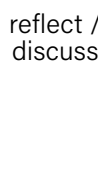


A Moment For The Missions With **mca** missionary childhood association

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF MAY, WHEN WE CELEBRATE OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND THE ROSARY, 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.

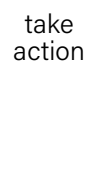
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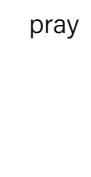
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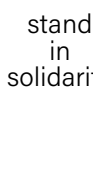
learn



take action



pray



stand in solidarity

MAY - SUN
01 | 🗨️
Third Sunday of Easter

Reflect with your family on the readings from the **Third Sunday of Easter**. "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me" is the Psalm at today's Mass.
How has the Lord helped you or your family in the past?
How will your actions this week show your love for God's goodness in your life?

MAY - MON
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.

MAY - TUE
03 | 🗨️
Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."
-GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN 15:5

How will you "remain" in Jesus today in your thoughts, words and deeds? How will you help others connect to Jesus?

MAY - WED
04 | 🙌
Give someone a compliment today. Lifting up others will let them see God's love in your actions.

MAY - THU
05 | 🙏
National Day of Prayer
Pray for all those who are suffering in the Pope's missions and for peace within their countries, and around the world.

MAY - FRI
06 | 🙌
Friday Family Night

Enjoy game night with your family. Give prayerful thanks to God for the gift of those around you.

MAY - SAT
07 | 🗨️ 🙌
Quote from the Pope:
"The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no one; it requires great generosity and in particular, the gaze and heart to heavenward to invoke the Lord's help."
-POPE FRANCIS

How have you been a part of the Church's mission this year? Offer a donation to MCA to help missionaries help children in the Pope's missions.

MAY - SUN
08 | 🙌
Mother's Day
On this Mother's Day, offer a prayer for all mothers in the Pope's missions - and for the missionaries who share God's love with them and their children! Pray for your own mom and do something kind for her this day.

MAY - MON
09 | 🗨️
St. John of Avila

Learn of the missionary works of St. John of Avila.

MAY - TUE
10 | 🙌
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 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.

MAY - WED
11 | 🙌 🗨️
Today make a sacrifice - give up a snack, or don't buy a new video game, as examples. Offer the cost for that sacrifice for children in the Pope's missions through MCA.

MAY - THU
12 | 🙌
Say a prayer for religious Sisters in the Pope's missions who are helping children and families.

MAY - FRI
13 | 🗨️ 🙌
Our Lady of Fatima
Pray the Rosary today and pray for the apparitions of Our Lady to three Portuguese children.

MAY - SAT
14 | 🗨️ 🙌
"Peace begins with a smile."
-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Take a moment today and give a loving smile to someone!

MAY - SUN
15 | 🗨️
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reflect with your family on the readings from the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God" is the Psalm at today's Mass.
How does your life and your actions give praise and gratitude to God?

MAY - MON
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 in need, especially in Ukraine, and for Pope Francis.

MAY - TUE
17 | 🗨️
"Jesus said: Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature"
(MARK 16:15).
Do you feel Jesus calling you to be a missionary? How?

MAY - WED
18 | 🙌 🗨️
Along with your friends, gather up canned goods, and donate them to your parish or local soup kitchen. Donate to MCA to help children in the Pope's missions.

MAY - THU
19 | 🗨️
In this month of our Blessed Mother Mary, learn about Mission Madonnas.

MAY - FRI
20 | 🗨️
"Extreme love does not measure. It just gives."
-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Pauline Marie Jaricot who will be beatified this Sunday - called "Blessed" - wanted to "love without measure, without end." Learn about this young woman who founded one of the Pope's mission societies, and about the lessons of her life.

MAY - SAT
21 | 🙌
Today, with your family, say a prayer for children who feel alone or afraid, and for the missionaries who show them God's love.

MAY - SUN
22 | 🗨️
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflect with your family on the readings from the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
What do you do when you are worried or afraid? Do you look to God for peace and comfort?

MAY - MON
23 | 🙌
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 continue 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.

MAY - TUE
24 | 🙌
Do a chore for a family member without them knowing. Give thanks to God that you could show His love to someone.

MAY - WED
25 | 🗨️
"It is no use walking somewhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."
-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
How are your actions, your journeys of this day revealing God's love and goodness to those you meet?

MAY - THU
26 | 🙌
Have fun doing a wordsearch on St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the Missions and missionaries!

MAY - FRI
27 | 🙌
Plant something with your family today - in a pot or in a garden. Watch it grow! Pray for missionaries who help faith grow in the Pope's missions.

MAY - SAT
28 | 🙌
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 conclude our journey around the world in prayer with the Islands of the Pacific. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families in need in this part of our world.

MAY - SUN
29 | 🗨️
Ascension of the Lord

Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Ascension of the Lord**. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers, "You will be my witnesses." How do your words and actions give witness to the love of Jesus?

MAY - MON
30 | 🙌
Memorial Day
As this month comes to an end, pray for missionaries around the world.

MAY - TUE
31 | 🗨️ 🙌
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Learn about the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray for all mothers throughout the world.

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