

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

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY, AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, 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:



reflect / discuss



learn



take action



pray



stand in solidarity

JANUARY - FRI  
**01**

**World Day of Peace**

*Lord God of peace,  
hear our prayer!  
Grant us peace,  
teach us peace;  
guide our steps in the way  
of peace.*

FROM POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE



JANUARY - SAT  
**02**

**Pray & Reflect**

*"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds"* PSALM 98

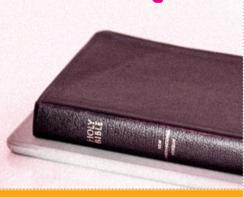
What wonderful deeds has God done for you?  
For your family? For your friends or neighbors?  
Offer a prayer of gratitude to God.  
Ask God to send good things to children in the Pope's missions.

JANUARY - SUN  
**03**

**Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.**

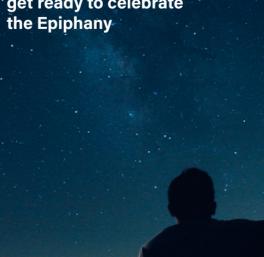
"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

With the help of a parent or guardian, **research names in the Bible.**



JANUARY - MON  
**04**

**Go star-gazing as we get ready to celebrate the Epiphany**



JANUARY - TUE  
**05**

**St. John Neumann**

Learn more about this missionary saint at [this link](#).



JANUARY - WED  
**06**

**Epiphany**

Have the doorway of your home blessed: 20+C+M+B+21

Here's [an activity to learn more](#).



JANUARY - THU  
**07**

**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.*



JANUARY - FRI  
**08**

**Friday Family Night**

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



JANUARY - SAT  
**09**

**Donate**

Take a donation of canned goods to a local food pantry.



Say a prayer and **offer help for children in the Pope's missions** in need of food on this day.

JANUARY - SUN  
**10**

**Baptism of the Lord**



What day were you baptized? Who were your godparents? Give prayerful thanks to God for those who teach you the faith, in your family and through your religious education program. Learn more about [Baptism and the Missions](#).

JANUARY - MON  
**11**

**Ask for Help**

Ask a parent or guardian, or teacher, for help to **start a fundraiser for a project for children in the Pope's missions on MISSIO**.



JANUARY - TUE  
**12**

**Mission of Service**

*"The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service... There is so much need for Christians who bear witness to the Gospel with joy in everyday life."* - POPE FRANCIS

What do you think is your mission of service? How do you serve your neighbor half a block - and half a world - away?

JANUARY - WED  
**13**

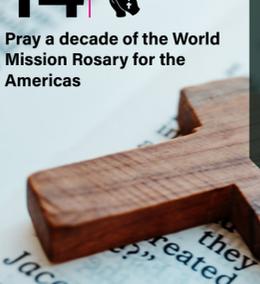
**Pray for the Children**

During your lunchtime, say a prayer for those children in the missions who are going without food.



JANUARY - THU  
**14**

**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.*

JANUARY - FRI  
**15**

**Take action... and pray**



Visit MISSIO, with the help of a parent / guardian, and **learn about how missionaries are helping children.** Offer a prayer for their work and the children they help.

JANUARY - SAT  
**16**

**Reflect**

*"Jesus went out along the sea. All the crowd came to him and he taught them. As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post. Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed Jesus."* MARK 2:13-14

How have you followed Jesus today?

JANUARY - SUN  
**17**

**What would you send to help a child in the Pope's missions?**

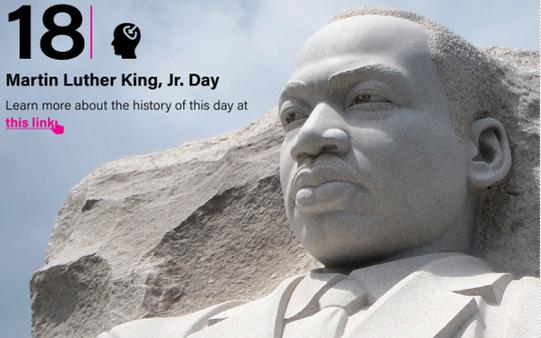
With a parent or guardian, **learn more about how missionaries are helping children there today** - and every day. Pray for their work. **Send help** as you can.



JANUARY - MON  
**18**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Learn more about the history of this day at [this link](#).



JANUARY - TUE  
**19**

**National Popcorn Day**

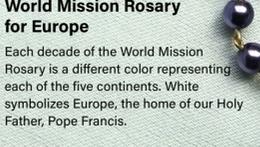
Watch a movie with your family - or your friends. Offer a prayer of thanks to God for joy in your life.



JANUARY - WED  
**20**

**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.*

JANUARY - THU  
**21**

**St. Agnes**

Learn more about this saint at [this link](#).



JANUARY - FRI  
**22**

**Donate**



January is here and many of us experience cold weather. Donate blankets to a shelter.

JANUARY - SAT  
**23**

**National Handwriting Day**

Write a letter of thanks to a missionary. Post it on your refrigerator or in your room somewhere. Offer a prayer of thanks to missionaries around the world.



JANUARY - SUN  
**24**

**Prayer for World Peace**



As a family, prayer together for world peace.

JANUARY - MON  
**25**

**Conversion of St. Paul**



Learn more about this great missionary saint at [this link](#). Offer a prayer for missionaries who tell the world the Good News of Jesus.

JANUARY - TUE  
**26**

**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.*

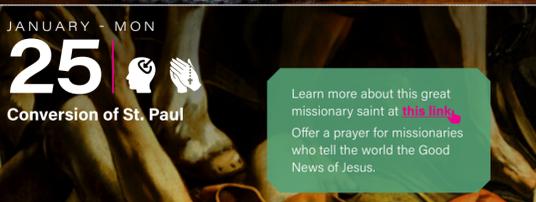
JANUARY - WED  
**27**

**Pray**



JANUARY - THU  
**28**

**St. Thomas Aquinas**



JANUARY - FRI  
**29**

**National Puzzle Day**

What are the "pieces" of your life that give you hope: family, friends, teachers, others? Say a prayer for them.

JANUARY - SAT  
**30**

**Just before we begin Catholic Schools Week, with help from a parent or guardian, learn about how missionaries are helping educate children in the Pope's missions.** Offer help and prayers for their work.



JANUARY - SUN  
**31**

**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.*

JANUARY - SUN  
**31**



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