

Intentions of the Holy Father for the Year 2010

JANUARY

- General:** **Young people and Social Communications Media**
That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.
- Missionary:** **Christian Unity**
That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

FEBRUARY

- General:** **Scholars**
For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.
- Missionary:** **The Church's Missionary Identity**
That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

MARCH

- General:** **World Economy**
That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest.
- Missionary:** **The Churches in Africa**
That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

APRIL

General: **Fundamentalism and Extremism**
That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by constant respect, by tolerance and by dialogue among all believers.

Missionary: **Persecuted Christians**
That Christians persecuted for the sake of the Gospel may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in faithfully witnessing to the love of God for the entire human race.

MAY

General: **Human Trafficking**
That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.

Missionary: **Priests, Religious and Committed Lay People**
That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care.

JUNE

General: **Respect for Human Life**
That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Missionary: **The Churches in Asia**
That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a "little flock" among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.

JULY

General: **Justice in Electing those who Govern**
That in every nation of the world the election of officials may be carried out with justice, transparency and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.

Missionary: **An Urban Culture of Justice, Solidarity and Peace**
That Christians may strive to offer everywhere, but especially in great urban centers, an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace.

AUGUST

General: **The Unemployed and the Homeless**
That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Missionary: **Victims of Discrimination, Hunger and Forced Emigration**
That the Church may be a “home” for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

SEPTEMBER

General: **The Word of God as Sign of Social Development**
That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people’s hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.

Missionary: **The End of War**
That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

OCTOBER

- General:** **Catholic Universities**
That Catholic Universities may more and more be places where, in the light of the Gospel, it is possible to experience the harmonious unity existing between faith and reason.
- Missionary:** **World Mission Day**
That the World Mission Day may afford an occasion for understanding that the task of proclaiming Christ is an absolutely necessary service to which the Church is called for the benefit of humanity.

NOVEMBER

- General:** **Drug Addicts and Victims of Every Form of Dependence**
That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our Saving God strength for a radical life-change.
- Missionary:** **The Continent-wide Mission in Latin America**
That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God.

DECEMBER

- General:** **The Experience of Personal Suffering as a Help to Others who Suffer**
That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.
- Missionary:** **Opening Our Doors to Christ**
That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

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Benedict XVI