

# About the World Mission Rosary!

## What is the World Mission Rosary?

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned by Archbishop John Fulton Sheen, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in 1951. He made the request on a radio show that his listeners "Embrace the world in prayer." To do so he introduced this Rosary.

Its uniqueness is in the five colors represented in each of the decades. Color symbolism in a rosary is a gentle reminder on which to focus our prayers.

This rosary honors the work of mission, our call to be missionaries, and world unity and peace through its special emphasis on each of the Earth's regions, where prayers are needed and our brothers and sisters in Christ live and play and pray just like each of us! Each region is represented by a different color; it is not only a beautiful rosary, but rich in symbolism.



## \*\*What are the colors/regions of the Mission Rosary?

- **Green** - for the forests and grasslands of **Africa** (green is also a sacred color for the Muslims)
- **Red** - calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the **Americas** (US, Canada, Latin America and Native Americans)
- **White** - symbolizing **Europe**, the home of the Holy Father
- **Blue** - for the ocean surrounding the **Islands of the Pacific** (Australia/Oceania)
- **Yellow** - symbolizing the morning light of the East and 'beginning of civilization' for **Asia/ Middle East**

*\*\*Note: These colors do not need to go in any particular order in the making of the Rosary; it is the colors, not the order that is of significance and makes this Rosary experience special!*

## How do you pray the Mission Rosary?

The Mission Rosary can be prayed in the same way that you would pray any other Rosary, be that in a group, with your family or individually. Begin by praying the Creed, the LORD's Prayer, 3 Hail Mary's and the Glory Be, followed by whichever mysteries you choose to pray at the time and their corresponding prayers for each decade. As you do so, simply keep in mind the area and other people of the world that each decade's color represents, and perhaps offer a special petition relating to that region after you announce the mystery.

The Mission Rosary can also be prayed in an extra special way, using the "**Mission Mysteries**" developed by Maryknoll's mission organization. These mysteries, Scripture events that speak to the principles of mission, are:

- The 1st Mission Mystery: **The visit of the Magi**, the first missionaries (Matthew 2:1,11)
- The 2nd Mission Mystery: **Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman**, crossing borders/breaking down boundaries (**John 4:28**)
- The 3rd Mission Mystery: **Jesus cures the centurion's servant**, acts of healing and service (Luke 7:2)
- The 4th Mission Mystery: **The conversion of Paul**, expanding the faith to the Gentiles, the "other," and thus the *world* (Acts 9:20)
- The 5th Mission Mystery: **Jesus sends out His disciples**, we're all called to mission (Mark 16:15)

*You can purchase Rosary supplies, including World Mission Rosary kits, online or via telephone from Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Kentucky; visit their website: [www.olrm.org](http://www.olrm.org) Their website also has information on how to make Rosaries.*

# World Mission Rosary Request Form

School, Parish or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORLD MISSION ROSARIES:

Number of Rosaries Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL POSTERS *(note: posters will be mailed directly to your school, two of each per campus):*

# of World Mission **Rosary** Posters: \_\_\_\_\_ # of World Mission **Sunday** Posters: \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION EDUCATION RESOURCES:

Type of Mission Resource you are requesting:

Speaker      Video      Cultural Items      Liturgy planning aids      Project/service ideas

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic area you are interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) you are planning for or would like to consider (if known):

World Mission Rosary Day (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>)

World Mission Sunday (Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Project, fundraiser or service activity you are planning (if already determined): \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER:

Other questions, requested, or comments:

**PLEASE RETURN REQUESTS\* AS SOON AS POSSIBLE\*\* TO:**

St. Cloud Mission Office

11 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South,

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Or Email: [kmmission@cloudnet.com](mailto:kmmission@cloudnet.com)

\*Please include the subject line “ROSARY REQUEST” in any emailed requests, or as the Attn: on mailed request forms



**\*\*Note: Please indicate on your request suggestions of arrangements that can be made for you to get the rosaries for your community.**

# Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements

## World Mission Rosary Day (for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>):



Children from all over the world will join in prayer on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** for Missionary Childhood Day, a day when Catholic children everywhere commit to praying for one another. Missionary Childhood day takes place every first Friday in October. Catholic schools and parishes around our diocese will be celebrating this day, as we kick-off Mission Month and the Month of the Rosary, by praying **the World Mission Rosary**. This five-colored Rosary represents the different regions of the world; its symbolism allows us to embrace the whole world in prayer!

Our community will be praying the World Mission Rosary at \_\_\_\_\_ (time) in \_\_\_\_\_ (location) by \_\_\_\_\_ (activities – ex. Rosary, Liturgy, speaker, etc). \_\_\_\_\_ (who) is invited to join us. Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ (contact person) at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number and/or email) for more information on how you can be a part of this event.

## World Mission Sunday (for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>):

Every October, the Catholic Church world-wide celebrates Mission Month, a chance to learn more about our call to be a part of Christ's mission in and around the world. During this month, every Catholic diocese is asked to celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, this year taking place the weekend of **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. World Mission Sunday is a day for us to learn more about our brothers and sisters in faith around the world, and the many needs facing so many Catholics today. It is also a day in which we recognize our call to share with those in need, by participating in the **World Mission Sunday collection**, that helps support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,100 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries worldwide through the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (*Envelopes available in your parish packet, or by contacting the Mission Office*). Please help us give and pray generously for our global brothers and sisters this World Mission Sunday!