

**The Holy Father's intentions for prayer,
entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer for the year 2013.**

January

General

The Faith of Christians. That in this *Year of Faith* Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Missionary

Middle Eastern Christians. That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

February

General

Migrant Families. That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

Missionary

Peace. That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

March

General

Respect for Nature. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

Missionary

Clergy. That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

April

General

Liturgy, source of life. That the public, prayerful celebration of faith may give life to the faithful.

Missionary

Mission Churches. That mission churches may be signs and instruments of hope and resurrection.

May

General

Administrators of Justice. That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience.

Missionary

Seminaries. That seminaries, especially those of mission Churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

June

General

Mutual Respect. That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples.

Missionary

New Evangelization. That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

July

General

World Youth Day. That World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

Missionary

Asia. That throughout Asia doors may open to messengers of the Gospel.

August

General

Parents and Teachers. That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

Missionary

The Church in Africa. That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

September

General

Value of Silence. That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Missionary

Persecuted Christians. That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love.

October

General

People in Despair. That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

Missionary.

World Mission Day. That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's Word.

November

General

Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Missionary

Latin American Churches. That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

December

General

Victimized Children. That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

Missionary

Prepare the Savior's Coming. That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

From the Vatican, 16 December 2011.

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