

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar April 2024

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month (USA/USCCB)

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month National Poetry Month

Genocide and Human Rights Violations Awareness Month

SWANA Heritage Month (South Asia & North Africa)

1 Feast of Blessed Vilmos Apor, Hungarian Martyr (1945) protector of refugees

We pray for all refugees, especially those escaping violent situations!



2-6 We pray for the success of the National Catholic Education Association Convention in Pittsburgh

Theme: Connections Commitments
Community

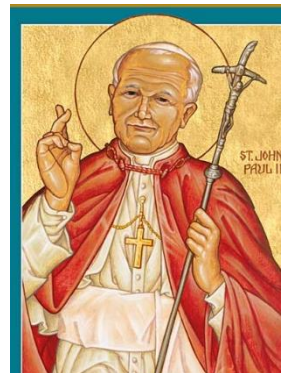


2 St. Pope John Paul II died in 2005

We pray for Christ-like “Servant Leaders” for the World

World Autism Awareness Day (UN)

We pray for Autistic Persons.



3 We pray for the Victims of Abuse and the conversion of their perpetrators

4 Feast of St. Isidore of Seville,

Theologian International Landmine Awareness and Mine Action Day (UN)

We pray for end of landmine production by eleven countries.



Martin L. King Jr. martyred in 1968

We pray for the end of racism

We pray for Michael Smith scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, the victims and their families.

We pray for all those on death row.

5 Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer helped end the Great Western Schism in the Church.

We pray for healing the Church and the success of the 2025 Synod Sarajevo



Bosnia genocide in 1995

We pray for the survivors of genocides

International Day of Conscience (UN)

We pray that each of us promotes a culture of Peace and Love

Conscious 1st Friday Prayer and Action Against the Death Penalty (CMN)

- 6 **Persian Gulf War Cease Fire in 1991**
We pray for peace in the Middle East

International Day of Sports for Development and Peace (UN)

We pray that sporting events are times of peace making



- 7 **Divine Mercy Sunday World Health Day (WHO)**
Theme: My Health My Right

Day of Remembrance of the Rwandan Genocide Victims in 100 days in 1994

We pray for those who provide health care to those in need and we pray for the People of Rwanda



- 8 **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**
Total Solar Eclipse (partiality begins in Erie at 3:02pm DST) We pray with gratitude for all of Creation especially the Sun a source of great renewable power.

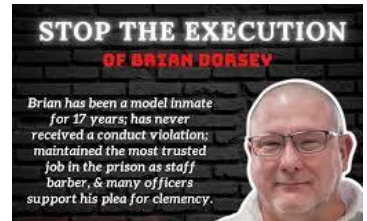


9-10 Ramadan Ends (Feast of Eid-al-Fie) for our Muslim Neighbors

We Pray for the end of Islamophobia



We pray for the end of the death Penalty and for Brian Dorsey scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victims and their families



10 Dolores Huerta born in 1930

Labor leader and civil rights activist who, with César Chávez, founded the National Farmworkers Association, which later became United Farm Workers

We pray for fair wages and safe working conditions of farm workers.

**11 Feast of St. Stanislaus
Pacem in Terris (1963) St. John XXIII
We Pray for World Peace**

11-16 Black Maternal Health Week

We pray for equity of Health Care for all Pregnant Women



International Day for Maternal Health & Rights Day (Global Organizations)

We pray for the wellbeing of all potential mothers



12 International Day of Street Children (Consortium of Street Children)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of the more than 150 million children on the streets worldwide

International Day of Space Flight (UN) Russian Yuri Gagarin first human in space in 1961.

We pray for a nonmilitary presence in Space

National Day of Silence (student Organized) in support of the LGBTQ+ community

We pray for the end of bullying and harassment of LGBTQ+ persons.



