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MARY'S MEALS INVITES EVERYONE TO PRAY IN MAY

Charity that brings hope to 2.2+ million school children daily asks for prayers



Volunteers gather and prepare, then serve the food to children in community schools.

Bloomfield, N.J. – May 12, 2022 – During the month of May when we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary's Meals invites churches, faith groups and individuals to support its mission through its ongoing Pray in May campaign.

[Mary's Meals](#) is an international school feeding charity serving more than 2.2+ million children every day in 20 countries. Since 2002, Mary's Meals has provided children with a nutritious daily meal in their place of education. This simple solution to help end world hunger also enables children to earn an education that can help break the cycle of poverty.

Yet, it is the many little acts of love by supporters globally that allow this impactful mission – now a global movement – to continue with prayer as an essential aspect.

"The month of May has for many centuries been dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is of course the patron of this mission. Regardless of whether you belong to a faith community that honors Mary in this particular month, please let this be an invitation to you to pray in a very special way for our work this month," explains Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder of Mary's Meals.

Faith is central to Mary's Meals and its work to serve daily nutritious meals to the world's poorest children. Named in honor of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who raised her own child in poverty and exile, the charity's work is built on the power of prayer and its people continually see the providence of God. The charity has strong roots in the pilgrimage town of Medjugorje and is often called "a fruit of Medjugorje."

Currently, Mary's Meals feeds 2,279,941 children daily in their place of education. This simple program not only feeds children, but is community owned enabling everyone to be part of the solution to end hunger and missed education. By feeding children at school, it also encourages children to earn an education to help lift themselves and their communities from poverty and provide a brighter future for new generations of children.

Even in countries like Yemen, Ethiopia, Malawi and South Sudan where famine, natural disaster and war have plagued struggling populations, Mary's Meals keeps its promise to provide hungry children with a meal.

"Prayer came first in the story of Mary's Meals, and for many of us, that remains the case on a daily basis. We pray knowing that this mission depends entirely on God's grace and providence, and so we need to stay joined to Him. Prayer is part of the daily fabric of Mary's Meals – something we wish to make space for and encourage in this diverse global family of ours," says MacFarlane-Barrow.

To be part of this Pray in May effort, people can get involved by:

- including Mary's Meal in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.
- praying the Rosary for the charity's work.
- asking their parish youth groups to pray for the children served by Mary's Meals.

More information and resources are available at: <http://www.marysmealsusa.org/prayinmay>

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About Mary's Meals

Now in its 20th year, [Mary's Meals](http://www.marysmealsusa.org) is a global movement that sets up school feeding programs in some of the world's most vulnerable communities, where conflict, poverty and hunger often prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals works with in-country volunteers to provide one daily nutritious meal in a place of learning to attract children into the classroom to receive an education. This simple solution to help end world hunger also enables children to lift themselves from the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002. Today, the organization feeds 2,279,941 hungry children every school day across five continents in the following countries: Benin, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Niger, Romania, South Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For more information about Mary's Meals, visit marysmealsusa.org. Follow Mary's Meals USA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

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