

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 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 World Mission Rosaries Requested: _____

ADDITIONAL POSTERS *(Rosary posters will be mailed directly to your school, two of each per campus; World Mission Sunday posters will be sent to the parish, but we are happy to provide additional for schools who would like them also):*

of additional World Mission **Rosary** Posters: _____ # of World Mission **Sunday** Posters: _____

MISSION EDUCATION RESOURCES:

Type of Mission Resource or enhancement activity you are looking for:

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. 6th)

World Mission Sunday (Oct. 22rd)

Other: _____

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

OTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR REQUEST NOTES:

PLEASE RETURN REQUESTS* BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH TO:**

St. Cloud Mission Office

11 – 8th Avenue South,

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Or Email: kmmission@cloudnet.com

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



****Note: Requests received by September 18th will be available at the Mission Office table at Diocesan Ministry Day on September 25th; requests received later or not picked up at DMD will need to have arrangements made for you to pick them up or get them another way; please indicate in your request if you need to make other arrangements.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p>1 Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of mission: Pray that you make your mission to love!</p> 	<p>2 Pray a decade of the rosary for the people of Africa.</p> 	<p>3 Pray for the children of Syria: that they may heal from war and violence.</p>	<p>4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: Pray for the earth and care for all creation.</p> 	<p>5 Count how many pairs of shoes you have; pray in thanksgiving for your basic needs.</p> 	<p>6 Missionary Childhood Day: Pray the World Mission Rosary, and "embrace the world in prayer!"</p> 	<p>7 <i>"Thank you Lord, we must be here for a purpose." ~ Haitian Prayer</i></p>		
<p>8 Count how many faucets are in your home; pray in thanksgiving for clean, safe water.</p> 	<p>9 Pray a decade of the Rosary for the people of North and South America.</p> 	<p>10 Pray for the children of China; that they can practice their faith in freedom</p>	<p>11 <i>"Better to light one small candle, than to curse the darkness." ~ Chinese proverb</i></p> 	<p>12 Pray for all migrants and refugees to find a safe home.</p>	<p>13 Pray for children who have to go to work instead of going to school.</p>	<p>14 Give your family a hug today! Pray in thanksgiving for your home and family.</p> 		
<p>15 Feast of St. Teresa of Avila: Be silent and listen to God's message today.</p> 	<p>16 Pray a decade of the Rosary for the people of Europe.</p> 	<p>17 <i>"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you; do not be afraid to dream of great things!" ~Pope Francis~</i></p>	<p>18 Pray for the children of Peru: that they have enough to eat.</p>	<p>19 Feast of St. Isaac: Pray for all the Native Americans.</p> 	<p>20 Pray for families who struggle with sickness: that they can find help and healing.</p>	<p>21 Tomorrow is the Feast of Pope St. John Paul II: Pray for young people all over the world to be strong in their faith!</p> 		
<p>22 World Mission Sunday: Pray that all people of faith can be united!</p> 	<p>23 Pray a decade of the Rosary for the people of the Middle East & Asia.</p> 	<p>24 Pray for the children of Tanzania; that they can get an education.</p>	<p>25 Pray for peace in our world.</p> 	<p>26 <i>"Great Spirit, Give us hearts to understand." ~ Native American Prayer</i></p>	<p>27 Pray for children without parents: that they find a safe place and good people to help them grow.</p>	<p>28 Count how many countries you've been to; pray in thanksgiving for the men and women who serve as missionaries.</p>		
<p>29 <i>"When you pray, move your feet." ~ African proverb</i></p>	<p>30 Pray a decade of the Rosary for the people of Oceania.</p> 	<p>31 On the eve of All Saints, pray that we all have the courage to be saints!</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We must love each other. --1 John 4:7</i></p>				<h1>October is Mission Month</h1>	