

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

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF MARCH, AS OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES, 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:



MARCH - MON

**01** |

**St. David of Wales**

**Learn** about his priestly work in the missions.

Pray for all preparing to be priests in the Pope's missions.



MARCH - TUE

**02** |

**'Read Across America' Day**

Read a magazine or book about the missions or missionaries.



MARCH - WED

**03** |

**St. Katharine Drexel**

**Learn** about her missionary work and how she helped Native Americans and African Americans.

Pray for all religious Sisters teaching in mission schools.



MARCH - THU

**04** |

**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.



MARCH - FRI

**05** |

**Friday during Lent**

Make a meatless meal as a family. Pray for children and families who don't have enough to eat here at home and in the Pope's missions.



MARCH - SAT

**06** |

*There is so much need for Christians who bear witness to the Gospel with joy in everyday life... When we do this, our heart fills with joy.*

- POPE FRANCIS



How have you reflected joy to others today? How have you experienced joy today?

MARCH - SUN

**07** |

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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**08** |

**Catholic Sisters Week**

**Learn** about this weeklong celebration of religious Sisters. With a parent or guardian, visit **MISSIO.org** and find projects led by Sisters in the Pope's missions. Pray for their work. Offer a donation for their work as a Lenten sacrifice.



MARCH - TUE

**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.*



MARCH - WED

**10** |

*"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."*

- POPE FRANCIS

Do you ask forgiveness when you have done something wrong – from someone you hurt, and from God? Think about how much God loves you!



MARCH - THU

**11** |

Today, when you eat lunch, say a prayer for children in the Pope's missions who have nothing to eat. With a parent or guardian, visit **MISSIO.org** and find out who is trying to help them.



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**12** |

**Friday during Lent**

Learn more about **Fridays during Lent**. Offer the special prayer found in that resource.



MARCH - SAT

**13** |

**Read Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan.** How will you "go and do likewise" this coming week?



MARCH - SUN

**14** |

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Learn** about your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



MARCH - MON

**15** |

**#MondayMotivation**

Reach out to those in need in your community. Collect canned goods and drop them off at a local food pantry.



MARCH - TUE

**16** |

Find a three-leaf clover and reflect on the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pray for all who teach our faith, here at home and in the Pope's missions.

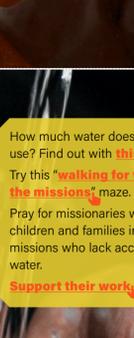


MARCH - WED

**17** |

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Learn** about the missionary, St. Patrick. Pray for all missionaries.



MARCH - THU

**18** |

**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.*



MARCH - FRI

**19** |

**Friday during Lent - St. Joseph**

**Learn** about St. Joseph, husband of Mary.



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**20** |

**Spring begins!**

Give thanks to God for the hope of Spring! Here's a **prayer service for Spring**.



MARCH - SUN

**21** |

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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**22** |

Today is **World Water Day**

How much water does your family use? Find out with **this activity**. Try this **"walking for water with the missions"** maze. Pray for missionaries who help children and families in the Pope's missions who lack access to clean water. **Support their work.**



MARCH - THU

**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.*



MARCH - WED

**24** |

Pray this **Lent Missionary Prayer**.



MARCH - THU

**25** |

**Annunciation of the Lord**

**Learn** about this Feast Day. Despite the seeming impossibility of the Angel's message, Mary demonstrated her faith and trust in God by her acceptance of God's invitation – by her "yes"! Where are the places you have difficulty saying "yes" to God?



MARCH - FRI

**26** |

**Friday during Lent**

**Learn** more about Fridays during Lent. Pray the Stations of the Cross in this resource.

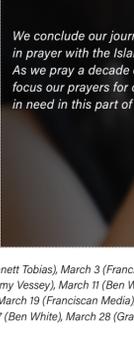


MARCH - SAT

**27** |

**Palm Sunday**

Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass, as we begin Holy Week. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



MARCH - SUN

**28** |

**Palm Sunday**

As we begin Holy Week tomorrow, Palm Sunday, **read Matthew 21:1-11**. Here's a related **crossword puzzle activity**.



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**29** |

**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 need in this part of our world.*



With your family, **learn about "Hot Cross Buns"** – and with help, maybe make some at the start of this Holy Week.

MARCH - TUE

**30** |

**Mission Madonnas**

On this **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, learn more about communities around the world and our Blessed Mother in **this resource**. In this moment, pray to Mary for children and families in the Missions.



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