

▶ In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (*The Catholic Hour*), inaugurated a **World Mission Rosary**. “We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent each of the five continents.” Praying this Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would “aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world.”

▶ Each decade of that World Mission Rosary calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission: **GREEN** for the forests and grasslands of **AFRICA**; **BLUE** for the ocean surrounding the **ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC**; **WHITE** symbolizing **EUROPE**, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; **RED** calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the **AMERICAS**, and **YELLOW**, the morning light of the East, for **ASIA**.

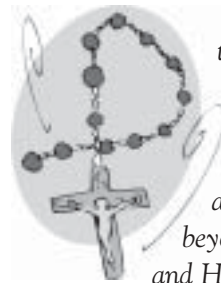
▶ Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, encourages everyone to “intensify your praying of the Rosary...to obtain from the Lord those graces that the Church and humanity especially need.”



## Daily Prayers for the Missions

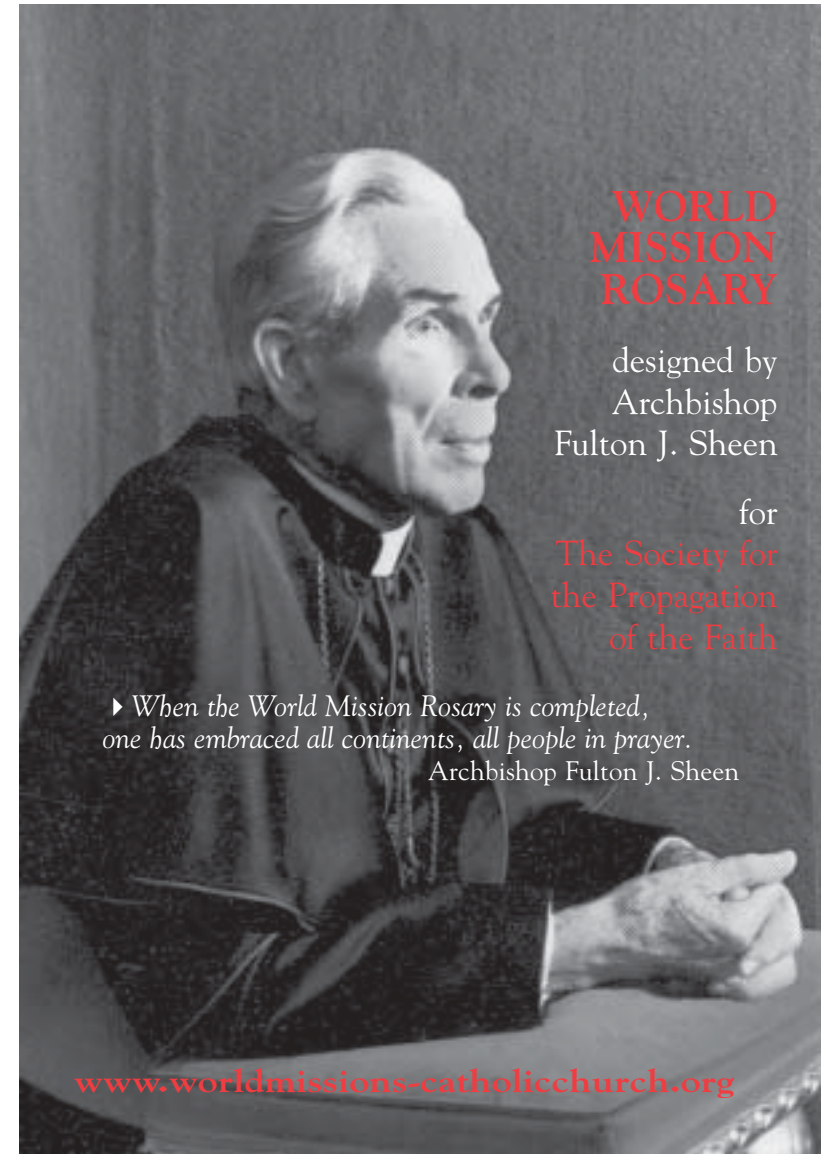
▶ Father, You will Your Church to be the sacrament of salvation to all peoples. Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of our human family until You have made us one people. Inspire us to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere until the end of the world.

