

DAY 4 Fourth Step of Light: The Transfiguration

INTRODUCTION: Today we will walk in the light and pray for peace in the world.
Light fourth candle
CONTINENT FOCUS: Today we pray for the children of North and South America.

Indicate on map.

CHILD: My name is Toni. I come from Lima. I live on the streets because I am very poor. Sometimes gangsters come and try to force me to join them. I do not want to fight. I want to live in peace.

SONG: Shalom, my friend
Hymns Old & New no 475

READING: We listen to the story of the Transfiguration.
Luke 9:28-35

REFLECTION: Jesus' friends see him become changed and shining with new life.
Discuss with children ways in which we can change our world to make it a fairer place for all children.

PRAYER: We pray the fourth decade of the rosary and use the red beads. Let's think about one way we can help children who are poor.

Moment of silence

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.
Add 10 red paper circles to the outline circle.

RESPONSE: Let's turn to the person beside us and share peace.

MISSION: Our mission today is to share with each other and with children everywhere.
Our mission today is to give thanks for the peace which God gives us.

DAY 5 Fifth Step of Light: The Institution of the Eucharist

INTRODUCTION: Today we will walk in the light and pray for peace in the world.
Light fifth candle
CONTINENT FOCUS: Today we pray for the children of Africa.

Indicate on map.

CHILD: My name is Amani, which means peace. I live in Sudan. I had to leave my village because my home was burnt down by rebels. Now I live in a refugee camp. I want to go home and live in peace.

SONG: Shalom, my friend
Hymns Old & New no 475

READING: We listen to the story of how Jesus gives himself as food and drink so that we can all share in his life and love.
Mark 14:22-25

REFLECTION: Jesus invites all children to come to his table. He wants us all to live in love and friendship.

Discuss with the children how we can share friendship, love and peace with children everywhere. Talk about the importance of prayer.

PRAYER: We pray the fifth decade of the rosary and use the green beads. Let's pray for children who are hungry.

Moment of silence

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.
Add 10 green paper circles to the outline circle.

RESPONSE: Let's turn to the person beside us and share peace.

MISSION: Our mission today is to give thanks for the peace which God gives us.

A MISSION ROSARY



A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

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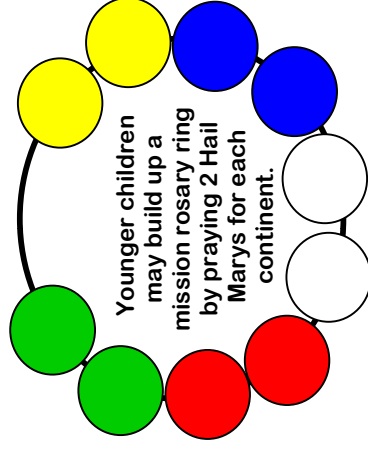
There is a special rosary called the mission rosary. Each decade stands for one of the five continents and is represented by a colour:

Asia - yellow;
North and South America - red;

Oceania - blue;
Africa - green;

The mission rosary is often used to pray for world peace.

The following liturgy encourages children to join with children of the world in praying one decade of the mission rosary, or 2 Hail Marys on the mission rosary ring, for peace in each continent.



The rosary or the ring may be prayed over a period of one day, five days, five weeks or to suit particular circumstances.

The new Mysteries of Light are used.

Mission rosaries for children's use are available from Cathedral Books Ltd, 250 Chapel St, Salford, M3 5LL
Tel 0161 833 0092 Fax 0161 831 9799

Alternatively, children may make their own mission rosaries or mission rosary rings, using a variety of materials.

Walk in the Light

FOCUS: 5 candles and a large outline of a circle round a map of the world, ready for one decade of beads to be added each day to build up a mission rosary.

DAY 1 First Step of Light: Baptism of Jesus

INTRODUCTION: Many children in the world live in the darkness of war. We pray for an end to war and violence in the world so that all children may live in the light of God's love and peace. *Light first candle*

CONTINENT FOCUS: Today we pray for the children of Asia
Indicate on map.

CHILD: My name is Nadeen. I live in Iraq. We have war. Will you pray for peace in my country?

SONG: Shalom, my friend *Hymns Old & New no 475*
READING: We listen to the story of Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan. *Matthew 3:13-17*

REFLECTION: Jesus is baptised. He is given a mission. He asks us to share his mission to love and share peace with children everywhere.

Ask children for their ideas on how they might share peace, at home, at school and worldwide.

PRAYER: We pray the first decade of the mission rosary and use the yellow beads. Let's think about the gift of peace which Jesus brings. *Moment of silence*

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.

Add 10 yellow paper circles to the outline circle.

RESPONSE: Let's turn to the person beside us and share peace.
MISSION: Our mission today is to spread peace by being friends with each other.

DAY 2 Second Step of Light:

Wedding at Cana

INTRODUCTION: Today we will walk in the light and pray for peace in the world. *Light second candle*

CONTINENT FOCUS: Today we pray for the children of Australasia. *Indicate on map.*

CHILD: My name is Yolas. I live in Papua New Guinea. There has been violence for years in my country. I want to beat it with prayer not by fighting.

SONG: Shalom, my friend *Hymns Old & New no 475*
READING: We listen to the story of the wedding feast at Cana. *John 2:1-12*

REFLECTION: Mary says, "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus listened to his mother. He showed kindness and made people happy.

Discuss with children ways in which they might show kindness.

PRAYER: We pray the second decade of the rosary and use the blue beads. Let's think about one person we can cheer up today.

Moment of silence

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.

Add 10 blue paper circles to the outline circle.

RESPONSE: Let's turn to the person beside us and share peace.

MISSION: Our mission today is to spread peace by telling a joke or by cheering up someone who is feeling sad.

PEACE

DAY 3 Third Step of Light:

Proclamation of the Kingdom

INTRODUCTION: Today we will walk in the light and pray for peace in the world. *Light third candle*

CONTINENT FOCUS: Today we pray for the children of Europe. *Indicate on map.*

CHILD: My name is Monika. I come from Albania. When war came to our country children made a peace bell and took it all over our country. Peace came. We need to pray that peace will stay.

SONG: Shalom, my friend *Hymns Old & New no 475*
READING: Jesus has Good News to tell us today about how to live happily in God's big family. *Mark 1:15*

REFLECTION: Missionaries share the Good News of Jesus with people everywhere.

Talk about how children in Mission Together proclaim the Good News through prayer and sharing and by trying to live up to the motto children helping children.

PRAYER: We pray the third decade of the rosary and use the white beads. Let's think about one way we can help someone today - at home, at school or in a developing country. *Moment of silence*

Pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.

Add 10 white paper circles to the outline circle.

RESPONSE: Let's turn to the person beside us and share peace.

MISSION: Our mission today is to try and live up to our motto

children helping children