

The ACN 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace'



SESSION PLAN

THE ACN ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

AIM:



- 1 To prepare a short presentation for a group of children about the rosary and ACN's One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace campaign.
- 2 To lead a group of children in praying the rosary for ACN's One Million Children Praying the Rosary on October 7, 2026, for peace, unity, and spiritual transformation. (The Feast of the Holy Rosary).

Use these sessions as a guide as each session has more material than you will need.

PLEASE USE ONLY THE ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS YOU WISH TO MEET THE AIMS ABOVE.

Participants may wish to develop their understanding by working through some of the material independently between sessions.

You can tick off the boxes on page 3 after each session.

SESSION 1: ACN

Understand:

The mission and work of ACN.
Examples of ACN projects.

Discern:

The importance of 'Prayer, Information and Action'.

Respond:

Journal
Prayer

SESSION 2: THE ROSARY

Understand:

The place of the rosary in Christian belief.
Why the rosary is important.
How to pray the rosary.

Discern:

Explore different people's views about the rosary.

Respond:

Reflect on the meaning of what you have learned.
Prepare a two-minute speech/presentation about the rosary.

SESSION 3: THE CAMPAIGN

Understand:

ACN's 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace.'

Discern:

With reference to the apparitions at Fatima, play with possibilities by asking 'what if?'

Respond:

Consider how the lives of the primary-aged children involved with ACN's rosary campaign could be transformed.
Create an accessible and relevant presentation for children.

SESSION 4: BLESSING & PRAYER

Formation in Prayer:

The Glorious Mysteries.
Understanding how the rosary is used for personal and community prayer.

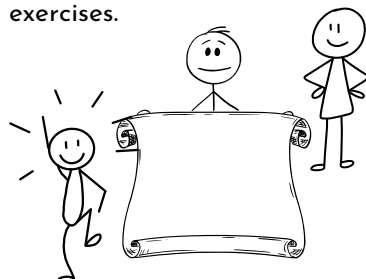
Blessing of rosary beads if a priest is available.

SESSION 5: ORGANISATION

By the end of this session:

Your presentation to the children should be planned and rehearsed.

You can grow in your skills as a public speaker by following the exercises.



SESSION 6: DISCUSSION

To take place after your prayer/presentation with the children:

Please share your experience having completed this course:

1. What have you learned?
2. Did you enjoy praying with the children?
3. Were you comfortable leading prayer?
4. What next?
5. Comments about your prayer journal.
6. Would you like to arrange a speaker from ACN or plan a fundraiser for the work of the charity?



COURSE OUTLINE

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Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN UNITED KINGDOM



1 KNOWLEDGE

In order to lead a group of children in praying the rosary, you will need a working knowledge of the following:

ACN	THE ROSARY	THE CAMPAIGN	SAFEGUARDING
<input type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/> Work of <input type="checkbox"/> The projects <input type="checkbox"/> P.I.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching about <input type="checkbox"/> Why important <input type="checkbox"/> How to pray it <input type="checkbox"/> 'Deeper Truths'	<input type="checkbox"/> What it's about <input type="checkbox"/> Importance <input type="checkbox"/> Who is involved <input type="checkbox"/> Our Lady of Fatima	<input type="checkbox"/> Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Responsibilities <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness

2 PLANNING & ORGANISATION FOR 07-10-26

Keep a track of the tasks which need to be completed. The date for praying the rosary with the children is **October 7th 2026**. If you cannot do that date, any time in October would work well.

START	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	ON THE DAY
<input type="checkbox"/> Finding group <input type="checkbox"/> Planning date(s) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer aids <input type="checkbox"/> Group roles <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehearse <input type="checkbox"/> Check tech <input type="checkbox"/> Timings <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check tech <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer aids <input type="checkbox"/> Setting up <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up

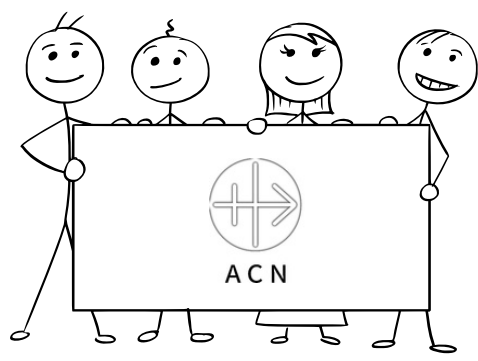
3 YOUR RESPONSE AND JOURNEY OF FAITH

In the spiritual life, it is impossible to give what you don't have, so this is a great time to consider your own relationship with God and to pray the rosary yourself. Suggestions are below - these are between you and God, but you may wish to share in the group.

JOURNAL	RESEARCH	PRAYER	OPENNESS
Recording your thoughts, prayers and any promptings from the Holy Spirit	Willingness to watch YouTube videos, read articles and find out more about the rosary	Making personal prayer a priority; attending Mass and or/receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Asking the Holy Spirit to guide you: allowing God into areas of your life that you have previously hidden from him

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Groups can use as little or as much of the information provided as they like.

We know time is limited, so groups can decide how best to use what is provided.

The aim for your students and parish groups is that through this course, they become confident prayer leaders and grow in their own journey of faith.

SESSION STRUCTURE FOR LEADER/TEACHER/CHAPLAIN

1. Explain that they will be leading children in praying the rosary for peace on or sometime near 7th October. Play video on [SLIDE 2](#).

PLAY [SLIDE 3](#) ON PRESENTATION

2. Explain that in order to do this effectively, they will need to have some knowledge of:
 - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
 - The rosary
 - What happened in Fatima in 1917
 - The campaign One Million Children Praying the Rosary
3. Invite participants to keep a prayer journal. Ask them to write down their thoughts, prayers and feelings, when they can, for the duration of the course. [SLIDE 4](#)

[SLIDE 5](#)

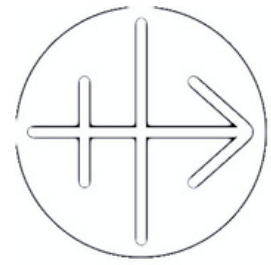
4. Before playing the animation, ask students to look at the questions about ACN (page 5) and fill in any they already know (member groups may not need to do this stage). You might need to explain the word '**pastoral**' in this context and the term '**Pontifical Foundation**' (see below).
5. Watch the animation on [SLIDE 5](#). Discuss examples of ACN projects and go back to page 5. Fill in answers in pairs.
6. The video on [SLIDE 6](#) gives examples of some ACN projects. This can be used in this session or at any time during the course to highlight the work of the charity.

Independent Research: Complete the tasks on page 6.

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*A **Pontifical Foundation** is a charity officially set up or approved by the Pope and the Catholic Church. 'Pontifical' means it has a special link to the Vatican and works under the Church's guidance. This shows that the foundation is trusted by the Church and is committed to living out its beliefs, values, and mission in the world.





SESSION 1

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Aid to the Church in Need

- 1 What does ACN stand for? _____
- 2 What makes ACN distinctive? _____
- 3 What is a Pontifical Charity? _____
- 4 In approximately how many countries does ACN have projects? _____
- 5 Why do you think the Church refuses to abandon people? _____

- 6 Name two ways in which ACN provide spiritual support. _____

- 7 Name one way priests/sisters help others that you may not have previously considered. _____

- 8 Why is religious freedom so integral to human rights? _____

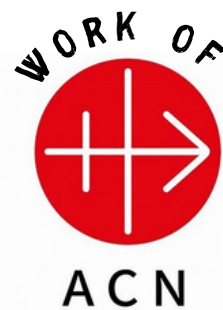
- 9 State ways in which ACN provide long- and short-term aid. _____

- 10 Why is trauma healing needed? _____
- 11 What does P.I.A. stand for? _____
- 12 How is ACN UK supporting the people of Liberia? _____



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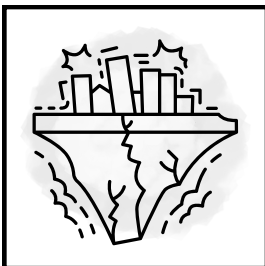
There are numerous charities that look after those in need. What distinguishes Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) from these organisations is that we are the only international Catholic organisation focusing on the pastoral and spiritual support of persecuted and suffering Christians.

Aid to the Church in Need was initially established in 1947 as a Catholic aid organisation for war refugees, and it has been recognised as a Pontifical Foundation since 2011. Under our guiding principle of “prayer, information and action”, today we are committed to helping Christians across the globe, wherever they are persecuted or oppressed or suffer material hardships. In addition, we are committed to religious freedom and reconciliation across all faiths. Our foundation does not accept any support from government agencies. However, thanks to hundreds of thousands of benefactors who donate to Aid to the Church in Need, we are now active worldwide.

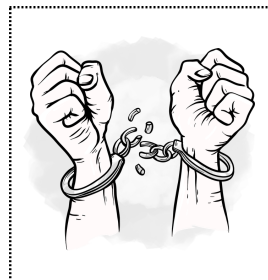
TASK

Click on the underlined words or on the QR code in each image below to find out more about those being helped by ACN.

NATURAL DISASTERS



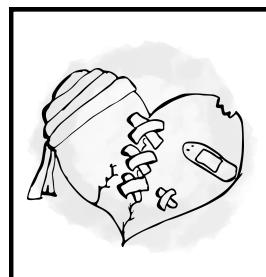
RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION



CARE FOR THE ABANDONED



HEALING TRAUMA



NOTE YOU WILL NOT BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH ANY OF THE GROUPS YOU WILL BE LEADING 'ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY' WITH. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS AN ACN AMBASSADOR.