

## PRAYER FOR THE CONTINENTS – MISSIONARY ROSARY

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### Setting:

Prepare a place in the chapel, a globe.

The presentation of the reality of each continent can be done in a creative way.

Five small candles, which will be lit while praying for each continent



**Opening song:** *Missionary song (your choice).*

**AMERICA PRESENTS:** Lord, I am America: I feed the fire of mission with my sense of You and the search. My availability to welcome, my hope and my faith is lived in the base ecclesial communities, in the constant confrontation of reality with your Word, in the strength to resist, in humiliation and exploitation, in the serene dignity of women, in the joy and smiles of children, in the determined desire to live that beat in the heart of my people.

**We bring the reality of the AMERICAS** where countries such as Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, have great natural wealth and minerals such as oil, but their population is mostly poor.

- Thousands of retirees receive a monthly pension that does not cover their needs.
- For the majority of the American people who, being poor, are deep believers, more than 50% of the Catholics of the world live in the Americas, we are the continent of hope, we are a generous, grateful people, with illusions, with a desire to live. So that the faith continues to grow in the American continent.

Let us pray: *That all the peoples know you and live their vocation as Missionary disciples in Salida!*

- *First mystery of the rosary for the AMERICAS*

**AFRICA PRESENTS:** Here I am, Lord, I am Africa. I feed the fire of mission with my light, with my sense of life, with my desire to be born and reborn, with the practical and living experience of the catechumenate, with the sense of Church-family, with the desire for a new dance to the rhythm of the Spirit to be an announcement of communion.

**We bring the reality of AFRICA**, where AIDS is the first cause of death; of the 36,000,000 infected on the planet, 26,000,000 are Africans. Malaria kills more than 1,000,000 people a year, especially children in rural areas. So that the experience of the young African Church does not decline on its way to life and life in abundance, thanks to the joyful and determined commitment of its Missionary Catechists.

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- *Second mystery of the rosary for AFRICA*

**EUROPE PRESENTS:** Lord, I am Europe: I feed the fire of mission with the light of my ancient tradition, with my falling and rising, with the desire to allow myself to be re-evangelized and transformed. Accept the enthusiasm of so many young people who are still capable of falling in love with You and working for the Kingdom. We welcome the efforts of so many men and women who tire, wear themselves out, and pray that Christianity returns to its roots, so that human beings allow themselves to be oriented again to Christ, the only answer to their existential search, to their loneliness, to their thirst for God.

**We bring the reality of EUROPE,** so that the New Evangelization, which is new in its ardor, new in its methods and new in its expressions, encourages you to return to your roots as a Missionary Evangelizer and thus end that prevailing secularism and that suffocating comfort, so that the thorns of indifference will disappear in the face of the poverty of the world; so that you do not rely so much on technology and economic well-being and will treat migrants with love and respect.

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- *Third mystery of the rosary for EUROPE*

**OCEANIA PRESENTS:** Lord, I am Oceania: Accept the light of my sense of harmony with the cosmos, of my living of simple and true things, of my ability to marvel, still and always be amazed by the beauty of existence.

**We bring the reality of OCEANIA,** which is covered with a great mystery. Its thousands of islands, its forests and the immense sea that surrounds it, give a glimpse an enchanted, exotic and fascinating world. We pray that the great world powers do not see it as a deposit of nuclear waste, polluting many natural resources and immense fishing areas and that its people may live in peace and hope.

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- *Fourth mystery of the rosary by OCEANIA*

**ASIA PRESENTS:** Lord, I am Asia: I feed the fire of mission with the light of prayer, of my thirst for silence, for truth, for contemplation of the absolute. Accept Lord, the richness that represents my diversity of races, cultures and languages of the world. Among those who inhabit my lands, there is a deep desire to search for unity among all those who believe in God and guide their existence under a religious sense of life.

**We bring the reality of ASIA,** where only in the Philippines Christians are 90% of the population, of which around 80% are Catholics. In the rest of the countries the Christian presence is minimal, for example in India there are 3.8% Christians, in Japan 1.2%, in Indonesia 9.6%, in Thailand 0.6%, in China 0.1%. So that evangelization becomes the most important priority in the Asian continent.

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- *Fifth mystery of the rosary for ASIA*

*Conclude with a song to MARIA*