1861 Civil War begins at Fort Sumter S.C.

13 Pope Francis Monthly Intention Sikh, Hindu Vaisakhi

We pray “that the dignity and immense value of women in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the World”

Feast of the Solar New Year

We pray for tolerance among persons of various religions



- 14 **Abraham Lincoln Assassinated in 1864**
We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all elected officials

World Chagas Disease Day (WHO)
we pray for the eradication of this silent disease among the poor



- 15 **USA Federal Tax Day or Tax Resistance Day**
We pray for peace and decrease of military spending

Pax Christi Founded in 1972 Rachel Carson, environmentalist died in 1964



- 16 **We pray with gratitude that Philadelphia Prisoner Daniel Gwynn was exonerated after 30 years on death Row**
He is the 197th prisoner exonerated since the death penalty was reinstated.



- 17 **We pray with gratitude for the contribution of the South Asian and North African Americans to the culture of the United States.**

18 We pray for the end of the kidnapping of religious persons and for their return in Nigeria, Burkina Faso Northern Mozambique and Haiti

19 Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995 with 168 victims
We pray for the end of violence in our communities.

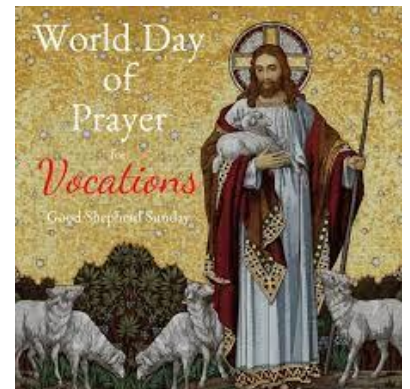


20 We pray for peace in the Ukraine, Ethiopia, Israel, Gaza, Haiti, Iran, Yemen, DR Congo, Senegal, Lebanon



21 World Creativity and Innovation Day (UN)
We pray with gratitude for the gifts of Creative and innovative thinkers

Sri Lanka Easter Bombing in 2019
we pray for the end of Terrorism.



World Day Prayer for Vocations (VA)
We pray for increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

22 Mother Earth Day

**Theme: Planet vs Plastics Goal: 60%
reduction of all Plastics by 2040**

We pray for the will to reduce our use of plastics to help preserve our planet for future generations.



22-30 Jewish Passover

We pray for a Ceasefire in Gaza



23 Feast of St. George

We pray for Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) on his patronal Feast,

World Book and Copyright Day (UN)

We pray with gratitude for poets, writers, journalists.



24-30 World Immunization Week (WHO)

We pray for the researchers of new vaccines and for the healthcare workers who bring the vaccines to the people.



24 Administrative Professionals Day

We pray for all administrative professionals and their families

**Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (from 1915-1923
1.5 million Armenians killed by Ottoman Turkey
Military)**

**International Day for Multilateralism
and Diplomacy for Peace (UN)**

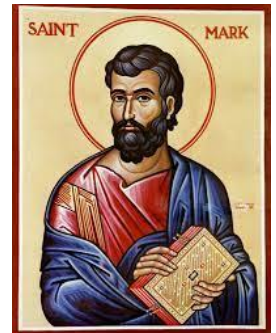
We pray for the end of all genocide
conflicts in Myanmar, Sudan, South
Sudan, Iraq Syria, Yemen, Central, Africa
Republic



25 Feast of St. Mark

Malaria Day (WHO) UN Delegates Day

we pray for the preventing and curing of the more
than 200 million yearly cases of malaria



26 **International Chernobyl Remembrance Day (UN)
meltdown in 1986**

We pray for a nuclear-free world

**Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi martyred in 1998
Guatemalan Human Rights Defender**

We pray for the people of Central America

World Intellectual Property Day (UN)

**National Arbor Day
Thank God for Trees!!**



27 Take your Sons and Daughters to Work Day (USA)

We pray for families

International Day for Girls in IT (UN)

We pray for an increase of girls benefiting from the STEM program.



28 Workers Memorial Day (Unions)

World Day for Safety and Health at Work (UN)

We pray for workers who have died or have been injured at Work



29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena Peacemaker and Reformer We pray for women who are in leadership roles in Church and Society

Remembrance Day of Chemical War Victims (UN)

We pray for the victims



30 Feast of St. Pius V

International Jazz Day (UN)

We pray for immigrants, migrants and refugees,



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