

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar May 2024

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Older Americans Month (USA)

Foster Care Awareness Month (USCCB/USA)

1 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

International Workers Day

Catholic Worker Movement founded in 1933



We pray for workers, especially those in dangerous jobs.

We pray for members of the Catholic Worker

Movement Religious Brothers Day (VA)

We pray with gratitude for the gifts of the Religious

Brothers to the Church.

2 National Day of Prayer Theme: Lift Up the Word- Light Up the World (2 Samuel 22:29-31)

World Tuna Day (UN)

We pray for peace and unity in the United
States of America



2 Feast of Saints Philip & James
USCCB Peace Pastoral (The Challenge of Peace 1983)

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

We pray for the end of the Death Penalty

World Press Freedom Day (UN) Theme: A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the environmental crisis

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of journalists as they report the truth of the environmental crisis



4 Join Hands Day (AFA) is dedicated to fostering understanding and cooperation across generations.

Kent State Massacre (1970)

First Freedom ride from Washington DC to the South in 1961

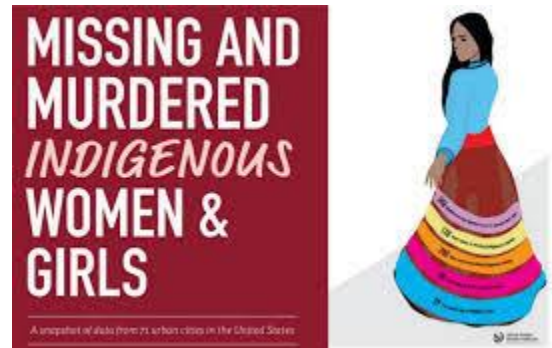
We pray for understanding across generations and for the end of violence and racism



5 Orthodox Easter - Cinco de Mayo

National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (USA)

4 out of 5 Native American Women/Girls experience violence
We pray for Orthodox Christians, Native American Women/Girls and the people of Mexico

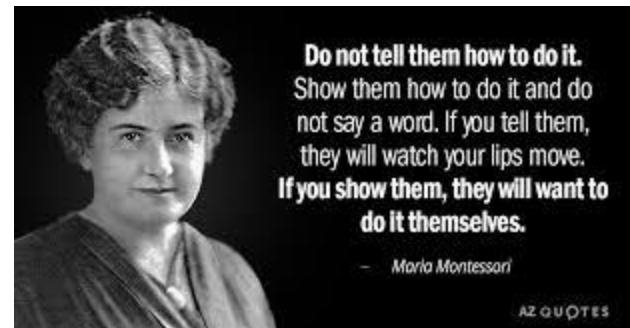


5-6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
We pray for a Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel



6 National Nurses Day (ANA)
We pray for the wellbeing of the more than 4.4 million Registered Nurses and 1,850,604 practicing Practical Nurses in the USA

Maria Montessori born in 1879
We pray for the Teachers, parents, staff and children of Montessori Schools



6-12 National Nurses Week Theme: Nurses Make A Difference Thank the Nurse(s) in your life.



7 Pope Francis Monthly Intention

We pray “that the religious women and men and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation leading them to be credible witnesses to the gospel”



8 Feast of Our Lady of Lujan (Patron of Argentina)

We pray for the people of South America

Red Cross and Red Crescent Day (UN)

We pray for those who aid the victims of disasters

Student Nurses Day (USA)

We pray for an increase of compassionate dedicated Nursing Students.



8-9 Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those (20Million) who lost their lives in World War II



9 Feast of the Ascension Catherine McAuley RSM declared Venerable in 1990

Sophia Scholl born in 1921 (peace activist) who said “stand up for what you believe in even though you are alone”

**Dan Berrigan born in 1921
Peter Maurin Born 1877**



We pray for peacemakers and the Beautification of Catherine McAuley

10 Equal Pay Act of 1963

Feast of St. Damien of Molaki
We pray for those with incurable conditions and their caregivers

International Day of Argania Tree (UN)
important sustainable resource in the desert.



Pentecost Novena

**11 World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP) Theme: Protect Insects
Protect Birds**

We pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Dorsey, Michael Smith, Willie James Pye executed in USA and Ron Taylor who died of natural causes on Death Row in Pennsylvania



12 Mother's Day (began in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe as "Mothers for Peace")

we pray for all mothers especially foster, step and adopted mothers

Bro. Roger Schultz born in 1915 (Founder of the Taize Community)

International Day of Plant Health (FAO)
We pray with gratitude for plants

Florence Nightingale born in 1820
We pray for those without adequate healthcare.



13 Feasts of Our Lady of Fatima and Bl. Julian Norwich
"The fullness of Joy is to behold God in Everything"

We pray for peace in Ukraine, Palestine, Myanmar, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Haiti, Sudan



**15 Feasts of Saints Isidore and his wife Maria de la Cabeza,
Patron of farmers**

We pray for all farmers and their families.

