

A Million Children Pray the Rosary

Today, we are joining children throughout the world who will be taking part in the great prayer campaign A Million Children Pray the Rosary. We will be praying for peace and unity throughout the world and we warmly invite you to join us. We believe that if we faithfully recite the Rosary together, then the holy Mother of God will lead us all as one great family into the loving arms of our heavenly Father.

When we see all the wars and wickedness, the persecution, disease and fears that weigh upon our world, people might well ask, 'Is God really in control?' Yes he is, but we must also reach out for his outstretched hands and cling to Him. God has reached out to us, through Mary, by sending us his Son and his Holy Spirit into the world with the gift of his infinite love, to save us from the power of evil. As we pray the Rosary, our Blessed Mother pours new hope into our hearts that, as children of the One Father, we can indeed live together in peace and security.

And let us especially entrust to the powerful and loving hands of the divine Father and the mighty intercession of the Mother of God those countries where war, violence and deep poverty prevail – as in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nigeria, the Sahel region of Africa, Pakistan and all those places where people are unable to live in peace.

And so we start our Rosary, using the Joyful Mysteries, instead of Tuesday's usual Sorrowful Mysteries.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen