



# Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

## June 2015

- 1 Global Day of Parents \* We pray for all parents, especially those who have lost their children by kidnapping, human trafficking, or migration.  
John Masefield - English Poet, 15<sup>th</sup> Poet Laureate of England – Masefield once said, “*Poetry is a mixture of common sense, which not all have, with an uncommon sense, which very few have.*”
- 2 Native Americans granted citizenship (1924) \* We pray for the American Indians and that all the indigenous peoples of the world, can maintain their lands and cultures.  
Canada & the U.S. sign Agreement to preserve Niagara Falls.
- 3 Sally J Priesand - 1st female U.S. rabbi installed, at age 25 (1972) \* May all women in ministry be recognized by all religions throughout the world.  
We pray for all those on death row, especially Lester Brown, scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the families affected.
- 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN) \* We pray for the safety, and security of all children .
- 5 World Environment Day (UN) Theme: “*Seven Billion Dreams - One Planet - Consume with Care*”. - Commit to one thing you can do to fight overconsumption of material things and food waste. \* We pray for the grace to be agents of change in conserving the earth’s resources.
- 6 We pray for the safety and good health of all those who are seeking political offices in the USA and around the world.  
Marian Wright Edelman (b. 1939) - Advocate for the disadvantaged children, Founded: Children’s Defense Fund \*
- 7 Environmental Sabbath “We declare a Sabbath, a space of quiet: for simple being and letting be; for recovering great, forgotten truths; for learning how to live again.” UN resolution \* We pray in gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of creation.



- 8 World Oceans Day (UN) \* We pray in gratitude for the oceans.  
Prophet Muhammad (b. 570) \* *For peace among followers of Muhammad and Christians.*



9 In gratitude to Kearns Spirituality Center for its sharing of resources in letting several Peace & Justice meet there.

We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Richard Strong scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim, and the families affected.

10 We pray “That the personal encounters with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their lives in priesthood or consecrated life.” [Pope Francis Monthly Intention]

Alcoholics Anonymous founded (1935) by Bill Wilson & Dr. Robert Smith \* Kudos to those who have the courage to admit they can’t do it alone.

11 **St. Barnabas**, Apostle \* For all those who spread the good news. We pray for the end of violence in Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, Israel, Afghanistan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Columbia, El Salvador, and Honduras, Burundi.

12 Anne Frank (b.1929) \* We pray for the children of the world suffering under repressive governments



13 **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** \* We pray in gratitude for the leadership of women in Church and religious communities, especially the LCWR leaders.



14 USA Flag Day  
USA National Children’s Day \* We pray that we might have the faith, hope, love, and commitment to our children.



15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN) \* We pray that the elderly be treated with love and respect.



16 In gratitude to the Amnesty International Group who meets monthly in the Provincial House to write letters for the release of prisoners throughout the world.

We pray for the end of the death penalty and the repose of the soul of Derrick Charles executed last month in the USA.

- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN) \* We pray for all those who are affected by the drought in the Horn of Africa and Western USA.

Amelia Earhart - first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, from Newfoundland to Wales (1928)



- 18 Ramadan Begins (until July 17) \* Let us join our Muslim friends in praying and fasting for peace and the end of violence in the world. We pray for all those on death row, especially Gregory Rousseau scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim and the affected families.
- 19 Juneteenth (Emancipation Day for USA Slaves) – Significance: Freeing of the last remaining slaves in Texas (1865) \* We pray for an end to racism everywhere.
- 20 World Refugee Day (UN) \* We pray “that immigrants and refugees may find welcome in the countries in which they come”. [Pope Francis Monthly Intention]

**Happy  
Father's  
Day**

- 21 ***Father's Day*** \* We pray for all fathers especially those separated from their families due to war, poverty, and/or migration.

Summer Solstice - “Longest Day of the Year” ***Happy Summer!***

- 22 We pray for a peaceful end to the problems of violence in Cleveland, Baltimore, Waco, Ferguson and other communities where acts of injustice may have been committed. President Nixon signed a law lowering the voting age to eighteen (1970)
- 23 Public Service Day (UN) \* We pray in gratitude for all those who serve as public servants. “*You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.*” (Anonymous)

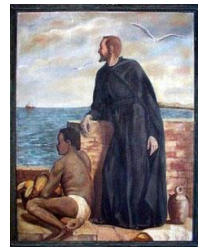


- 24 **Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist**

We pray for all people recovering from natural disasters – the earthquake in Nepal, the flooding in Texas, the drought in California, etc. , and pray that governments will provide adequate resources to help in their recovery.

- 25 We pray that Congress will pass a budget that considers the common good and those who are in greatest need.

26 **St. Peter Claver** (b. 1580) - Patron Saint of slaves \* For all persons today trafficked as work and/or sex slaves throughout the world.



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN) \* We pray for those in Solitary Confinement and that this act of torture be eliminated.

27 **Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
Helen Keller (b. 1880) \* We pray for all those who are disabled and for their caregivers.

28 We pray that the 100 countries that engage in systematic torture and ill-treatment will end these practices. (Amnesty International Report)



29 **Saints Peter and Paul** - Leaders of the Early Church \* We pray for all leaders of the Church today and all Christians who are being persecuted because of their religious beliefs.

30 We pray that Pope Francis' forthcoming encyclical on the environment may be a source for conversion of mind of the deniers of Climate Change and a motivator for all to conserve the earth's resources.



*“Respect for the environment,  
means more than not destroying  
it; it also means  
using it for good purposes.”*

---- Pope Francis