



A Million Roses for the World

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Now celebrating its 60th year in the Philippines, the Family Rosary Crusade (FRC) is throwing a challenge to Filipinos all over the world: Pray 1 million Rosaries every day for 200 days for world peace!

The ambitious but worthwhile project is dubbed "A Million Roses for the World" (AMRoW). The roses represent the Rosaries that will be prayed every day. (Our Lady has revealed to several people, including a Jesuit brother and a Franciscan friar, that every time we pray the Rosary fervently, we offer a crown of roses to the Blessed Virgin. When we say the "Our Father," a red rose comes out of our mouth, and when we say the "Hail, Mary," a white rose.)

Ambassador Howard Dee, the Vice-Chairman of FRC-Philippines, announced at the September 8, 2011 Press Conference in Manila Polo Club, "We are enlisting one million Filipinos to pray five decades of the Holy Rosary every day from October 10, 2011 to May 30, 2012, each day from Monday to Saturday, dedicated to one nation in the world." Meanwhile, he said, the Sunday Rosary is reserved for our own families and nation, the Philippines. "The goal," the good ambassador explains, "is to bring all peoples of all nations of the world to Jesus and his Father and the Holy Spirit . . . through Mary our Blessed Mother . . . to bring his peace, love, joy, and tranquility to every people and every nation."

Underlining the urgency of the initiative, Ambassador Dee explains, "In almost every nation of the world, the Catholic Church and its faithful are confronted by

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the evil forces of secularism. The late Pope John Paul II, now Blessed, foretold this 'final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, the Gospel and the anti-Gospel' which he said would be the 'greatest battle in the history of the Church.' "

"The world needs our prayers," the former ambassador to the Vatican emphatically appeals. "And we need to pray also for our families and our country." The AMRoW initiative is similar to the Million Rosary campaign during the 1984-1985 Marian Year that brought about change in our country. (The February 1986 peaceful People Power Revolution is credited as the fruit of that campaign.)

Ambassador Dee challenges, "Let this be our contribution . . . Filipinos at Prayer . . . Reaching Out

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

A Million Roses for the World Filipinos at Prayer, Peace for All Nations

Almighty God, we adore you and we praise you
for blessing Mary among all women
and for creating her full of grace.

Through Mary, we received Jesus, your Son
whose birth has made all things new for us here on earth.

We seek your blessing through her praying hands,
so that peace may reign in the world
and harmony may be established among all nations.

I commit myself to pray the Rosary every day,
as much as possible with my family,
for each and every nation on earth
so that wars may end, famine may cease,
terrorism may stop, justice may reign
and only your love and mercy may prevail.

I commit myself to live in the state of grace,
to avoid all occasions of sin
and to receive Holy Communion
as frequently as my situation may allow
so that your name may be glorified
and all peoples may kneel down before you, God of peace,
in worship, adoration, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. Amen!

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to the World . . . To All Peoples . . . In Every Nation . . . With Love and Brotherhood . . . In Faith, Joy, and Goodwill . . .” He concludes with one of the famous taglines of the Family Rosary Crusade, “A World at Prayer Is a World at Peace.”

If you would like to take the Rosary Challenge and be one of the first one million Filipinos whose names will be deposited at the foot of Our Lady of Fatima in Fatima, Portugal, all you have to do is:

1. Pray the Commitment Prayer.
2. Fill up the Pledge Form and submit to the Marian Solidarity Secretariat (see address on p. 22), drop at designated dropboxes in your school/parish, or email details to mariansolidarity_twohearts@yahoo.com
3. Download the List of Countries and Intentions from the AMRoW website (www.millionrosesfortheworld.org) or from the Word & Life website (www.wordandlife.org/downloads.php).
4. Pray the Rosary every day for the specific country for that day, from October 10, 2011 to May 30, 2012.

SAMPLE OF COUNTRY AND INTENTION

Day 1: 10 October 2011

ANGOLA (Africa)



Literacy: 67%

Life Expectancy: 42 yrs

Infant Mortality: 116/1000

Per Capita (PPP): \$5,430

Population: 17.3M Annual Growth: 2.6%

Ethnicity: Ovimbundu, Kimbundu, Bakongo

Religion: Roman Catholic 68%, Protestant 20%

Resources: Petroleum, diamonds, iron ore

Products: Bananas, sugarcane, coffee

Industry: Petroleum drilling, mining, cement

Angola was colonized by the Portuguese and became the largest source of slaves for the Americas. It is one of Africa's major oil producers but also one of the world's poorest countries. 27 years of civil war ended in 2002; the country now faces the daunting task of rebuilding its infrastructure.

Joyful Mysteries: Intentions for Angola

1. That Angolans may continue to heal from 27 years of civil war
2. That Angola may find the resources to resettle 4 million displaced persons
3. That landmines may be cleared from the countryside
4. That the Lord may bless Angola with bountiful harvests
5. That health services may improve, especially for the most vulnerable



A campaign for all Filipinos, living in the Philippines and in other parts of the world, to pray the rosary for world peace.

Pope Pius XI once said: “Give me an army praying one million rosaries a day and we will conquer the world.”



FRC REACHES OUT TO THE WORLD

One Million Rosaries a Day for 200 Days

October 10, 2011 - May 30, 2012

<http://millionrosesfortheworld.org>

Please tear here and send the bottom portion to the address below or drop in the designated drop box in your parish or school.

Your name will be deposited at the foot of Our Lady of Fatima in Fatima, Portugal.

MY PLEDGE TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
(October 10, 2011 – May 30, 2012)

I Pledge to pray one rosary a day, each day for the intentions of one nation, until I pray for all the nations in the world.

Name: _____

Cellphone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Optional Prayer Offerings

(Please indicate the number & frequency of your offering)

Holy Mass _____ Act of Kindness _____

Communion _____ Others _____

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament _____