

## October

### *The Month of the Holy Rosary and Mission*

The Month of October is observed as the Month of the Holy Rosary and Missions. How beautiful it is to discover this providential similarity.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>, which commemorates the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto, is highly considered as a participation in the evangelising mission of the church. And according to the catechesis of Pope Francis, there is no mission without the Rosary, because mission is also and foremost a prayerful action.

With our rosaries, we are expected to enter into a month-long devotion in October, praying not only for our own personal intentions and needs, and for peace in the world, but also for the evangelising mission of the church and for missionaries.

We might not be able to give to the mission by going, but we can go to the mission by giving. Giving not only in terms of our financial and material support for the missions and for missionaries, but rather in terms of our spiritual support of "prayer".

As we passionately hold on to our rosaries in this month of October, let us be intentional in praying for all the works of evangelisation within and outside the walls of the church. At every bead or decade of the rosary, let us remember all evangelizers and missionaries especially those facing all forms of humanly orchestrated challenges.

May our Lady of the Holy Rosary, the first missionary who took Jesus to Elizabeth during the visitation, intercede for us all, Amen!

May Our Lady of the Rosary, the Patron Saint of Canada, through her intercession make us carriers of the good news of Christ her Son, Amen!

Mary, Queen and Mother of Missions, pray for Us!

## October Rosary Intentions for the Missions

### **JOYFUL MYSTERIES**

#### **First Mystery: The Annunciation**

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world may be open to the graces and joy of the Annunciation in order to bring them to those to whom the Lord sends them.

#### **Second Mystery: The Visitation**

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world may obtain from God the grace to always discern his will and to act efficiently and promptly in their mission.

#### **Third Mystery: The Nativity**

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world may always find in Jesus the bread of life and share him with everyone who needs God.

#### **Fourth Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple**

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world may always distinguish themselves through a spirit of openness and meeting in Jesus Christ.

#### **Fifth Mystery: The Finding in the Temple**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world whose vocation is misunderstood and unwelcome by their families, so that their love for God and their families keeps growing.

### **LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

#### **First Mystery: The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that their zeal may take root in the Baptismal Promises and New Life in Christ.

#### **Second Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that, in following the footsteps of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Patron Saint of Missions, they may find in Jesus their love, and they may celebrate him in the wedding of mission.

### **Third Mystery: Jesus's Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may be the first witnesses of the Good News and the conversion that they proclaim.

### **Fourth Mystery: The Transfiguration**

Let us make Pope Francis' prayer for the missionary disciples and the whole world, our own, following the footsteps of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Christ on the mountain.

### **Fifth Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist**

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world may be fervent adorers of Christ in the Eucharist in order to gather strength for their journey.

## **SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

### **First Mystery: The Agony in the Garden**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world who experience martyrdom in their mission.

### **Second Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may cultivate a sense and spirit of sacrifice as Christ and the model martyrs that came after him.

### **Third Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may give an account of their efforts and sufferings to Christ and his Church.

### **Fourth Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that mission may be the priority of their life, with or without the comfort of social, financial, material and technological securities.

### **Fifth Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may be courageous and persistent while facing hardships.

## **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

### **First Mystery: The Resurrection**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that through their missionary zeal, they may bring the hope and life of the Risen Christ to the desperate world, which is afraid of death.

### **Second Mystery: The Ascension**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that their mission may be centred on prayer and concrete action in the world.

### **Third Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may continue to respond to their missionary vocation by letting themselves be guided by the Holy Spirit.

### **Fourth Mystery: The Assumption**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that the humble servant, the Blessed Virgin Mary, may be a source of inspiration for their mission.

### **Fifth Mystery: The Coronation of Mary**

Let us pray for the missionary disciples of Canada and the whole world, so that they may devote themselves to the Marian intercession in their mission.