

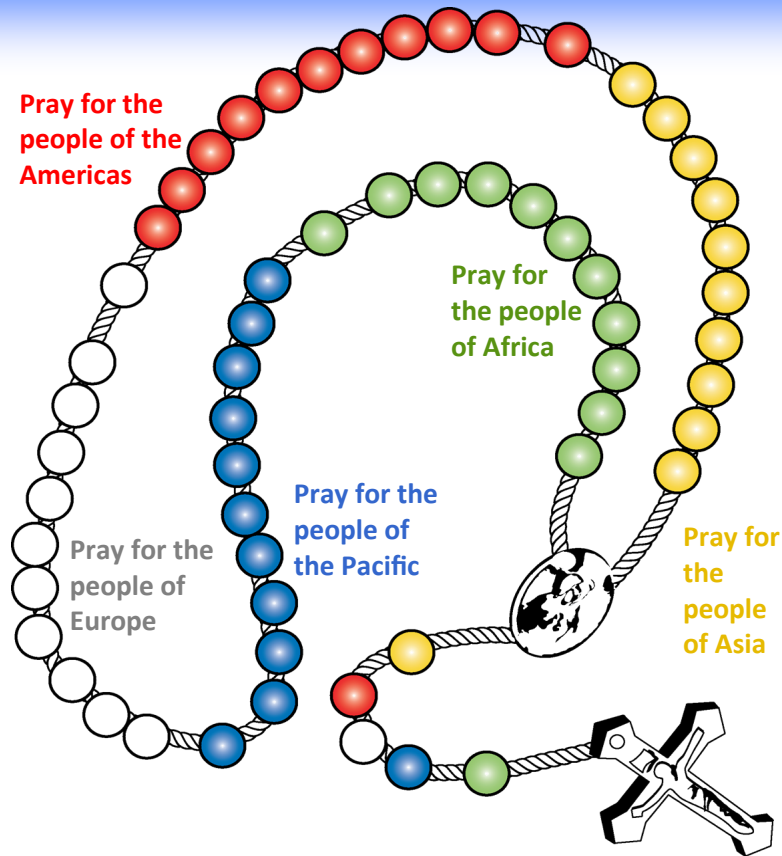
The World Mission Rosary



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 ocean waters.
- **Green** is for Africa, with its many trees and plants.



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 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!

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

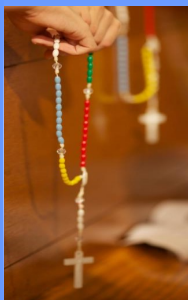
The word mission means "to be sent out." A missionary is someone who is sent out to bring the Good News of Jesus to others.

Missionaries often go to far-off places, especially where people struggle every day to survive. Missionaries build churches and help run schools, hospitals, 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 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.

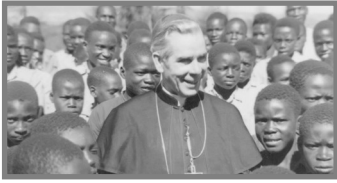


"Peace will come only when the hearts of the world have changed. To do this **we must pray**, and not only for ourselves, but for the world. The world means everyone... we cannot change without prayer, and the power of the Rosary as a prayer is beyond description."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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.

Mysteries of the World Mission Rosary



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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.

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.

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 the Sister had shared with him the fruits of her own baptism.

The Wedding at Cana Saint Teresa of Calcutta 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.

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.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles Creed.
2. Say the Our Father.
3. Say three Hail Marys.
4. Say the Glory Be.
5. Announce the first mystery; then say the Our Father.
6. Say ten Hail Marys, while meditating on the mystery.
7. Say the Glory Be.
8. Say the Fatima Prayer.
9. Repeat 5, 6, 7, and 8, continuing with the second, third, fourth, and fifth mysteries in the same manner.
10. Say the Hail Holy Queen after the five decades are completed.

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.