

American Christians

Pray that American Christians may listen to the Holy Spirit and be excited about their faith again.



We Apostles of Prayer have the important job of praying for Pope Benedict's intentions. Each year the Holy Father gives us 24 things to pray for - two for each month of the year. The Pope has a whole world full of people to pray for, and he needs our help!

That's why every month the Apostleship of Prayer asks you to pray for other people. Sometimes we pray for people in Africa. Sometimes we pray for people in Asia. Sometimes we pray for sick people or homeless people. This month Pope Benedict wants us to pray for ourselves!

When we pray for other countries, we're often praying for people that don't know about Jesus yet. We pray that the missionaries teach others how exciting it is to be a Christian. Things are different in the United States. Most

Americans are Christians. We've known about Jesus for a long time. So why is the Pope asking us to pray for American Christians, if we already know about God?

Pope Benedict says that Americans are no longer excited to be Christians. Even though most Americans say they are Christians, many no longer go to church or live like good Christians should live.

So we join with Pope Benedict in praying for ourselves and other American Christians. We ask that the Holy Spirit might show us how to live good lives, and to be excited about our faith again.

Think about it!

- What job do Apostles of Prayer have?
- Who does Pope Benedict want us to pray for this month?
- Why should we pray for American Christians?