



# Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar July 2016



- 1 **General Chapter for the Sisters of Divine Providence begins.** \* We pray for the Spirit's Guidance of the chapter delegates.
- 2 **Civil Acts Act signed (1964)** \* We pray for the end of Racism. Death penalty ruled by Supreme Court as **not** cruel & unusual punishment (1976). We pray for the repose of the souls of the 1,436 people executed since 1976 in the U.S..
- 3 **St. Thomas the Apostle**  
We pray for all those who have been victims of violence, especially in Orlando Florida.



- 4 **USA Independence Day** \* We pray that all Americans experience the freedoms cherished by the founders of USA and their successors.

- 5 **St. Elizabeth of Portugal** - Peacemaker and Patron of Catholic Charities. \* We pray for the staff of Catholic Charities and their many clients. Eid al Fitr Islam \* Ramadan ends \* We pray for the end of Islamophobia.



- 6 **St. Maria Goretti**, patron of teenage girls We pray that all teenage girls may have the support, education; all that they need to develop into healthy, happy, holy women.

14th Dalai Lama( b. 1935) \* We pray for tolerance among members of different religions.

- 7 We pray for peace in Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, the Congo, Afghanistan, and Israel
- 8 We pray for the 65 million persons displaced by war and persecution (UN 2015)
- 9 **St. Andrew Zhao** and 120 companions, martyrs \* We pray for all those who are Being persecuted for their beliefs, especially in China and Iraq.



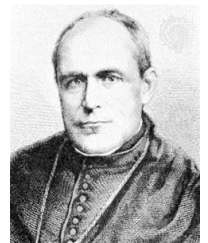


- 10** We pray for civil discourse and interactions among candidates for public office.  
Mary McLeod Bethune (b. 1875) - Educator, Civil Rights Activist , best known for starting a school for African American children \* We pray that all children of the world will have access to a good education.

- 11** *St. Benedict* - Patron of monks and persons in Religious Life.  
 World Population Day (UN) - The World’s population is 7,332,679,500. \* We pray for our over 7 billion brothers and sisters around the world – no exceptions.

- 12** Henry David Thoreau (b. 1817) - Historian, Naturalist, Social Critic, and Abolitionist.  
 Thoreau once said, “*It is never too late to give up your prejudices.*”  
 We pray for all those recovering from natural disasters and climate change effects.

- 13** *Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler* (d. 1871) Founder of the Sisters of Divine Providence \* We pray for all Sisters of Divine Providence throughout the world in Germany, the United States, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Korea, and Peru.



- 14** *St. Kateri Tekakwitha* \* We pray for all native Americans.

We pray for Perry Williams, scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims and the families affected.

- 15** *St. Bonaventure* We pray “that Indigenous peoples whose identity and very existence are threatened will be shown due respect.” Pope Francis Monthly Intention

- 16** *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* \* We pray all women especially those who must support their families alone.

- 17** Hannah Szenes (b. 1917) - Poet, Risked her life to save others. Was one of 37 voluntary Jews parachuted by the British Army into Yugoslavia (Nazi territory) during the Second World War to assist in the rescue of Hungarian Jews about to be deported to Auschwitz. Arrested at the Hungarian border, imprisoned and tortured, but refused to reveal details of her mission. Eventually executed by firing squad. She is regarded as a national heroine in Israel, where her poetry is widely known.

**July 18-21** Republican Party meets in Cleveland. \* We pray that they pass a platform that considers the common good and that all participants will be safe and secure.



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Nelson Mandela (b. 1918) – The UN declared July 18



Nelson Mandela International Day in November 2009 \*

19 Asalha Puja Day/Dhamma Day (Buddhist) \* We pray for tolerance among all peoples. 1st Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY (1848). \* We pray for women in leadership roles, especially those elected to office that they be guided by justice and the common good.

20 First human to step on the moon (1969)  
Anniversary of the Aurora, CO shooting( 2012) \* We pray for better gun violence laws in the USA.

21 *We pray” that the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean by means of her mission to the continent may announce the good news with renewed vigor and enthusiasm”.*

Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention.



22 *St. Mary Magdalene* We pray for all women in leadership roles in the Church and religious communities. We pray for the Spirit’s guidance on the work of the newly created Commission on Women Deacons in the Church.

23 *St. Bridget of Sweden*, Church Reformer We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Church and society and for all the Bridgettines.

24 Ammon Hennacy (b. 1893) - Social Activist, longtime Catholic Worker Movement member. Hennacy once said, *“We really can’t change the world. We really can’t change other people. The best we can do is to start thinking here and there. The best way to do this, if we are sincere, is to change ourselves.”*



March for a Clean Energy Revolution in Philadelphia. We pray for the safety of the marchers and a conversion of heart for those who resist the clean energy revolution.

**JULY 25-28** The Democratic Party convenes in Philadelphia \* We pray that they pass a platform that considers the Common Good and that all participants will be safe and secure

25 *St. James the Apostle*. \* We pray that we Christians all may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.  
We pray for immigrants, migrants and refugees.

- 26 *Saints Anne and Joachim* – Grandparents of Jesus \* We pray for all grandparents especially those raising their grandchildren . Disabilities Act of 1990 signed (USA)



**JULY 26-31** World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland

- 27 We pray for the Spirit's guidance on Pope Francis and all those attending Youth Day.



- 28 Beatrix Potter (b. 1866) - English author, illustrator, natural scientist, and conservationist. Best known for authoring, The Tales of Peter Rabbit. \* For all those who capture and delight the imaginations of children.



World War I begins (1914) \* We pray for peace in the world.

- 29 *St. Martha* - Disciple and Friend of Jesus\* We pray in gratitude for all those who dedicate their lives to the service and care of those most in need.



- 30 Provincial Chapter of the Marie de la Roche Province begins. May the Spirit's Guidance be with the chapter delegates.



- 31 *St. Ignatius Loyola* (Founder of the Jesuits \* We pray for all Jesuits throughout the world.  
We pray for all those working against tyranny nonviolently around the world

*A leader is one who knows the way,  
goes the way, &  
shows the way.*

John C. Maxwell