

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S GENERAL AND MISSION INTENTIONS FOR 2006

THEME

TEXT

JANUARY

General	The communion of Christians.	That the effort to bring about the full communion of Christians may foster reconciliation and peace among all the peoples of the earth.
Mission	The migrants.	That Christians may know how to welcome migrants with respect and charity, recognizing in each person the image of God.

FEBRUARY

General	The end to the trafficking in human beings.	That the International Community may be ever more aware of the urgent duty to bring an end to the trafficking in human beings.
Mission	A greater commitment of the lay faithful in political and social life.	That in the Missions the lay faithful may recognize the need to serve their own country with greater commitment also in its political and social life.

MARCH

General	The young people.	That young people who are searching for the sense of life may be understood, respected and accompanied with patience and love.
Mission	The collaboration of the missionaries.	That, throughout the Church, there may grow that shared missionary awareness which favours the collaboration and exchange of those who work in the missions.

APRIL

General	The rights of women.	That the individual, social and political rights of women may be respected in every nation.
Mission	The Church in China.	That the Church in China may carry out its evangelizing mission serenely and in full freedom.

MAY

General	Peace and justice in the world.	That the abundance of the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on the Church may contribute to the growth of peace and justice in the world.
Mission	Promotion and defense of human life.	That in the mission countries those responsible for the public institutions may, with suitable laws, promote and defend human life from its conception to its natural termination.

JUNE

General	The Christian families.	That Christian families may lovingly welcome every child who comes into existence and surround the sick and the aged, who need care and assistance, with affection.
Mission	The inter-religious dialogue and the acculturation of the Gospel.	That Pastors and the Christian faithful may consider inter-religious dialogue and the work of acculturation of the Gospel as a daily service to promote the cause of the evangelization of Peoples.

JULY

General	Those who are in prison, especially young people.	That all those who are in prison, and especially young people, may receive the necessary support from society to help them rediscover a sense to their own existence.
Mission	Peace among different ethnic and religious groups.	That, in the mission territories, different ethnic and religious groups may live in peace and together build a society inspired by human and spiritual values.

AUGUST

General	The orphans.	That orphans may not lack the care necessary for their human and Christian formation.
Mission	The awareness of the own missionary vocation.	That the Christian faithful may be aware of their own missionary vocation in every environment and circumstance.

SEPTEMBER

General	The responsible use of the Mass Media.	That those who use the means of social communication may always do so conscientiously and responsibly.
Mission	The permanent formation.	That in the mission territories the entire People of God may recognize that permanent formation is their own priority.

OCTOBER

General	A mature and fruitful faith.	That all those who are baptized may mature in their faith and manifest it through clear, coherent and courageous choices in life.
Mission	The World Missionary Day.	That the celebration of World Missionary Day may everywhere increase the spirit of missionary animation and cooperation.

NOVEMBER

General	The end of all forms of terrorism.	That, everywhere in the world, an end be put to all forms of terrorism.
Mission	The development of the African Continent.	That through the effort of believers, together with the living forces of society, the new and old chains which prevent the development of the African Continent may be broken.

DECEMBER

General	The wise and responsible use of the power.	That Christ, meek and humble of heart, may inspire those responsible for nations to use power wisely and responsibly.
Mission	The missionaries.	That in every part of the world missionaries may live out their vocation with joy and enthusiasm, faithfully following in Christ's footsteps.

From the Vatican, December 31 2004
(Signed) **JOHN PAUL II**