

# MCA Marian Prayer Service

Students process in carrying images of the Blessed Mother (statues and /or pictures, available through the MCA office) followed by children carrying an oversized World Mission Rosary created by the students. (See attached activity directions)



**Processional Song:** Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
(Carey Landry)

**Leader:** As we gather today to honor Mary, Queen of the Missions, we ask for her intercession in our lives and the lives of children everywhere, that we may all come to know and love her son, Jesus, and be willing to share Him with others.

**Reader 1:** Matthew 25:34-40

Then the king will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world.  
For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me,  
in prison and you visited me.'  
Then the righteous will answer him and say,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you drink?  
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,  
or naked and clothe you?  
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'  
And the king will say to them in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for  
me.'

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Reader 2:** We come together as members of the  
universal Church to pray for children around the world.

We know that many are without the things we count on in our own lives - regular meals, medicine when we are sick, a good school to attend, a loving family, and a safe place to live. Jesus speaks of them in our reading as "...the least of my brothers." Our missionary vocation also calls us to remember that many of these children do not know how much Jesus loves them. As part of this Catholic community, it is our job to change that reality. Through our prayers and sacrifices, let us work towards the day when all children will live in the love and peace of Jesus.

**All:** Amen

Twelve children gather in a line at a microphone, each to lead a prayer of a decade of the rosary. (If possible, the Hail Marys should be spoken in different languages, representing all areas of the world.)

1. Our Father
- 2.-11. Hail Mary
12. Glory Be

**Leader:** God our Father, giver of all good things, You have blessed us in many ways. Help us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in other countries with our prayers and sacrifices so that they too may feel the gift of Your grace and love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Our Lady, Queen of the Missions...

**All:** Pray for us!



# World Mission Rosary



Use the colors of the World Mission Rosary to make an oversized Rosary out of links of paper.

Materials needed: 24 each – green, red, white, blue yellow; clear contact paper to cover all paper strips; stapler/staples; cross/crucifix, approximately 12 inches tall; string/rope to connect cross to links.

Cut strips of paper 4”x 11”

- 10 green
- 11 red
- 16 white
- 11 blue
- 11 yellow

Lay strips of construction paper on contact paper leaving about 1/4” from the edge and leaving the same space between each strip. Cover strips with another sheet of contact paper, sealing them between the two layers. Cut strips apart along gap between colored papers. Using a stapler, make loops out of each strip, connecting them in the order shown in the picture above. Using string, tie last loop to the cross/crucifix. (Refer to picture above and on prayer service to see completed rosary)