the Past, the Present and the Future,

We thank you for the new life you give us in your Son Jesus, through whom we can participate in your kingdom. Thank you for Jesus, our light and bearer of a new creation.

We affirm our faith in the missionary God, who so loved the world that he gave his Son to save us. In the midst of so much pain and suffering, we affirm that Jesus, the son of God, accompanies us on our pilgrimage.

We testify to the arrival of the kingdom of God as a new time (kairos). Full and lasting life takes place here and now in the midst of the communities where we serve.

We receive your love as an expression of salvation, as an act of a God who offers with generosity. Your love without limits is for everyone without discrimination, exclusion or marginalization.

We celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus. With the sending of his Son, God confronts the powers of darkness and death, and offers us a full and abundant life.

We work in Mexico to live out the values of your kingdom. Grant us the strength to live into a new time of health and well-being for all, especially for those who suffer from poverty, exploitation and violence.

We pray that your Spirit may descend upon your church and cause us to be born to a new life in Christ. Come, Holy Spirit and unite us as sisters and brothers in favor of life, justice and peace! In Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Stewardship Moment from Mexico:

When thinking about God's mission in Mexico, it is essential to acknowledge how the present-day situation of the country challenges the churches and their institutions. In the middle of an electoral process with high expectations and fears, Mexico continues to face difficult political, social and economic stress. Citizen insecurity and the vulnerability of the population to violence (mainly gender) continue to be some of the most significant problems identified by the Mexican people. This is



compounded by lack of opportunity to access decent jobs (especially for young people), the widespread corruption in civic and political organizations, and the growing distrust in public institutions that should guarantee security and respect for human rights. It is in this context that the churches in Mexico are called to proclaim the gospel with words and actions. The Courses and Institutions within the Theological Community of Mexico (CTdeM) are faithfully providing a theological education of quality, that responds creatively and effectively to the problems and needs most felt by the Mexican population. Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and Pentecostals unite their efforts together and share their resources to train their pastors and leaders with an ecumenical spirit and a prophetic vocation. Each year, many young people from different confessions of faith are integrated into the classrooms of the Theological Community of Mexico to begin their theological education experience, with the firm intention of serving their churches and communities. The majority of the places, where the new pastors and leaders develop their ministry, are impoverished communities with severe problems of violence and citizen insecurity. That is why the tools and resources provided with a contextual theological education are valued and appreciated by all.



We thank God for the significant and appropriate contributions that the different courses offered for the positive transformation of the churches and Mexican society.

(Prayer and Mission Moment by Carlos Sediles-Real)

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Mexico

Mexico is bordered on the north by the United States; on the south and west by the Pacific Ocean; on the southeast by Guatemala, Belize, and the Caribbean Sea; and on the east by the Gulf of Mexico.

After 70 years of one-party rule, Mexicans elected a president from the opposition party which has promised to end corruption, lead the country to better times, end the abuse against the indigenous peoples and bring peace to Chiapas.

Pray for: The Ecumenical Bible School in Chiapas as it seeks to end the tensions between Catholics and Protestants in the region.

Population (2014 est) – 120,286,655

Area – 1,220,000 mi

Capital – Mexico City

Ethnic Background

Mestizo – (Amerindian-Spanish) 60%

Amerindian or predominantly Amerindian – 30%

White – 9%

Other – 1%

Exports – manufactured goods, oil and oil products, silver, fruits, vegetables, coffee, cotton

Imports – metalworking machines, steel mill products, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment, car parts for assembly, repair parts for motor vehicles, aircraft, and aircraft parts

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 73 years F 78 years

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 12.58 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 6.5%