



Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

September 2016

Hunger Action Month (Feeding America)

- 1 **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** * We pray “for the grace to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which God has entrusted to our care and to implore God’s help for the protection of creation as well as God’s pardon for the sins against the world in which we live.” (Pope Francis)
- 2 We pray for all the peoples of the world who are hungry, especially the children and that we who have enough to eat may work more diligently to provide food for those in need.
- 3 **Feast of St. Gregory the Great** - Patron of teachers, students, singers, and musicians * We pray that this new school year is filled with many blessings and we pray for talented singers and musicians who share their gifts with us.
- 4-5 G-20 Summit in Hang-Hou China * We pray that the leaders of the richer nations will make decisions which will aid those nations in need.

- 4 **Apache Chief Geronimo** surrenders (1886) ending last major U.S. War * We pray in gratitude for all the contributions of native Americans to this country.



LABOR DAY

- 5 **Labor Day (USA)** * We pray that all workers receive adequate compensation for their labors and for an increase in the minimum wage.

- 6 We pray “that we each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.” (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)

- 7 **Yo-Yo Ma** (b. 1955) world famous cellist - Received 2001 National Medal of Arts, 2011 Presidential Medal of Freedom * For all those who bring splendor and beauty to our world through their music.



- 8 **Feast of the Nativity of Mary**
For peace in Burundi where three Xavierian Sisters Olga Raschetti, Lucie Pulice, Bernadette Boggia were brutally murdered (2014) because of their faith. Kudos to Associate Jane Kerr who volunteered for two weeks in Uganda on a mission trip doing many things such as teaching about germs and hygiene, holding bible classes, distributing soccer balls, sunglasses, reading glasses, etc.



International Literacy Day (UN) * We pray that all may have access to the means to learn to read and write. We pray in gratitude for those who instruct others to become literate.

- 9 **Feast of St. Peter Claver** –Patron of the missions to African peoples, human rights defender * We pray for all persons who are being trafficked for sex and labor.
Civil Rights Act of 1957 * We pray for the end of racism.
Day of Prayer for peace in our Communities (USCCB)



- 10 **World Suicide Prevention Day (World Health Org.)** * We pray for all those contemplating suicide and especially for former military persons, may they have the support systems necessary to value their life as a gift from God.

- 11 **9/11/2001 Day of Service and Remembrance** * We pray for all those who are victims of violence and their loved ones who grieve their loss.

Grandparents Day * We pray for all grandparents, especially those who are sole care givers for their grandchildren.



- 12 **Feast of the Holy Name of Mary**
International Day for South-South Cooperation (UN) * We pray for cooperation among the South American Countries

- 13 **71st UN Assembly Convenes** * We pray for cooperation among the nations of the world to bring about peace .



- 14 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
We pray for all those on death row, especially Robert Michael Jennings scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and the families affected.

- 15 **Feast of our Lady of Sorrows** * We pray for all who are victims of domestic violence.

Sep 15- OCT 15 National Hispanic American Heritage Month.



16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (UN) * We pray that all governments work together to find ways to protect our earth.

16-18 **Clean Up the World Weekend** “*Our Place, Our Planet, Our Responsibility*”



17 **St. Hildegard of Bingen** - 12th Century mystic, musician, Doctor of the Church
"Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. what delight God gives to humankind with all these things. . . . (Hildegard of Bingen)

Constitution Day - Ratified (1787) * In thanksgiving for the rights of most citizens being acknowledged. May we make reparation for those whose rights we did not acknowledge.

We pray for the closing of Guantanamo Bay Prison.



18 **World Water Monitoring Day** (UN) * We pray in gratitude for the gift of water.

19 UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants * We pray that the deliberations at the summit will aid the millions who are fleeing their homes, because of war, poverty, or climate change.

20 Leaders' Summit on Global Refugees hosted by President Obama * We pray that these leaders find ways to fund help for refugees; increase numbers that are settled, and provide opportunities for work and education.

21 **International Day of Peace** * We pray for peace in the World, especially in all the war torn places where violence is the constant way of life.



22 **World Car Free Day** - This one day a year is set aside to try and avoid using cars. “Car Free Day” aims to take the ‘heat’ off the planet for just one day by encouraging people to be less dependent on their cars and try alternatives. * Reduce your “Carbon print” today by walking or cycling or using public transportation.
Autumn Begins

23 **Native American Day** (USA) * We pray for all indigenous peoples of the World.





24 *Feast of Our Lady of Mercy* We pray for all those who carry on the charism of Mercy throughout the world.

25 **Gold Star Mother's Day (USA)** * We pray for mothers around the world who have lost their children due to war.

UN adopts Sustainable Development Goals (2015) * We pray for the global collective will to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

(For more information Google: **17 Sustainable Development Goals**)

26 *Feast Day of Blessed Pope Paul VI* – “Technological society has succeeded in multiplying the opportunities for pleasure, but it has great difficulty in generating joy.” (Pope Paul VI)



World Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons (UN) * We pray for a nuclear –free world.

Note: First 2016 U.S. Presidential Debate at Hofstra University, New York * We pray for civil discourse among candidates for political office.

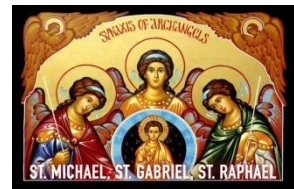


27 *St. Vincent De Paul* * We pray for those who carry on the charism of St. Vincent de Paul. - [In the entrance hall of the Vincentian Motherhouse in France there is a large map of the city of Paris and surroundings. There are several Dozen red dots on the map each noting a place where Vincent de Paul ministered and left his mark.]

How many red dots have you placed on the map of your surroundings?

28 *St. Lorenzo Ruiz*, first Filipino Saint * We pray for the people of the Philippines. We pray for all those recovering from natural and man-made disasters, flooding drought, fires

29 *Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael* * “For God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. With their hands they will support you lest you strike your foot against a stone.” (Psalm 91: 11-12)



World Maritime Day (UN) * We pray for communicators and seafarers and founders of new missions

30 *Feast of St. Jerome* – Accomplished the first Latin translation of the Bible in the fourth century making it accessible to a whole new body of people.
Elie Wisel (b. 1928-2016) - Political activist, Nobel Laureate, Holocaust survivor.

