

CHILDREN'S DAY OF MISSION PRAYER

FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2025

A Prayer Resource for Schools and Parishes

Theme: 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'

This Mission Month offers an opportunity for us to show our love, generosity and hope and to pray and share what we can with people who are finding about the Good News of Jesus, including the world's poorest children.

The Rosary is a special tool to help us pray. The World Mission Rosary reminds us to pray for others around the world. Each decade of the World Mission Rosary represents a different area of the world where missionaries share the Good News of Jesus.

How to Pray the World Mission Rosary

1. Hold the crucifix on your rosary beads and make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Move your fingers to the first bead and pray the Our Father.
3. On each of the next three beads, pray one Hail Mary.
4. Pray the Glory Be on the fourth bead.
5. Now start the decade of the rosary: pray one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be and move your fingers along the beads as your pray.
6. Pray 5 decades of the rosary using the following World Mission colours.



Africa: The first colour of the World Mission Rosary is green. Let us pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the people of Africa and all the missionaries working there. Let us pray for peace, that fighting will end. Amen.



The Americas: The second colour is red. Let us pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the people of the Americas and all the missionaries working there. Let us pray for good health, that the sick may recover. Amen.



Europe: The third colour is white. Let us pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the people of Europe and all the missionaries working there. Let us pray for those in poverty, that they may be nourished. Amen.

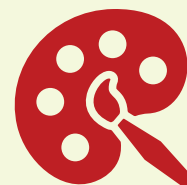


Oceania: The fourth colour is blue. Let us pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the people of Oceania and all the missionaries working there. Let us pray for lonely Christians, that they may be comforted. Amen.



Asia: The fifth colour is yellow. Let us pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the people of Asia and all the missionaries working there. Let us pray for those in power, that they may be filled with hope and love. Amen.

Design Artwork for our World Mission Prayer Service



Step 1: Trace your hand on a piece of paper.

Step 2: Colour each of the fingers to represent the continents.

Africa – green; Americas – red; Europe – white; Oceania – blue; Asia – yellow.

Step 3: In the centre of your palm, write or draw something that you will do during Mission Month to show your love for others.

Prayer Service

Set up the space: Globe or world map. Bible. Mission Rosary Beads.

5 candles with white, red, green, blue and yellow ribbons/placemats.

Donation jar or box. Drawings and artwork.



Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

Leader: October is a month where we honour Mary and celebrate the missions. Let us light our candles to represent the parts of the world where missionaries work.

Five children come forward and say the name of the place as they light their candle.
Africa – green; Americas – red; Europe – white; Oceania – blue; Asia – yellow.

Reader 1: Jesus gave this mission to His followers: to share God's love with everyone in the world.

Reader 2: Together we are called to be missionaries and to reach out in friendship to all God's children.

Reader 3: Mission Month reminds us that we are part of God's global family. No matter where we live, we are connected through our prayers.

Reader 4: During Mission Month, we make the extra effort to pray for one another, and we share what we can to help those who suffer.



Leader: **Opening Prayer:**
God Our Father, Through Your Son, Jesus,
You show us how to share your love and mercy.
Encouraged by the Holy Spirit, may we live out this mission
With our brothers and sisters around the world.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Bible Reading: **Gospel according to Mark (16:14-15, 20)**

Reader 5: After Jesus had risen from the tomb, he showed himself to his disciples. He showed his trust in them by saying, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation'. Soon afterwards the disciples preached everywhere, and the Lord was supporting them in their mission.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Reader 1: God our Father, help your children everywhere to work together as brothers and sisters. Help us to support one another through prayer and charity.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.



Reader 2: God our Father, help us to share our talents, time and treasures with those who have little.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader 3: God our Father, help us to speak out in support of someone who is having difficulty, those who are being bullied or are lonely.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.








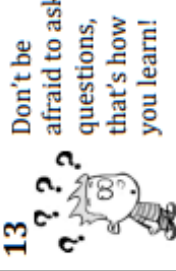





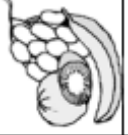





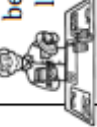





Reader 4: God our Father, we pray for Pope Leo XIV and the leaders of the Church, that they will always be guided by your love.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader 5: We end our prayers by saying the Mission Together Prayer.
May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen.



Hymn: **Go, Tell It On The Mountain**

Mission Month Activity Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>October is the month when we celebrate the missionary work of the Church around the world. During this month, we ask young people to share hope and solidarity with the world's poorest children through prayer and little acts of kindness that they can carry out each day.</p>						
<p>5 Tell someone you love how great they are!</p> 	<p>6 Make friends with someone new today</p> 	<p>7 Ask your teacher if your class can take part in Children's Day of Mission Prayer on Friday</p> 	<p>1 Today is the feast of St Therese the Little Flower. She is the patron saint of the missions!</p> 	<p>2 Guí ar son ár misineirí go léir!</p> 	<p>3 Be thankful that you have clean water to drink. Try not to waste it. Turn off the tap!</p> 	<p>4 Today is the feast St. Francis of Assisi. Do something nice for your pet if you have one</p>
<p>12 Cheer an elderly relative up with a chat on the phone</p> 	<p>13 Don't be afraid to ask questions, that's how you learn!</p> 	<p>14 Make someone SMILE!</p> 	<p>15 RECYCLE</p> 	<p>16 Pray for Peace</p> 	<p>17 Be grateful for the food you get and pray for children who are always hungry</p> 	<p>18 Bring your neighbour's wheelie bin back in for them</p> 
<p>19 Today is World Mission Sunday. Can you give some pocket money to help missionaries?</p>	<p>20 Eat some fruit today instead of sweets</p> 	<p>21 Say a prayer before bed for children who have nowhere safe to sleep</p> 	<p>22 Today is the feast of St Pope John Paul II. Ask an adult about him today</p> 	<p>23 Replace the toilet roll when it's gone. It makes a difference!</p> 	<p>24 Thank your teacher and say a prayer for them today</p> 	<p>25 Help to tidy the house for mid-term</p> 
<p>26 Wash up for dinner tonight because every little helps at home!</p> 	<p>27 It's mid-term break so have a lie in, but thank god for your home</p> 	<p>28 When you visit an elderly relative, ask them about their hobbies</p> 	<p>29 Clean out your schoolbag so there's no sticky surprises next week</p> 	<p>30 Invite your family to pray together</p> 	<p>31 Prepare breakfast for your family today</p> 	

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