



# *Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar*

## *October 2016*

*Respect Life Month*  
*Domestic Violence Abuse Awareness Month*



- 1 **St. Therese of Lisieux** (Feast Day) - Doctor of the Church, Patron of Missionaries  
International Day of Older Persons \* We pray that older persons receive the respect and care they need for a full life.

- 2 **Respect Life Sunday** (USCCB) \* *“We pray that all life may be esteemed revered in our society. May we be a channel God’s mercy by loving each person and celebrating the gift of her/his life.”*  
International Day of Nonviolence (UN) \* We pray for the end of violence in our communities.

- 3 **Rosh Hashanah** (Jewish New Year) \* We pray for peace between Israel and Palestine and that all will have a safe and secure home.



- 4 **St. Francis of Assisi** \* We pray in gratitude for Creation and for the will to conserve the Earth’s resources  
F.Y.I: Vice-Presidential Debate in Virginia tonight.

- 5 **World Teachers Day** (UNESCO) \* In gratitude for all those who fruitfully and supportively touch lives by their teaching.  
We pray for all those on death row, especially Barney Fuller scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the affected families.

- 6 We pray for the criminal justice system \* *“May it be rooted in mercy and healing and affirm the sacredness of each person’s life.”* (USSCB Respect Life Month intention)  
**Fannie Lou Hamer** (1917-1977) - African American voting rights and civil rights leader \* We pray for all those who speak up for the rights of others, as well as, for their own rights.

- 7 **Desmond Tutu** (b. 1931) - Social rights activist, retired Anglican bishop who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as a strong opponent of apartheid.



8 Jesse Jackson (b. 1941) – Founder of People United to Save Humanity, Civil Rights leader \* We pray for all those striving to make the lives of others better.

9 North Korea again tests nuclear weapon - September 2016 \* We pray for the elimination of all nuclear weapons.

**Note:** Presidential debate in St. Louis tonight \* We pray for civil discourse and dialogue among all candidates for office.



10 Columbus Day Observed (USA) - Indigenous Peoples Day \* We pray for all indigenous people, especially those struggling to keep their lands and culture, World Homeless Day & World Mental Health Day (WHO) We pray for the homeless and those struggling with mental health issues.

11 **St. John XXIII** (1881-1963) - Pope, Patron of Christian Communities and of those promoting peace; Initiated Vatican II which through its documents and actions brought the Church into the modern world.



Eleanor Roosevelt (b. 1884) once said, “A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.” and

Thich Nhat Hanh (b. 1926) once said, “Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful.”

12 Dia la Raza - South American/ Mexican Day of Indigenous People - National Farmers Day \* We pray in atonement for the injustices experienced by the indigenous peoples of the Americas and in gratitude for farmers.

13 International Day for Disaster Reduction (UN) \* We pray for sensible Government policies regarding “fracking” and other actions which affect the environment.

World Sight Day (World Health Organization) \* We pray for those who are blind, especially due to malnutrition and war.

14 We pray for the more than 150 environmentalist murdered in 2015 and for the safety of all environmentalists voicing the concerns of the people to corporations and governments.





**15 St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-1582) - Doctor of the Church, Patron of persons with bodily ills, chess players, and persons ridiculed for their piety.

We remember in gratitude all American Hispanics for their contributions to the culture and life of the United States as Hispanic-American Heritage month ends today.



**16** World Food Day (UN) – (Begun 1975) \* Theme “*Climate is Changing - Food and Agriculture Must Too.*” \* We pray for all those responsible for the world’s food and that all of us make stronger efforts to prevent the wasting of food.

**17** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN) \* We pray for the 1.2 billion people who must subsist on \$1.25 a day and for the end of poverty.

**18** **St. Luke** - Evangelist, author of the third Gospel & Acts of the Apostles \* May all of us spread the Gospel through our words and deeds.  
We pray for the repose of the souls of all victims of violence, especially Margaret Held, SSF and Paula Merrill SCN murdered in Durant, MS, for all the people they served for 30 years, and for Mercy on the perpetrator Rodney Earl.



**19 North American Martyrs** \* For all those who suffer for their religious beliefs.

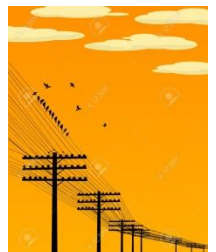
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Terry Darnell Edwards scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the affected families.

**Note:** Presidential debate tonight in Las Vegas \* We pray for civil discourse and dialogue among all candidates for office.

**20** **St. Paul of the Cross** \* We pray for all Passionist Priests, Brothers, and Sisters as they carry on the charism of St. Paul of the Cross

**21** In this October which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we pray for all women, children, and elderly who are victims of domestic violence.

**22** First telegraph line linking West & East coasts completed (1861) - How far we have come since that time. \* In gratitude for all our means of communication and especially we pray “that Journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.” (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)



**23** **World Mission Sunday** \* We pray “*that World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities, the joy of the gospel and the responsibility to announce it.*”  
(Pope Francis Monthly Intention)



24 United Nations Day (began 1945, celebrated since 1948) \* We pray that the United Nations continues to work for peace among all nations.

25 Mix It Up for Lunch Day: Students encouraged to eat lunch in the cafeteria with someone of another culture (*Teaching Tolerance*) \* We pray that the youths of our world accept those who are different whether race, religion, or disability.



26 Elizabeth Cady Stanton (b.1815) – Suffragette \* We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Church and Society and in gratitude for women now in leadership roles.

27 Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize (1978) for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord. \* We pray for peacemakers throughout the world.



28 **Marie de la Roche** (b. 1812) Co-Founder of the Sisters of Divine Providence \* We pray for all Sisters and Associates of Divine Providence in Germany, the U.S., Puerto Rico, Korea, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

29 *Hurricane Sandy* (2012) smashed into the eastern seaboard of the U.S., killing 117 people in the U.S. and 69 in Canada and the Caribbean. The storm caused about \$50 billion in damage in the U.S. \* We pray for all those who suffer in natural disasters

30 John Adams (b. 1735) – Second president of the U.S. “*Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.*” John Adams  
Hindu Feast of Lights (Diwali) begins \* We pray for enlightenment for ourselves and all peoples.

31 **Reformation Day** - Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace Church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany. \* We pray for unity among all Christian Churches.

**Halloween** \* We pray for the safety and good times for the children “trick or treating this night.

