

2012 Pope Benedict XVI Monthly Prayer Intentions

January 2012

General Intention: *Victims of Natural Disasters.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Dedication to Peace.*

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

February 2012

General Intention: *Access to Water.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Health Workers.*

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

March 2012

General Intention: *Contribution of Women.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Persecuted Christians.*

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

April 2012

General Intention: *Vocations.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Christ, Hope for Africans.*

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

May 2012

General Intention: *The Family.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Mary, Guide of Missionaries.*

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

June 2012

General Intention: *Christ, Present in the Eucharist.*

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

Missionary Intention: *European Christians.*

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

July 2012

General Intention: *Work Security.*

That everyone may have work in safe and secure conditions.

Missionary Intention: *Christian Volunteers.*

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

August 2012

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

Missionary Intention: *Youth Witness to Christ.*

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 2012

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

Missionary Intention: *Help for the Poorest Churches.*

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

October 2012

General Intention: *New Evangelization.*

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

Missionary Intention: *World Mission Day.*

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

November 2012

General Intention: *Ministers of the Gospel.*

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

Missionary Intention: *Pilgrim Church.*

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

December 2012

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

Missionary Intention: *Christ, light for all humanity.*

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.