

## ***Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions 2011***

*Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer*

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### ***January***

#### **General**

Care for Creation.

That the riches of the created world may be preserved, valued, and made available as God's precious gift to all.

#### **Missionary**

Unity of Christians.

That Christians may attain full unity, witnessing to all the universal fatherhood of God.

### ***February***

#### **General**

The Family.

That all may respect the family and recognize it for its unmatched contribution to the advancement of society.

#### **Missionary**

Those Suffering from Disease.

That Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ in serving those who suffer from disease in those mission territories where the fight against disease is most urgent.

### ***March***

#### **General**

Latin American nations.

That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and progress in justice and peace.

#### **Missionary**

Persecuted Christians.

That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to those in many regions of the world who are persecuted and discriminated against because of the Gospel.

## *April*

### **General**

Evangelizing the New Generations.

That through its compelling preaching of the Gospel, the Church may give young people new reasons for life and hope.

### **Missionary**

Missionary Expansion.

That by proclamation of the Gospel and the witness of their lives, missionaries may bring Christ to those who do not yet know him.

## *May*

### **General**

Communication Media.

That those working in communication media may respect the truth, solidarity, and dignity of all people.

### **Missionary**

Church in China.

That the Lord may help the Church in China persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## *June*

### **General**

Priests.

That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses to the caring and merciful love of God.

### **Missionary**

Missionary Vocations.

That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities many missionaries who are ready to be fully consecrated to spreading the Kingdom of God.

## *July*

### **General**

Those Suffering with AIDS.

That Christ may ease the physical and spiritual sufferings of those who are sick with AIDS, especially in the poorest countries.

### **Missionary**

Religious Missionary Women.

That religious women in mission territories may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

## *August*

### **General**

World Youth Day.

That World Youth Day in Madrid may encourage young people throughout the world to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ.

### **Missionary**

Western Christians.

That Western Christians may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

## *September*

### **General**

Teachers.

That all teachers may know how to communicate love of the truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values.

### **Missionary**

Church in Asia.

That the Christian communities of Asia may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, witnessing to its beauty with the joy of faith.

## *October*

### **General**

The Terminally Ill.

That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.

### **Missionary**

World Mission Day.

That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelization with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

## *November*

### **General**

Eastern Catholic Churches.

That the Eastern Catholic Churches and their venerable traditions may be known and esteemed as a spiritual treasure for the whole Church.

### **Missionary**

Justice and Reconciliation in Africa.

That the African continent may find strength in Christ to pursue justice and reconciliation as set forth by the second Synod of African Bishops.

## *December*

### **General**

Peace among All Peoples.

That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

### **Missionary**

Children and Youth.

That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.