

A Moment For The Missions With **mca** missionary childhood association

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA) OFFERS A "MOMENT FOR THE MISSIONS" FOR EACH DAY OF THIS MONTH. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, TO PRAY, TO ACT, TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS, AND TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE POPE'S MISSIONS. THESE "MOMENTS" CAN BE PART OF A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - IN PERSON OR REMOTE - OR BE THE FOCUS OF FAMILY LIFE ON A PARTICULAR DAY.

These "MCA Moments" are opportunities this month to:



SEPTEMBER - WED
01 |

"If you want peace, work for justice."
- ST. POPE PAUL VI

As we begin this month, let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Missions who live where they have neither justice nor peace.

SEPTEMBER - THU
02 |

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Africa

The **World Mission Rosary** was envisioned by Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton John Sheen in 1951, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He made the request on his radio show (*The Catholic Hour*) that his listeners "embrace the world in prayer." To do so he introduced this Rosary, with different colors for each decade representing each of the five continents. Green reminds us of the forests and grasslands of Africa.

We begin our journey around the world in prayer this month with Africa. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

SEPTEMBER - FRI
03 |

During meal time pray for children in mission countries who go without food. **Offer a donation** to the Missionary Childhood Association to support missionaries who reach out to them with food and God's love.

SEPTEMBER - SAT
04 |

Learn about children in Ghana from **this resource** from the Boston MCA Office.

SEPTEMBER - SUN
05 |

Reflect with your family on the **readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionaries?

SEPTEMBER - MON
06 |

Labor Day

Pray for children in the Pope's missions who are forced to work and cannot attend school. Pray for the missionaries who rescue and teach them.

SEPTEMBER - TUE
07 |

This past Sunday (September 5) is the feast day of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. **Learn about this missionary saint** in this resource from the San Diego MCA Office.

SEPTEMBER - WED
08 |

Virgity of the Blessed Nativity of Mary

Learn about the birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary.

SEPTEMBER - THU
09 |

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the Americas

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Red calls to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas, including the United States.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with the Americas. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

SEPTEMBER - FRI
10 |

Give up your favorite snack today, and **donate the cost to help children in the Pope's missions through MCA.**

SEPTEMBER - SAT
11 |

20th Anniversary of 9/11

Pray for world peace.

SEPTEMBER - SUN
12 |

Reflect with your family on the **readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionaries?

SEPTEMBER - MON
13 |

"Be missionaries of God's tenderness."
- POPE FRANCIS

How will you show God's love today?

SEPTEMBER - TUE
14 |

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Learn about this special day. Remember the great love of Jesus for you each time you make the Sign of the Cross.

SEPTEMBER - WED
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Our Lady of Sorrows

Pray a decade of the Rosary today for all children who suffer in the Pope's missions.

SEPTEMBER - THU
16 |

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Europe

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. White symbolizes Europe, the home of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with Europe. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent, and for Pope Francis.

SEPTEMBER - FRI
17 |

Say a prayer today for all missionaries throughout the world.

SEPTEMBER - SAT
18 |

National Dance Day.

Gather your friends for a "dance-a-thon" and **donate what you raise to MCA.**

SEPTEMBER - SUN
19 |

Reflect with your family on the **readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionaries?

SEPTEMBER - MON
20 |

"Peace begins with a smile."
- ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

How will you bring peace - and joy - to others this week?

SEPTEMBER - TUE
21 |

Here's a **missionary saint's activity** from the Washington, DC MCA Office.

SEPTEMBER - WED
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Pray the World Mission Rosary for Oceania

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Blue recalls the waters surrounding the Islands of the Pacific (Oceania).

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with the Islands of the Pacific. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us remember missionaries and those they serve in Oceania.

SEPTEMBER - THU
23 |

Donate canned goods to a local food pantry. And **donate** the cost of those canned goods to MCA.

SEPTEMBER - FRI
24 |

Learn the missionary works of St. John Henry Newman

SEPTEMBER - SAT
25 |

Learn about Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin, parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the Missions and of children

SEPTEMBER - SUN
26 |

Reflect with your family on the **readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionaries?

SEPTEMBER - MON
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Learn how St. Vincent de Paul helped the poor.

SEPTEMBER - TUE
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Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Asia

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Yellow symbolizes the morning light which rises in the East.

We conclude our journey around the world in prayer with Asia. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent.

SEPTEMBER - WED
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Learn about Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the archangels, on their feast day.

SEPTEMBER - THU
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National Chewing Gum Day

Donate the cost of five packs of chewing gum to MCA to help children in the Pope's missions.

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