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THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY

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What is the World Mission Rosary?

In 1951, the now Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen created the World Mission Rosary. Each decade of the World Mission Rosary represents a different area of the world where missionaries continue to share the Good News of Jesus. GREEN symbolizes the forests and grasslands of AFRICA. BLUE is for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC. WHITE symbolizes EUROPE, home of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; RED shows the fire of faith that brought the first missionaries to the AMERICAS, and YELLOW, is for the morning light of the East, symbolizing ASIA.

To pray the World Mission Rosary, reflect on each area of the world according to the particular color described above at the time you announce each Mystery.

When you have completed the World Mission Rosary, you have given the World a big hug!

To find out how you can receive your very own World Mission Rosary, write to MCA at MCAorders@propfaith.org.

Who Is Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen?



Venerable Archbishop Sheen was a national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society like the Missionary Childhood Association. He even had his own television show – and won an Emmy Award! Venerable Archbishop Sheen died on December 9, 1979.

His cause for sainthood was opened in September 2002. He was declared venerable on June 28, 2011.

Why should I pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a special set of prayers to God that help us to remember the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus.

These events are called the Mysteries. There are 20 Mysteries in total. Five are called The Joyful Mysteries, five are called The Luminous Mysteries, five are called The Sorrowful Mysteries and five are called The Glorious Mysteries.

These Mysteries are stories about the lives of Mary and Jesus. Each group of Mysteries relates to one group of ten beads on the Rosary. This group of ten beads is called a decade.

How do I 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 and then 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.
- 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.
- 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.



The Mysteries

Certain days of the week are reserved for thinking about each set of Mysteries. For example, since Sunday is the day when we remember that Jesus rose from the dead, Catholics think about the Glorious Mysteries when praying the Rosary. On Friday, which is the day we usually recall Jesus dying on the cross, we reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES (Monday & Saturday)

The Annunciation

May the Good News of a Savior, first announced to Mary, 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 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.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Tuesday & 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.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Sunday & 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.

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, an orphan, 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

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 witness of Christian love.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God & 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.



THE 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 shall 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.

THE 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.

THE 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 death.
Amen.

THE 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.

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.
Amen.