

**The World Mission Rosary  
Of  
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Peace will come when the hearts of the world have changed. To do this we must pray, and not for ourselves but for the world. The world means everyone, our enemies and our next-door neighbors.

To this end, I have designated a Rosary called the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent each of the five continents of the world from the viewpoint of the Missions.

The first decade is **GREEN** for Africa because of its green forests and because it is the sacred color for the Muslims for whom we pray.

The second decade is **RED** for the continent of America which was founded by the Red Man.

The third decade is **WHITE** for the continent of Europe, for its spiritual father is the White Shepherd of the Church

The fourth decade is **BLUE** for the continent of Australia, Oceania and the other islands in the blue waters of the Pacific.

The fifth decade is **YELLOW** for the continent of Asia, the land where the sun rises and where is the cradle of civilization.

When the Rosary is completed, one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.

It all comes down to this: the world will change when we change. But we cannot change without prayer, and the power of the Rosary is beyond description.

If you wish to convert anyone to the fullness of the knowledge of our Lord and his Mystical Body, teach him the Rosary. One of two things will happen: either he will stop saying the Rosary, or he will get the gift of faith.

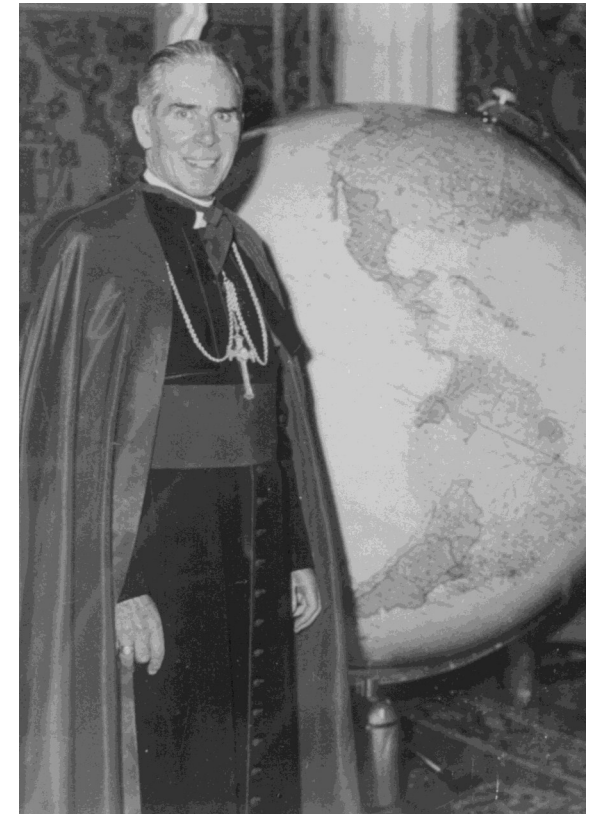
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**DAILY PRAYER  
FOR THE MISSIONS**

Father, you will your Church to be the sacrament of salvation to all peoples. Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of our human family until you have made us one peoples. Inspire us to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere until the end of the world.

- + Our Father
- + Hail Mary
- + Glory Be
- + St. Francis Xavier, pray for us
- + St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us

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***REFLECTIONS ON THE  
MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
BY  
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN***

## **In Archbishop Sheen's own words...**

### **Glorious Mysteries**

(Sunday and Wednesday)

#### **The Resurrection**

*Though we are risen in spirit with Christ, so that "our conversation is in heaven" our bodies will not share that glory until our own final resurrection. In the meantime our body must be crucified with Christ's that we may rise with Christ.*

#### **The Ascension**

*O heavenly Magnet, in each Communion draw our body and blood to Thy own, that already following Thee in heart, we may later ascend with Thee in the flesh!*

#### **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

*If our Lord remained on earth, He would have been only a symbol to be copied—not a life to be lived. By returning to His heavenly Father, He could then send both from the Father and Himself the Holy Spirit that would make Him live on earth in His new Body, which is the Church.*

#### **The Assumption of Our Lady**

*As Christ ascended into heaven to the unity of the divine nature, so Mary is assumed into heaven in the unity of Christ's human nature. Her mystical flight is the event to which our whole generation moves.*

#### **The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven**

*Cana was the death of a mother-son relationship and the beginning of that high love involved in the Mother-humanity, Christ-redeemed relationship. And by giving up her son for the world, she eventually got Him back—even in the Assumption and the Coronation.*

### **Sorrowful Mysteries**

(Tuesday and Friday)

#### **The Agony in the Garden**

*The agony in the garden is not a triumph of the plans and schemes of betrayers and enemies, but is permitted by divine decree. "This is your hour," our Lord said to His enemies. Evil has its hour, but God has His day!*

#### **The Scourging at the Pillar**

*How many strokes He received, no one knows. The prophet foretold that he would be so scourged that the bones of His body would be numbered. We are saved by other stars and stripes than those on the flag; namely by the stars and stripes of Christ, by whose stars we are illumined—by whose stripes we are healed.*

#### **The Crowning with Thorns**

*As the scourging was the reparation for the sins of the flesh, so the crowning with thorns was the atonement for the sins of the mind—for the atheists who wish there were no God, for the doubters whose evil lives becloud their thinking, for the egotists, centered on themselves.*

#### **The Carrying of the Cross**

*Any cross would be easy to bear if we could only tailor it to fit ourselves. Our Lord's cross was not made by Him, but for Him. Crosses and burdens are thrust upon us. Our acceptance makes them personal.*

#### **The Crucifixion**

*The cross reveals that unless there is a Good Friday in our lives, there will never be an Easter Sunday. Unless there is a crown of thorns, there will never be a halo of light. Unless there is the scourged body, there will never be a glorified one. Death to the lower self is the condition of resurrection to the higher self.*

### **Joyful Mysteries**

(Monday, Thursday and Saturday)

#### **The Annunciation**

*God in His power might have assumed a human nature by force, as the hand of a man lays hold of a rose. But he willed not to invade His great gift of freedom without a creature's free response. Through the angel who salutes Mary in words that have become the first part of the Hail Mary, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," Mary is asked if she will give God a man!*

#### **The Visitation**

*The joy of the second Joyful Mystery is that of the Old Testament meeting the New, and of the young maiden greeting the old woman, as Mary burst into the most revolutionary song that was ever sung, the Magnificat, foretelling the day when the mighty would be unseated from their thrones, and the poor would be exulted.*

#### **The Birth of Jesus**

*For nine months, her own body was the natural Eucharist, in which God shared communion with human life, thus preparing for that greater Eucharist, when human life would commune with the Divine.*

#### **The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

*Mary here anticipated the joy of every mother who brings her child to the baptismal font, where God may claim his own. But in the case of Mary, the Child was claimed for sacrifice, as the aged Simeon said that he was a sign to be contradicted, and the cross is the contradiction*

#### **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**

*Let no sinner ever despair of Divine mercy, because Mary understands the tortures of the heart, but above all, because she knows where to find Christ. She also knows how to bring the sinner to her Divine Son. As the Madonna of the Empty Arms, she awaits your embrace.*