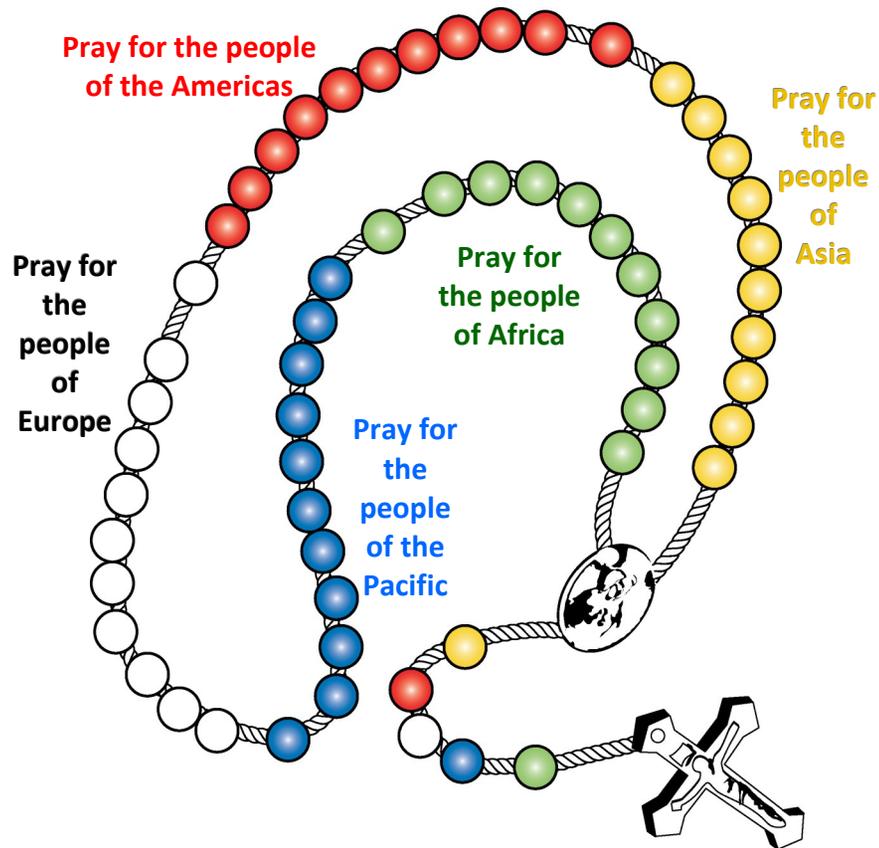


The World Mission Rosary

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen loved the missions. And he wanted us to pray for our mission family. So in 1951 he created the World Mission Rosary.

Each set of beads on the World Mission Rosary is a different color.

- **Yellow** is for Asia, where the sun rises first each day
- **Red** is for the Americas, where missionaries journeyed, “on fire” with faith in Jesus
- **White** is for Europe, home to the Pope, clothed in white
- **Blue** is for the islands of the Pacific, surrounded by the ocean waters
- **Green** is for Africa, with its many trees and plants.



WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

The word mission means “to be sent out.” A missionary is someone who is sent out to bring the Good News of Jesus to others.

Missionaries often go to far-off places, especially places where people struggle every day to survive. They help run hospitals, schools, orphanages, clinics. They provide food programs, and they help people learn how to care for and build better lives for themselves, their families, and their community. And, most importantly, they share their Catholic faith— all of their actions for others motivated by God’s great love for each one of us!

HOW ARE WE MISSIONARIES?

By our Baptism, we become members of a family—the family of the Church. Family members have responsibilities, and our responsibility is to share our faith. Some people fulfill this responsibility by actually going to mission countries to bring the Good News of Jesus to our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Most of us are missionaries by prayer and sacrifice.

Missionary spirit begins with prayer. Every person is able to offer prayers. Prayers lead to sacrifices. Every person can offer up suffering, temporary or chronic, for those who suffer daily in mission lands. Every person can give up something with the intention of sacrificing for the missions.

To pray the World Mission Rosary, think about each area of the world when you start a new set of beads. Archbishop Sheen, who may one day be a saint of the Church, used to say that when you had finished praying the World Mission Rosary, you have given the world a “great big hug”! What a great gift to give your brothers and sisters in the missions!

