

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 - THU
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Prayer for the beginning of the school year.

Heavenly Father, thank You for looking after our school. Thank You for Your love for each and every one of us here. Help us to learn, play, and share together, so that the wonderful world that You have made, becomes more beautiful every day. Amen.

SEPTEMBER - FRI
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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 – the month of our Blessed Mother – 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 - SAT
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Simple little acts of kindness show God's love. Today, do a chore without being asked.

SEPTEMBER - SUN
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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?

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Learn of the works of this missionary saint. Pray for missionaries giving witness to our faith and helping children right now.

SEPTEMBER - TUE
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"God never tires of waiting for us. When we turn away, He comes to look for us; when we fall, He picks us up; when we return to Him after losing our way, He waits for us with open arms. He is love always, gives us the courage to start anew."

- POPE FRANCIS

SEPTEMBER - WED
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Be A 'Beacon of Light'

Missionary St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Sisters who worked with her in the Missions brought the light of Jesus to children and families. **Try this craft project** to remind you to do the same!

SEPTEMBER - THU
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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Learn about the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

SEPTEMBER - FRI
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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 in this part of the world.

SEPTEMBER - SAT
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Children in the Pope's missions often go hungry. Pray for missionaries who help them and **make a sacrifice to MCA** to support their work.

SEPTEMBER - SUN
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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Today's readings focus on God's mercy and love for us. When has God shown you mercy and love? Can you show that same love towards children in the Missions?

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

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Our Blessed Mother Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's endless goodness and love. Today, pray a "Hail Mary," asking Mary to watch over children in the Missions.

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

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Our Lady of Sorrows

Say a prayer today for children in mission countries who are suffering.

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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.

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Say a prayer today for all missionaries throughout the world.

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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Today's Psalm tells us: "Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor." What are the ways you have "lifted up" the poor?

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Monday Motivation

Collect canned goods and take them to a local food pantry. **Donate to MCA** to support missionaries who help children and families in the Pope's missions find food.

SEPTEMBER - TUE
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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

(1 PETER 10:4)

What are your special gifts and talents? How have you used them to help others in your community – to help children in the Pope's Missions?

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International Day of Peace

Say a prayer for peace in our world.

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September is "read a new book" month. Read a book about a missionary. Discuss with your family what you learned.

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Pray 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.

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Learn the missionary works of St. John Henry Newman.

SEPTEMBER - SUN
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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings today call us to care about others. Are you willing to go outside of your comfort zone and care for your brothers and sisters in need in the Missions?

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National Family Day

With your family, pray for the children and families in the Pope's Missions. **Donate to MCA** to support missionaries who help them.

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National Day of Forgiveness

- When people forgive, they are kind to those who are not kind to them.
- When people forgive, they try to show respect to those who have not shown respect to them.
- When people forgive, they try to be generous to those who have not been generous to them.

Today be kind, respectful, and generous to someone who longs for your forgiveness.

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Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Pope Francis offers this prayer for this special devotion to our Blessed Mother. We pray to you, Blessed Mother, that you might untangle the knots that oppress us so that we can witness with joy to Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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St. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

The archangels are leaders of angels in the army of God. St. Michael is depicted as a warrior; St. Gabriel, a messenger, and St. Raphael, a healer. These three angels also remind us of our mission as disciples of Jesus.

- We must be defenders of the weak and lost, like St. Michael
- We must bring the Good News to the world, like St. Gabriel
- We must help heal those who are broken, like St. Raphael

SEPTEMBER - FRI
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Pray a decade of 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 this part of the world.

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