



MISSIONARY MONTH ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS

*Meditations of the Mysteries of the Rosary in light of Pope
Francis' latest catechesis*

Year 2025

“Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples!”

In his last message for World Mission Day, the late Pope Francis expressed the following desire:

Here, I would like to mention some relevant aspects of our Christian missionary identity so that we can let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of God and burn with holy zeal for a new evangelizing season in the Church, which is sent to revive hope in a world over which dark shadows loom. **Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2025, 1st paragraph.**

This desire, which still resonates within us with a tone of hope, advocated by this Jubilee Year, is precious for us as missionary disciples. It represents a legacy of hope that places us into a state of mission. The dynamics of this legacy draw its source from Pope Francis, who tirelessly accomplished his mission until his last day on earth. To this end, his “missionary legacy” and concrete life are persuasively effective, and at the same time, convey and engender hope.

This year, our Rosary will also be a tribute to him, a “living” model of missionary disciple of hope. His latest catechesis on vices and virtues will guide us.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

First Mystery: The Annunciation

“In a world marked by the pursuit of appearance, of flaunting one’s superiority over others, Mary walks decisively, by the sole power of God’s grace, in the opposite direction.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №20 – Humility, General Audience, May 22, 2024.

Let us pray so that all missionary disciples accept their mission according to God’s will. (Our Father, 10 Hail Mary...)

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Second Mystery: The Visitation

“Mary was careful not to take centre stage. Her first decision after the angelic annunciation was to go and help, to go and serve her cousin.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №20 – Humility, General Audience, May 22, 2024.

Let us pray so that service and joy may always be at the heart of the missionary disciples’ actions.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Third Mystery: The Nativity

“Salvation comes through humility, the true remedy for every act of pride.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №10 - Pride, General Audience, March 6, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples summon up humility and simplicity to bring salvation to the world.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fourth Mystery: The Presentation in the Temple

“Passions aren’t necessarily the residue of a sin; but they must be educated, they must be channelled, they must be purified with the water of Baptism, or better with the fire of the Holy Spirit.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №14 - Fortitude, General Audience, April 10, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples strive to be models of virtue in the world.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fifth Mystery: The Finding in the Temple

“Let us therefore rediscover in the Gospel Jesus’ fortitude, and learn it from the witness of the saints.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №14 - Fortitude, General Audience, April 10, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary witness may be spread around the world.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

First Mystery: The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan

“What a happy world it would be if justice, respect, mutual benevolence, kindness of heart and hope were the shared normality, and not a rare anomaly!”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №11 - Virtuous action, General Audience, March 13, 2024.

Let us pray so that all believers may be faithful to their baptismal commitment.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Second Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana

“The temperate person directs sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains healthy discretion, and doesn’t follow the base desires, but restrains the appetites.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №15 - Temperance, General Audience, April 17, 2024.

Let us pray for the missionary disciples so that their only passion may be the zeal and joy of offering the joy of God to the world.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Third Mystery: Jesus’s Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God

“However arduous this may be, the human being is made for goodness, which truly fulfils him, and he’s also able to practise this art, causing certain dispositions to become permanent in him or her.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №11 - Virtuous action, General Audience, March 13, 2024.

Let us pray for the conversion of the world and the missionary disciples’ perseverance.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fourth Mystery: The Transfiguration

“Because being Christians isn’t foremost about accepting a culture, with the values that accompany it, but being Christian means welcoming and cherishing a bond, a bond with God: God and I, myself and the amiable face of Jesus.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №17 - Faith, General Audience, May 1, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples and all believers develop an intimate relationship with Christ.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fifth Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

“Jesus wants us to be joyful in his company — he’s like the bridegroom of the Church, but he also wants us to participate in his suffering, which is also the suffering of the small and the poor.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №3 - Gluttony, General Audience, January 10, 2024.

Let us pray so that mission may be scattered with thanksgiving, both in the sufferings and joys of this world.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

First Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

“Temptation comes: we close the door. We keep watch over our hearts. We have to be the custodians of our hearts. And that is why we don’t converse with the devil. This is the recommendation — guard the heart — that we find in various fathers, in the saints.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №1 - Safeguarding the heart, General Audience, December 27, 2023.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples constantly take care of their sanctification through prayer and a virtuous life.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Second Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar *“if someone feels they’re all right, they’re dreaming; every one of us has many things to adjust, and must also be vigilant.”*

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №2 - The spiritual striving, General Audience, January 3, 2024.

Let us pray so that our human weaknesses don't distort our mission's meaning and content.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Third Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

"In life, we have to deal with trespassers who are at fault with us, just as we haven't always loved everyone in the right measure."

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №6 - Wrath, General Audience, January 31, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples may be marked by patience.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fourth Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross

"Never forget this! In the worst moments, in the moments when we slip into sin, Jesus is by our side to help lift us."

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №2 - The spiritual striving, General Audience, January 3, 2024.

Let us pray for the missionary disciples so that they may stimulate perseverance and trust in God among those who suffer.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fifth Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death

"Cultivating tenderness is better than bowing to the demon of possession — true love doesn't possess; it gives itself — that serving is better than conquering."

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №4 - Lust, General Audience, January 17, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples develop a spirit of sacrifice by following in Jesus' footsteps.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

First Mystery: The Resurrection

“Jesus rose again not only for himself, but also for us, to redeem all the happiness that has remained unfulfilled in our lives. Faith casts out fear, and the resurrection of Christ removes sadness like the stone from the tomb.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №7 - Sorrow, General Audience, February 7, 2024.

Let us pray for the propagation of the faith and evangelization throughout the world.
Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Second Mystery: The Ascension

“That hope is the answer offered to our heart when the absolute question arises in us: ‘What will become of me? What is the purpose of the journey? What is the destiny of the world?’”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №18 - Hope, General Audience, May 8, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples may bring hope to the rest of the world.
Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Third Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

“With the strength of the Spirit, if we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith. If we’re discouraged, God awakens hope in us, and if our heart is hardened, God softens it with his love.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №16 - The life of grace according to the Spirit, General Audience, April 24, 2024.

Let us pray so that the Holy Spirit remains the “Master” of mission.
Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fourth Mystery: The Assumption

“The bond of possession we create with objects is only apparent, because we aren’t the masters of the world: this earth that we love is, in truth, not ours, and we move about it like strangers and pilgrims.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №5 - Avarice, General Audience, January 24, 2024.

Let us pray so that the missionary disciples may obtain the grace of detaching themselves from material goods, power and money.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fifth Mystery: The Coronation of Mary

“Love is the ‘narrow gate’ through which we will pass in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Because, at the twilight of life, we won’t be judged on generic love; we will be judged precisely on charity, on the real love we had.”

Pope Francis, Catechesis on Vices and Virtues; №19 - Charity, General Audience, May 15, 2024.

Let us pray so that God may grant us to experience this type of love that leads us to a joyful eternity.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

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Prayer to Jesus, Missionary of Hope

O, Jesus, Divine Missionary of Hope,
your heart speaks to us about love.
Your life grants us life in abundance,
your resurrection, a future forever!

Through your missionary disciples,
come and embrace the whole world.
Watch over our brothers and sisters;
over the billions of poor and afflicted people.

May your Church take charge of,
among all peoples, the cry of Humanity.
May she continue your Mission of love,
salvation and peace, to console us.

Make us respond to its urgency,
as brave messengers and builders,
well rooted in Hope,
our eyes set on you, Lord.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us.
Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us.
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and Saint Francis Xavier,
patrons of missions, pray for us.
Mary, Queen of missions, pray for us.

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