



Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

May 2016

1 *S. Joseph the Worker* - International Workers Day & Catholic Worker Movement (began 1933) * We pray for all laborers and for members of the Catholic Worker Movement. Pascha (Orthodox Easter) * We pray for all Orthodox Christians throughout the world.



2 We pray for all those who have been victims of: earthquakes, floods, and drought, especially in Ecuador, Japan, Texas and Guam.

3 *Saints Philip and James* – Apostles * for all those who proclaim the Gospel. Peace Pastoral issued (1963) by Pope John XXIII & World Press Freedom Day (UN) * We pray for Peace Seekers & Journalists.

4 We pray for the safety of the Christians in Yemen, especially Fr. Tom Vehunnal, kidnapped by ISIS and the martyred Missionaries of Charity, Sisters Anselm, Judith, Marguerite, and Regennette.



5 *Feast of the Ascension* (May be celebrated on Sunday) - that we will all be Christ's witnesses on earth.

Cinco de Mayo & USA National Day of Prayer Theme: "Wake Up America! * We pray for the Mexican and American peoples and all those who are separated from family.

We pray for informed voters and that government office seekers interact civilly and work for the common good.

6 For the indigenous people of Honduras * We pray for justice and the repose of the soul of Berta Caceres murdered indigenous activist and the voice of her people.

7 Johannes Brahms (b. 1833) – Composer of over 300 songs and numerous orchestral, choral, and piano music * We pray for all musicians who share their talents with the world.

8 *Mother's Day* * we pray for all mothers especially those separated from their children due to war or immigration. Red Cross/Red Crescent Day * We pray in gratitude for all those who come to the aid of those in need in times of disasters.



- 9 Peter Maurin (b. 1877) - Co-Founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Dorothy Day (1933) * For all laborers throughout the world.
Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during WWII * We pray for the victims of WW II and their loved ones



- 10 The English Parliament passed the Tea Act which taxed all tea in the U.S. colonies (1773). This, among many other grievances, led to the Declaration of Independence by the 13 colonies. * We pray for all those seeking freedom in their lives.

- 11 We pray for all those on death row, especially Earl Forest in Missouri and Terry Darnell in Texas scheduled for execution, the victims, and the affected families. Israel admitted to the UN in 1949 * We pray for peace in Israel.

- 12 *Brother Roger Schutz* (b.915) - founder of Taize, an ecumenical monastic community * That Christians of all kinds strive to heal the rifts in the Christian family throughout the world.



We pray for the end of the death penalty worldwide and for Vernon Madison scheduled for execution in Alabama, the victim, and the affected families.

- 13 *Our Lady of Fatima & Blessed Julian of Norwich* * We pray “that in every Country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their central contribution to society may be highly esteemed.” (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)

- 14 *Feast of St. Matthias* - appointed Apostle to take the place of Judas. World Migratory Bird Day (UN) * We pray in gratitude for the gift of birds to creation.



- 15 *Feast of Pentecost* * We pray for the Spirit’s guidance in the Church.

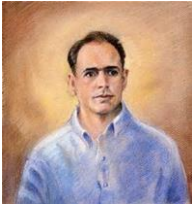
International Day of the Family (UN) * For peace for families throughout the world.

- 16 *St. Thomas More* resigns as English Lord Chancellor (1532) was eventually convicted of treason and beheaded by Henry VIII for refusing to acknowledge Henry as Supreme Head of the Church of England, the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy.





- 17 Brown vs Board of Education (1954) – Supreme Court ruled racially segregated public schools unconstitutional * We pray for the end of Racism.
World Telecommunications and Information Society Day (UN) * We pray that communicators work to bring peace and justice in the news they disseminate.
- 18 Mt. St. Helen Volcano in Washington State erupted (1980) - eruption column rose 80,000 feet into the air spreading ash in 11 states and 5 Canadian Provinces *
We pray for all those who experience natural disasters.
- 19 We pray for the repose of the souls of Adam Ward, Joshua Bishop, Kenneth Iults and Pablo Vasquez executed in the USA last month.



- 20 *Blessed Franz Jagerstatter* (b. 1907) - executed for refusing to serve in Hitler's army * For all people who suffer for following their conscience.

Buddhist Feast of Vesak (UN) * We pray for tolerance among peoples of various religions.

- 21 *Christian de Cherge*, OSCO and Companions martyred (1996) in Algeria.
We pray for peace and acceptance among groups of different religions and cultures.

International Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)

22 *Feast of the Holy Trinity*

International Day of Biological Diversity (UN) * We pray in gratitude for the diversity of Earth and for the will to conserve it.

National Day of Prayer for Mariners and people of the Sea (USA)

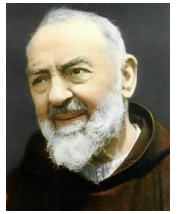
- 23 U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear appeals of Watergate wrong doers H. R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman & John Mitchell. All were convicted & sentenced.*
We pray for more integrity in government leaders.



- 24 *Laudato Si'* (2015) * We pray in gratitude for the dialogue about our Home, the Earth, that has taken place around the world since the book's been published.

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements, and talents." (Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*)

25 *St. Padre Pío* (b. 1887) - Credited with thousands of miracles during his life time * We pray for all persons who spread the love of Christ in so many ways.



26 Lewis & Clark first sighted the Rocky Mountains on this day (1805) * For all explorers in the world who thirst for knowledge.
We pray for refugees and immigrants who are in camps and detention facilities.

27 Julia Ward Howe (b. 1819) – Abolitionist, social activist, best known for the song “*Battle Hymn of the Republic*” * We pray for women leaders in our country.

28 We pray that the USA Supreme Court will consider the welfare and safety of the millions of immigrant children and parents who could earn a path to citizenship under President Obama’s executive orders.

29 John F. Kennedy (b. 1907) – 35th President of the U.S. Set a goal on May 25, 1961 that the U.S. would land a man on the moon before the end of the decade.
Accomplished on July 20, 1969 by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin



30 *St. Joan of Arc* (d. 1431) – The pro English Bishop of Beauvais, Pierre Cauchon had her burned at the stake on various charges. (In 1456, an inquisitorial court authorized by Pope Callixtus III, examined the trial, debunked the charges against her, and declared her a martyr. She was canonized a saint in 1920)

Memorial Day * We pray for all those who have died serving their country in the Armed Services and we pray for all those who have died working for peace and justice.

31 *Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth* *
We pray for expectant mothers that they may have the support during their pregnancy to rejoice with anticipation in the child they carry.

