

World Mission Day

Pray that people help the missions with prayer and donations on this World Mission Day.



Every year in October the Church celebrates World Mission Day. This year Sunday, October 23, is a special day for us to remember the hard work going on in the missions around the world. It's a day for us to give them a little extra help with our prayers and donations.

Mission countries are often poor countries. They may be countries where bad things have happened, like earthquakes, tidal waves, or illnesses. The people in those countries need money for food, medicine, and other things people need to survive. They also need money to teach people about Jesus - money for Bibles, church supplies, and many other things.

We are praying this month that people be very generous this year. A lot of people need help. Some parts of Asia are very dangerous for Christians. The island of Haiti is still trying to heal from a big earthquake that happened almost two years ago. People are suffering because it hasn't rained in parts of Africa for many months. In India and Pakistan too much rain is falling and people are losing their crops and houses. Missionaries working in all of these areas and many more are doing their best to help. They give suffering people food, shelter, water, and medicine but they also teach people about God. Sharing the love of Jesus is the most important work that missionaries do. Believing in Jesus gives people hope even when they are suffering.

The Church asks us just once a year to think about the missionaries and help them, both with our prayers and with money. The Pope wants us to remember that we need to think about the missions all year round, even though we only celebrate World Mission Day once every year.

Let's pray this month that people may be generous on World Mission Day - and, if you can, save a little of your money to give to the missions too.

Think about it!

- What is World Mission Day?
- What are some of the places that need our help?
- What can you do to help the missions?

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A Giving Bank



World Mission Day is October 23. Many churches do a special collection of money on World Mission Day to send to missionaries around the world. Here is a project you can do to save money through the month of October (and all year, if you want) so on October 23 you and your family can add to the collection. Your money will go to help people in the world's poorest countries. Every penny helps!

Follow the instructions below to make a bank. Save your pocket change. Skip eating snacks, and put the money you save from buying those snacks in the bank. Ask your family to help too!

What you need:

- An empty canister with a lid (coffee cans, potato chip canisters, or oatmeal containers are great!)
- Wrapping paper or construction paper
- Glue
- Markers, paint, or stickers

1. Have an adult cut a rectangle in the lid of the container. Make sure the hole is big enough for folded dollars and quarters!
2. Measure and cut wrapping paper or construction paper to fit around the canister. Smear glue on the outside of the canister and attach the paper.

3. Decorate the bank with markers, paint, or stickers.
4. Put the lid on the bank and start saving! Take your bank to church on World Mission Sunday and add to the special collection.