

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

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH FOR GIVING THANKS, THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA) OFFERS A "MOMENT FOR THE MISSIONS" FOR EACH DAY OF NOVEMBER. 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:



NOVEMBER - MON
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All Saints Day

Prayer for All Saints Day
Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. Please help me follow their footsteps. Help me to seek Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors, near and far. Amen

NOVEMBER - TUE
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All Souls Day

Catholic tradition is to remember those who have gone before us. Write the names of deceased family members, one each on a candle, and set up a family altar. Pray for them this month, in gratitude for the love they gave you in their lifetime.

NOVEMBER - WED
03 | 🧠
St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres' life reflects God's extraordinary gifts. **Learn about** his charity towards the sick and the poor. How can your actions be like his this day and throughout November?

NOVEMBER - THU
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Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Africa

The **World Mission Rosary** was created 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 November with Africa. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

NOVEMBER - FRI
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"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy."
ST. THERÈSE DE LISIEUX, PATRONESS OF THE MISSIONS

Who is in your heart to pray for today?

NOVEMBER - SAT
06 | 🙌🙌
Cold weather is coming! Donate coats to a local charity, and **make a donation to the Missionary Childhood Association** to support those helping children in the Pope's missions. Giving Children Hope in the Pope's Missions

NOVEMBER - SUN
07 | 🧠
Reflect with your family on the readings for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionary?

NOVEMBER - MON
08 | 🙌
Do you and your friends know any missionaries? Discuss the countries where they are serving. Missionaries work in difficult and sometimes dangerous places. Pray for them - and pray for the children and families to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus.

NOVEMBER - TUE
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Do you know what the "Pope's church" is? **Learn about St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome.** Do some research too on the history of your own parish church building!

NOVEMBER - WED
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Pray for children in mission countries. Give up your favorite snack today and **donate its cost to help children in the Pope's missions through MCA.**

NOVEMBER - THU
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Veterans' Day

Today we honor all who have served in the United States military - in wartime or peacetime, living, or deceased. Do you know a veteran? If so, thank that person! Pray for all in the Pope's missions who suffer because of war and fighting.

NOVEMBER - 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 on this continent, including in our own country.

NOVEMBER - SAT
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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Learn about this missionary saint. Pray for all missionaries serving today in the Pope's missions.

NOVEMBER - SUN
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Reflect with your family on the readings from the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionary?

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How to be a missionary right where you are!

Pray our Our Father or a Hail Mary, two MCA daily prayers.
Bring love and joy to your family as missionaries do.
Make holy the work that God has given to you at home or in school.

NOVEMBER - TUE
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Grow in your faith and knowledge of missionaries. With help from an adult (teacher / parent / guardian) research on the Internet about a missionary. Do you feel called to serve the poor?

NOVEMBER - WED
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"Blessed the one concerned for the poor... the Lord delivers him."
PSALM 41:2
How will you reach out to the poor today?

NOVEMBER - THU
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Learn about the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul. Research how Peter and Paul spread the "Good News" of Jesus.

NOVEMBER - FRI
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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.

NOVEMBER - SAT
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Universal Children's Day
On this day, pray for all who help children and families in the Pope's missions. **Donate to MCA** to support their work.

NOVEMBER - SUN
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Reflect with your family on the readings for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be Jesus' missionary?

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#MondayMotivation

Ask a parent or guardian or teacher for help to **start a fundraiser for MCA.** Pray in gratitude for this month of giving thanks for missionaries who help children in the Pope's missions.

NOVEMBER - TUE
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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 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.

NOVEMBER - WED
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On this day before Thanksgiving, give thanks for the vision of French Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson who founded the Missionary Childhood Association. **Learn more** at this link on the website of MCA in Fort Worth.

NOVEMBER - THU
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Thanksgiving

As you celebrate with family and friends today, pray for children and families in the Pope's missions, giving thanks for missionaries who give them help - and hope. **Make a family gift to MCA!** to support them.

NOVEMBER - FRI
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Black Friday

When you're done shopping today, **send a "gift" to children in the Pope's missions through MCA!**

NOVEMBER - SAT
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"Be missionaries of God's tenderness!"
- POPE FRANCIS
What does this mean to you? How can you be a missionary of "God's tenderness" this Advent Season?

NOVEMBER - SUN
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First Sunday of Advent

Light the first purple candle of your Advent wreath. Reflect on today's Scripture readings with your family. What messages do you hear? **How is God calling you to reach out to children in the Pope's missions this Advent Season?**

NOVEMBER - MON
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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 light which rises in the East. We conclude our journey around the world 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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National Day of Giving #GivingTuesday

Donate to MCA today to help missionaries help children and families.

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