

## **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for 2011**

### **January 2011**

**General Intention:** That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gift from God to mankind.

**Missionary Intention:** That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

### **February 2011**

**General Intention:** That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognized.

**Missionary Intention:** That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer.

### **March 2011**

**General Intention:** That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and be bountiful in social justice and peace.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to the Christian communities and the faithful who are persecuted or discriminated against because of the Gospel.

### **April 2011**

**General Intention:** That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever-new reasons of life and hope.

**Missionary Intention:** That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all those who do not yet know Him.

### **May 2011**

**General Intention:** That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

### **June 2011**

**General Intention:** That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities numerous missionary vocations, willing to fully consecrate themselves to spreading the Kingdom of God.

### **July 2011**

**General Intention:** That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.

**Missionary Intention:** For the religious who work in mission territories, that they may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

### **August 2011**

**General Intention:** That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.

**Missionary Intention:** That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

### **September 2011**

**General Intention:** For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervour, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of the faith.

### **October 2011**

**General Intention:** For the terminally ill, that in their sufferings they may be sustained by faith in God and by the love of others.

**Missionary Intention:** That the celebration of World Mission Sunday may increase in the People of God the passion for evangelization and the support of missionary activity through prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

### **November 2011**

**General Intention:** For the eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.

**Missionary Intention:** That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfil the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

### **December 2011**

**General Intention:** That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace.

**Missionary Intention:** That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.