Quadragesimo Anno (The Reconstruction of the Social Order), 1931

Mater et Magistra (Christianity and Social Progress), 1961

Rerum Novarum (The Condition of Labor), an encyclical of Pope Leo XIII 1891

**Feast of St. Dymphna Patron of victims of
mental illness and incest**

International Day of Families (UN)

We pray for families, separated by migration, wars, poverty



**16 International Day of Living together
in Peace (UN) Theme: United in
Differences and Diversity**
we pray for peace in our communities



International Day of Light (UN)

We thank God for Solar energy and that we find ways to increase its use.

17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (UN)

We pray for the success of the UN Campaign “Free and Equal” to eliminate criminalization of LGBTQ+ persons in 72 countries.



World Communications Day (UN)

Theme: Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: towards a Fully Human Communication (VA) Pope Francis

We pray “for the wisdom that was present before all things”.

17-19 We pray for the success of the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. “Faith in Action Advancing Human Rights and Peace for all.”



18 Armed Forces Day

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those serving their country



19-16 Laudato Si` Week Theme: Let us be Seeds of Hope in our Lives and our World rooted in Faith and Love



19 Feast of Pentecost

We pray for healing in the Church and the end of all divisions
Endangered Species Day (UN)

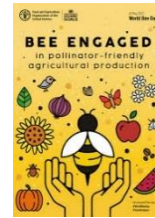


20 Feast of Blessed Mother of the Church

Birthday of Franz Jägerstätter (1907-1943)

World Bee Day (UN)

We Thank you God for Bees!



21 Christian de Cherge, OSCO and companions martyred in 1996

World Day for Cultural Diversity (UN)

We pray for tolerance among Christians and Muslims



22 Feast of St. Rita of Cascia (Patron of Desperate situations)

We pray for the people of Ukraine, Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Somalia, Niger, Mali, Myanmar, Burkina Faso, Haiti, and Sudan.

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Mariners and People at Sea (USCCB)



We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those who work on the Seas

International Day for Biological Diversity (UN)

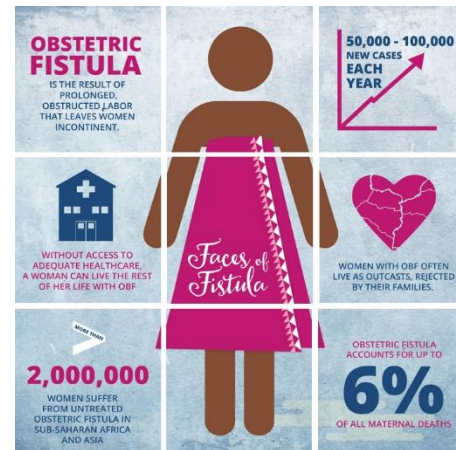
23 Vesak Day (UN) (Buddha born 623 BC)

We pray with gratitude for those who follow the tenets of Buddhism

International Day to End Obstetric Fistulas (UN)

We pray for the end of this practice in the 55 countries who practice it by 2030.

World Turtle Day (UN)



24 World Day of Prayer for the Church In China (VA)

We pray for the members of the underground Church in China and for the imprisoned Cardinal Joseph Zen

Shooting in Uvalde Texas where 19 children and 2 teachers were killed in 2022

We pray for the end of violence

Laudate Si` 9th year Feast of our Lady Help of Christians

25-26 Pope Francis celebrates the First Children's Day in Rome Theme: Behold I make all things New"

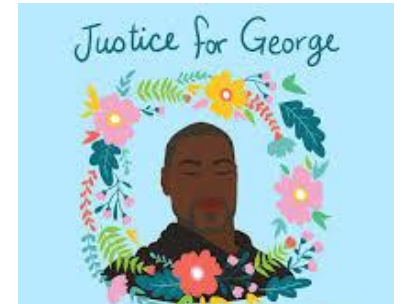


25-31 Solidarity with people of non-self-governing countries There are 17 non-self-governing countries including Guam, American Virgin Islands and American Samoa



25 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

George Floyd murdered by police in 2020
We pray for improved relations with those who are suspected of crime and the police.



26 Feast of the Holy Trinity

Feast of St. Philip Neri Founder of the Oratorians
We pray for the Oratorians and the youth of the World, especially those graduating from high schools and universities.



27 Memorial Day
We pray for all those who
have died in the service of
their country

**Environmentalist Rachel
Carson born in 1907**



Those who dwell among the beauties and
mysteries of the earth are never alone or
weary of life. Those who contemplate the
beauty of the earth find reserves of strength
that will endure as long as life lasts. The
more clearly we can focus our attention on
the wonders and realities of the universe,
the less taste we shall have for destruction.

— Rachel Carson —

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28 We pray for those recovering from Natural disasters.

29 Feast of St. Paul VI, Pope
“If you want Peace work for Justice”
We pray for World Peace

Birthday of John F. Kennedy 1921



**30 Feast of Corpus Christi and St. Joan of
Arc**

We pray for women in Leaderships
roles in Church and Society

**We pray for Jamie R. Mills scheduled
for execution in Alabama and the victims and families**



ST. JOAN OF ARC

May 30th

31 Feast of the Visitation

Tulsa Race Massacre in 1921

We pray for expectant mothers and
the end of racism



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