

Pope Benedict XVI's  
Monthly Prayer Intentions 2013

JANUARY

That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

FEBRUARY

That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

MARCH

That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

APRIL

That the public, prayerful celebration of faith may give life to the faithful.

That mission churches may be signs and instruments of hope and resurrection.

MAY

That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience.

That seminaries, especially those of mission Churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

JUNE

That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples.

That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

## JULY

That World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

That throughout Asia doors may open to messengers of the Gospel.

## AUGUST

That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

## SEPTEMBER

That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love.

## OCTOBER

That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's Word.

## NOVEMBER

That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

## DECEMBER

That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.