- ▶ Our Father
- ▶ Hail Mary
- ▶ Glory be
- ▶ St. Francis Xavier, pray for us
- ▶ St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us



▶ “Peace will come only when the hearts of the world have changed. To do this we must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. The world means **everyone**.... But we cannot change without prayer, and the power of the Rosary as a prayer is beyond description. For the love of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother, won’t you please make a tour of the world on your World Mission Rosary? I know you will.”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen  
The Catholic Hour radio broadcast  
February 11, 1951  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



## WORLD MISSION ROSARY

designed by  
Archbishop  
Fulton J. Sheen

for  
The Society for  
the Propagation  
of the Faith

▶ When the World Mission Rosary is completed,  
one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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## Rosary for the Missions

### Joyful Mysteries (Monday & Saturday)

#### The Annunciation

*That the Good News of a Savior, first announced to Mary, may be proclaimed to all the world.*

#### The Visitation

*That missionaries who travel long roads bearing Christ to those in need may be strengthened in faith and holiness.*

#### The Birth of Jesus

*For the children of the Missions, especially those who are poor and homeless, that they may know the love of Jesus.*

#### The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple

*That Catholic families of the Missions, by the example of their lives, may show the love of Christ to their neighbors.*

#### The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

*That all the people of the Missions who live in sorrow may find in the Gospel message of Jesus new life and peace.*

### Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday & Friday)

#### The Agony in the Garden

*That all who persevere in faith in the Missions may feel the presence of the Lord in their lives.*

#### The Scourging at the Pillar

*That all who suffer in body, especially the hungry millions in the Missions, may be fed and comforted through our sharing.*

#### The Crowning with Thorns

*That all who suffer from despair, especially the refugees of the Missions, may find hope in Christ's promise of eternal happiness for those who believe in Him.*

#### The Carrying of the Cross

*For the Church in the United States, that by our prayers and*

*sacrifices for the Missions, we may help bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters worldwide.*

#### The Crucifixion

*That those who hunger and thirst for justice in the Missions may work peacefully and successfully toward their goal.*

### Glorious Mysteries (Sunday & Wednesday)

#### The Resurrection

*For the Church worldwide, that our faith in the Risen Christ may draw others to Him.*

#### The Ascension

*That Christ, Who lived as a man and returned to the Father, will grant to all people knowledge of the Way to eternal life.*

#### The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

*For our Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit will grant him wisdom, fortitude and holiness as he guides the Church in the path of Christ.*

#### The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

*That Mary, who gave the human body of Christ to the world, may inspire us who form the Body of Christ on earth to proclaim His message to all peoples.*

#### The Crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven

*That through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Missions, young men and women will offer their lives to God as priests and Religious in service of their neighbors.*

### Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

*moments from Jesus' public ministry - with stories from the Missions*

#### The Baptism in the Jordan

*In a hospital in Hong Kong, a Chinese Sister spoke to a young cancer patient about God, our loving Father, and about heaven, our eternal home. The boy, an orphan, told*

*her: "I never had a father I never had a home." Baptized, the boy made the journey to God clothed in Christ because a Sister had shared with him the fruits of her own baptism.*

#### The Wedding of Cana

*Mother Teresa tells of bringing rice to a hungry family. The next day she discovered the food was gone. It seems that a neighboring family had no food either, so the first family shared what Mother had brought them. The neighbors, of a different faith, were witnesses to Christian love.*

#### The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God & Call to Conversion

*In East Africa, a Catholic family heard of a village far from their own where the people had never heard of Christ. In prayer, and in love, they decided to move to the distant village so that day by day they could tell — and show — the people what it means to be a follower of Christ.*

#### The Transfiguration

*To catch even a glimpse of the glory that awaits us in Christ is a gift beyond compare for millions of people whose lives are a daily struggle. Such a glimpse was caught in Liberia, West Africa. When people by the hundreds fled from their homes in the midst of civil war, their pastor said, "They left all of their belongings behind, but they brought with them one valuable possession — their faith."*

#### The Institution of the Eucharist

*World Mission Sunday, celebrated each year on the next-to-last Sunday in October, in the context of the Mass, reminds us that we who eat Christ's Body and drink his Blood are sent to continue his mission to the world. "Supported by Mary, we will not hesitate to devote ourselves generously to taking the proclamation of the Good News to the ends of the earth," says Pope John Paul II.*