

The **Missionary Childhood Association** is the **Pontifical Mission Society** dedicated to fostering awareness of the missionary nature of the Church among children. The purpose of MCA is to promote daily prayer, sacrifice, and sacrificial giving, and the growth and sharing of each child's faith. All funds raised are sent to missions around the world which serve only children, thus the MCA motto, "children helping children." More than one-third of local Catholic communities today are considered "mission territory," a geographical area that includes about three-fourths of the world's population.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MCA members in Mission Dioceses join in prayer and sacrifice during Lent. The girl in the picture made her offering at an MCA Mass in Nairobi, Kenya. <i>Photo courtesy Nancy Wiechec/CNS</i></p>			<p>February 13 Ash Wednesday Ask God to bless your Lenten journey.</p>	<p>14 Read about forgiveness: Matthew 18:21-22. What does Jesus say?</p>	<p>15 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Syria.</p>	<p>16 Pray for all who are preparing for Baptism.</p>
<p>17 Go to Mass! Read the Gospel for today. Find the readings online at http://www.usccb.org/bible/</p>	<p>18 Help out at home without being asked.</p>	<p>19 Visit www.mcakids.org to find out how to pray the <i>World Mission Rosary</i>.</p>	<p>20 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Asia.</p>	<p>21 Pay attention in class! Say a prayer for children who cannot go to school.</p>	<p>22 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Bangladesh.</p>	<p>23 Gather up old toys and give them to charity.</p>
<p>24 Go to Mass! Read Phil 3:17-4:1. What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven?</p>	<p>25 Pray for children who do not have enough to eat.</p>	<p>26 Talk to your friends about what you can do to help the hungry.</p>	<p>27 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of North and South America.</p>	<p>28 Share with your family what you learned this week in religion or PREP. <i>You are a Missionary!</i></p>	<p>March 1 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Haiti.</p>	<p>2 Do a chore you never did before.</p>
<p>3 Go to Mass! Read the Gospel for today. What Lenten sacrifices have you made?</p>	<p>4 Think of something you can do better and try to do it.</p>	<p>5 Find a recipe from another country. Ask if you can make it dinner.</p>	<p>6 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of the Pacific Islands.</p>	<p>7 Read about how Jesus wants us to treat others: Matthew 25:33-40.</p>	<p>8 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Papua New Guinea.</p>	<p>9 Forgive someone who has hurt you. Say a prayer for peace in places in the Missions where there is war.</p>
<p>10 Go to Mass! Read Joshua 5:9-12. What customs and feasts are important celebrations for your family?</p>	<p>11 Cheer up someone who is feeling sad.</p>	<p>12 Play with someone new at school.</p>	<p>13 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Africa.</p>	<p>14 Think about all the decisions you have made this week. What would you change if you could?</p>	<p>15 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Sudan.</p>	<p>16 Read King David's prayer for forgiveness, Psalm 51. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p>
<p>17 Go to Mass! Read the Gospel for today. How do you know that Jesus forgives your sins?</p>	<p>18 Help a friend study a subject they find difficult.</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph's Day — "Adopt" a child in the missions by making a donation to MCA.</p>	<p>20 Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Europe.</p>	<p>21 Read about the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4. What did she do?</p>	<p>22 Sacrifice Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in need in Zambia.</p>	<p>23 Offer to help a brother, sister or friend with their chores.</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday Come to Mass! Read the Gospel for today. Have you ever denied Jesus?</p>	<p>25 Say a prayer that the whole world comes to know Jesus Christ as King!</p>	<p>26 Say a special prayer for loved ones who have died.</p>	<p>27 Help make a simple dinner for your family. Thank God together for all His gifts.</p>	<p>28 Holy Thursday Jesus washes the disciples' feet; we must do the same to others.</p>	<p>29 Good Friday Pray at the Stations of the Cross</p>	