

Catholics in Asia

Pray that Catholics in Asia may show others how beautiful it is to be Christian.



In Asia, halfway around the world, there are Catholic kids just like you! They might wear different clothes and their skin might be a different color than yours, but because we all believe in Jesus, these children are our brothers and sisters.

Just like you, Catholic kids in Asia wake up on Sunday morning, brush their teeth, get dressed, and go to Mass. In the United States, the priest usually speaks English during Mass. In Asia, the Mass might be in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, or any of a hundred other languages. But the prayers they pray there are the same as the ones we pray here. Catholics in Asia have baptisms, weddings, and Communion, and they celebrate Christmas and Easter.

The Catholic Church in America and the Catholic Church in Asia are alike in many ways, but they are different in one very important way. While there are many Catholics in the U.S., there are very few in Asia. Sometimes Christians in Asia are treated badly. Sometimes their churches are damaged or Christians are arrested or hurt for believing in Jesus. When so many bad things happen to Christians, you can easily see why there aren't many Christians there.

The Pope wants us to pray for Catholics in Asia. They need our prayers so they will not be afraid to show their faith in Jesus when others do not. Pope Benedict wants us to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide Asian Catholics to be joyful about God and to teach others about Jesus.

Say a prayer today for our Asian brothers and sisters, that they may be strong Christians, excited about Jesus and joyful about their faith.

Think about it!

- How are Asian Catholics like American Catholics?
- How are Asian Catholics different from American Catholics?
- Why is it hard to be a Christian in Asia?

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Mango Ice Cream!

Mangos are a delicious fruit that grows in India. Follow these easy instructions to make some tasty mango ice cream that you can enjoy in the last few warm days before fall starts! Have Mom and Dad help you cut up the fruit and open the cans.

You will need:

- 1 (30 oz.) can Mango Pulp (you can use fresh mango instead)
- 1 (14 oz.) can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 (8 oz.) container Whipped Topping
- 1 Fresh Mango (cubed, optional)



1. Pour the Mango Pulp, Condensed Milk, and Whipped Topping into a large bowl.
2. Mix them together very well, but very gently.
3. Pour into a dish with a tight-fitting lid.
4. Cover and place in the freezer for two hours.
5. After two hours, mix in the cubed mango and put the dish back in the freezer.
6. Allow ice cream to freeze for another three hours or so.
7. Serve and enjoy!

