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The **Missionary Childhood Association**, one of the *Pontifical Mission Societies*, is for young Missionary Disciples. The purpose of **MCA** is to promote daily prayer, sacrifice and sacrificial giving for the growth and sharing of each child's faith. **MCA** is the Church's official Charity for children's overseas missions, and its members help more than 4 million children worldwide each year.

The **MCA** motto is *Children Helping Children*.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Missionary Children, like this girl in Kenya, help other kids in need around the world through their prayers and sacrifices.</b></p>  <p style="font-size: small;">Photo Nancy Wiechec CNS</p>			<p><b>February 17</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>Ask God to bless your Lenten journey.</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Read about forgiveness: Matthew 18: 21-22. What does Jesus say?</p> 	<p><b>19</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Give up a special treat and save an offering for MCA.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> Wake up early and help around the house!</p> 
<p><b>21</b> <b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>To prepare for Mass, read the Gospel for today, <b>Mark 1: 12-15</b></p> 	<p><b>22</b> What are the Corporal &amp; Spiritual Works of Mercy? Discuss with your family how you can live them out.</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Jesus loves you!</i> Find a way to share that love with someone today.</p> 	<p><b>24</b> Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of <b>Asia</b>.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> Pray a Hail Mary for children who cannot go to school. Make a donation for every classroom you enter today.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Papua New Guinea.</p> 	<p><b>27</b> Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Start trying to break this habit during Lent.</p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>Reflect on today's Gospel, <b>Mark 9: 2-10</b></p> 	<p><b>1</b> Remember to give thanks for the food you eat and to pray for children who are hungry.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Pray for all who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Europe</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Share with your family what you learned this week!</p> 	<p><b>5</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child living in a refugee camp.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Help a friend study a subject that they find difficult.</p> 
<p><b>7</b> <b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>Reflect on today's Gospel, <b>John 2: 13-25</b></p> 	<p><b>8</b> Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of <b>Africa</b>.</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Say a prayer of thanks for your home.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of the <b>Pacific Islands</b>.</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Today is the Feast of St. Joseph, the Earthy Father of Jesus and Husband of Mary.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Cuba.</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Reflect on your Lenten sacrifice. Have you maintained it?</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>Reflect on Gospel, <b>John 3: 14-21</b></p> 	<p><b>15</b> Cheer up someone who is feeling sad.</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Read about the poor widow in <b>Luke 21:1-4</b>. What did she do?</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Saint Patrick's Day</b></p> <p>Pray to this Mission Saint to bring others to Jesus.</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Offer to help a brother, sister or friend with their chores. It's more fun to work together!</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p><b>Feast of Saint Joseph</b> Pray extra to him today.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> Think about decisions you made this week. What would you change if you could?</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>Reflect on today's Gospel, <b>John 12: 20-33</b></p> 	<p><b>22</b> "Adopt" a child in the Missions &amp; give to MCA.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for kids in the <b>Americas</b>.</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Help out at home without being asked.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> <b>Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord</b></p> 	<p><b>26</b> <b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Give up a special treat and say a prayer for a child in Syria.</p> 	<p><b>27</b> Say a special prayer for loved ones who have died.</p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Go to Mass!</b></p> <p>Read &amp; Reflect <b>Mk 14: 1-15, 47</b></p> 	<p><b>29</b> Don't watch TV tonight. Instead reflect on the week ahead. Put <b>25¢</b> in your Mission Bank for each show you skip.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Pray three Hail Marys for all the Religious Sisters who work in the Missions.</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Help make a simple dinner for your family. Thank God together for all His gifts.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b></p> <p>Jesus washes the disciples' feet; we must also serve others. Try to attend Mass tonight.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b></p> <p>Pray the Stations of the Cross and reflect upon God's great love for us.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b></p> <p>Pray for all who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.</p> 