



## VATICAN - The Intentions entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer for 2012

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) – Following are the Intentions that the Holy Father Benedict XVI has entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer for 2012.

### January

General: That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Missionary: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

### February

General: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

### March

General: That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.

Missionary: That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

### April

General: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.

Missionary: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent.

### May

General: That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society.

Missionary: That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

### June

General: That believers may recognize in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.

Missionary: That Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

### July

General: That everyone may have work in safe and secure conditions.

Missionary: That Christian volunteers in mission territories may witness to the love of Christ.

### August

General: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity.

Missionary: That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

### September

General: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

Missionary: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

### October

General: That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

Missionary: That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

### November

General: That Bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord.

Missionary: That the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations.

December

General: That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.

Missionary: That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

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