



# Living World Mission Rosary Prayer Activity



## What is a Living World Mission Rosary?

A Living World Mission Rosary is a prayer activity where each student represents a country or continent, and together, the school community prays the rosary for children and missionaries around the world. It's a visual, interactive way for students to see the global Church and unite their prayers for missions.

### 1. Preparation

- Choose a Date & Location
- Ideally during October (Mission Month)
- Can be held in the school gym, chapel, or courtyard.

### 2. Gather Materials

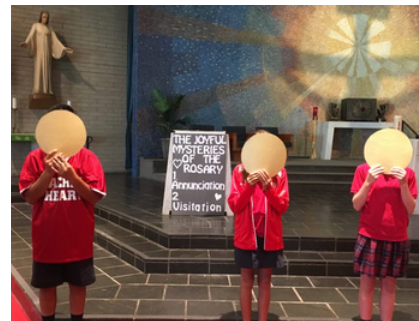
- A large map or world globe
- Colored ribbons, beads, balloons or t-shirts representing each of the 5 mission areas:
  - Green – Africa
  - Red – Americas
  - White – Europe
  - Blue – Oceania
  - Yellow – Asia
- Optional: Name tags cards or small flags for each country/continent in the assigned Mission Area

### 3. Assign Roles

- Each student (or group) represents a country or Mission area represented on the World Mission Rosary
- Assign a student to hold each “bead” or symbol.
- Consider having older students lead the prayers while younger children hold the beads or flags.

### Tips for Success

- Use visuals: maps, flags, or a globe help children see the global Church.
- Keep it interactive: let younger children hold symbols or flags, and older students lead prayers.
- Encourage reflection: after the rosary, students can write a short note or draw a picture of a missionary or child they prayed for.
- Combine it with a classroom discussion on the MCA, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, or the lives of missionaries to reinforce the connection between prayer and action.



**Children praying a Living World Mission Rosary at the Sacred Heart School in Ventura, CA, in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Saint Joseph Catholic School in Libertyville, IL in the Diocese of Belleville**



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## 1. Opening Prayer

Begin with a short prayer for children and missionaries around the world.

Example: "Lord Jesus, bless all the children and missionaries around the world. Help us to share Your love and be Your hands and hearts wherever we are. Amen."

## 2. Explain the Rosary

- Briefly explain the structure: decades, mysteries, and intentions.
- Introduce the "Living" aspect: students will hold symbols representing countries/continents in the special mission areas represented by the World Mission Rosary as each decade is prayed.

## 3. Assign the Mysteries

- For a traditional rosary, there are five decades:
- Assign each decade a Mission Area
- Students holding that Mission Area's symbol come forward to the front or hold up their ribbon/flag.
- Optional: for older students, assign specific mission intentions for each mission areas (e.g. children in need, missionaries, peace, education).

## 4. Pray the Rosary Together

- Lead the Our Father, Hail Marys, and Glory Be as usual.
- Encourage students to pray silently for children and missionaries in the country/continent they represent. Utilize the monthly MCA Project Worksheets for special intentions.
- Rotate students as needed to include everyone.

## 5. Closing Prayer & Reflection

Thank God for all children and missionaries around the world.

Invite students to share one thing they learned about missions or one prayer intention they have for children globally.

**Optional:** Sing a mission-themed hymn or song.

## Optional Extension Activities

- Mission Stations: Set up stations around the school representing different continents with prayer cards, artifacts, or pictures.
- Prayer Wall: Have students write their prayers for children around the world on sticky notes and place them on a large map or bulletin board.
- Living Rosary Display: Take a photo of all students holding their continent symbols to share with the school community or MCA newsletter.