Remember:

DAILY PRAYER is the best way to make a real difference in the lives of children all over the world! The World Mission Rosary is an excellent way to pray for the missions.

Some World Mission rosaries may have the colors arranged differently, but all use the same 5 colors to represent the different areas of the world where the Church is spreading the Good News of Jesus.



JOYFUL MYSTERIES *(Monday & Saturday)*

The Annunciation

That the Good News of a Savior, first announced to Mary, may be proclaimed to all the world.

The Visitation

That missionaries who travel long roads bearing Christ to those in need may be strengthened in faith and holiness.

The Birth of Jesus

For the children of the Missions, especially those who are poor and homeless, that they may know the love of Jesus.

The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple

That Catholic families of the Missions, by the example of their lives, may show the love of Christ to their neighbors.

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

That all people in the Missions who live in sorrow may find peace and hope in the Gospel message.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES *(Sunday and Wednesday)*

The Resurrection

For the Church worldwide, that our faith in the Risen Christ may draw others to Him.

The Ascension

That Christ, who lived as a man and returned to the Father, will grant to all people knowledge of the Way to eternal life.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

For our Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit will grant him wisdom, fortitude and holiness as he guides the Church in the path of Christ.

The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

That Mary, who gave the human body of Christ to the world, may inspire us who form the Body of Christ on earth to proclaim His message to all peoples.

The Crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven

That through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Missions, young men and women will offer their lives to God as priests and religious in service of their neighbors.

The Mysteries of the World Mission Rosary

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES *(Thursday)*

Moments from Jesus' public ministry – with stories from the missions

The Baptism in the Jordan

In a hospital in Hong Kong, a Sister spoke to a young cancer patient about God, our loving Father, and about heaven, our eternal home. Baptized, the child made the journey to God clothed in Christ because a Sister had shared with him the fruits of her own baptism.

The Wedding at Cana

Blessed Mother Teresa once brought rice to a hungry family, only to find the next day the food was gone. A neighboring family also had no food, receiving from the first family not only the sustenance but also the Christian love.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and Call to Conversion

In East Africa, a Catholic family, hearing of a village far from their own where the people had never heard of Christ, moved there. Day by day, they would tell – and show – the people what it means to be a follower of Christ.

The Transfiguration

To catch even a glimpse of the glory that awaits us in Christ is a gift beyond compare for millions of people whose lives are a daily struggle. Such a glimpse was caught in Liberia, West Africa. When people by the hundreds fled from their homes in the midst of civil war, their pastor said, "They left all of their belongings behind, but they brought with them one valuable possession – their faith."

The Institution of the Eucharist

World Mission Sunday, celebrated each year on the next-to-last Sunday in October, in the context of the Mass, reminds us that we who eat Christ's Body and drink His Blood are sent to continue His mission to the world.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES *(Tuesday and Friday)*

The Agony in the Garden

That all those filled with faith living in the Missions may feel the presence of the Lord in their lives.

The Scourging at the Pillar

That children in the Missions who hunger and thirst may be fed and comforted through our sharing.

The Crowning with Thorns

For refugees and homeless children in the Missions, may they find hope in Christ's promise of eternal happiness.

The Carrying of the Cross

For the Church in the United States, that by our prayers and sacrifices for the Missions, we may help bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

The Crucifixion

That those who hunger and thirst for justice in the Missions may work peacefully and successfully toward their goal.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

- Hold the Crucifix, make the sign of the cross, and pray the Apostles' Creed.
- On the first large bead, pray the Our Father once.
- On each of the next three small beads, pray one Hail Mary. Then pray one Glory Be.
- On the next large bead, announce the first Mystery and think about that mystery. Pray the Our Father.
- On each of the next ten small beads, pray a Hail Mary. Then pray a Glory Be. Pray the Fatima Prayer.
- On the next large bead, announce the next Mystery and think about that mystery. Pray the Our Father.
- On each of the next ten small beads, pray a Hail Mary. Then pray a Glory Be. Pray the Fatima Prayer.
- Continue in the same way as you just did until each of the five Mysteries in that decade is said.
- After the five Mysteries are completed, pray the Hail Holy Queen.