



Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

June 2016



- 1 Global Day of Parents * We pray for all parents, especially those who are separated from their children due to poverty, immigration, war, or kidnapping.
- 2 **Marvin Hamlisch** (b. 1944-2012) - Composer, Conductor, Pianist delighted many with his music. * We pray for all those who nourish our spirits with their music.
Native Americans granted citizenship (1924)
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Charles Flores scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the affected families
- 3 World Priests Day * We pray for all priests, especially those suffering persecution for their faith in China and many ISIS controlled areas.
- 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN) * We pray for all children especially those whose lives are interfered by war, violence, kidnapping, forced labor, and human trafficking.
Tiananmen Square Massacre (1989)



June 5-July 4
Let us join our
for peace and



- Ramadan begins at sunset.
Muslims friends in prayer and fasting
understanding among all peoples.

- 5 World Environment Day (UN) -Theme “*Zero Tolerance for the illegal trade of Wildlife*” * We pray in gratitude for all wildlife and their protection from traders.



- 6 **Marian Wright Edelman** (b. 1939) – American Activist, founded Children’s Defense Fund in 1973. Slogan: “*Leading our nation since 1973 to ensure a level playing field for all children.*” * We pray for the children all over the world.

- 7 **Gwendolyn Brookes** (b. 1917) – American poet and teacher; First African American to win a Pulitzer Prize (for Poetry in 1950) * In thanksgiving for the poets of the world whose words bring enlightenment, wisdom, and joy to our lives.

- 8 World Oceans (UN) * We pray in gratitude for the Oceans.
U.S. Children's Day * We pray that all children will have every thing that is necessary for them to achieve their potential.



- 9 We pray for the Spirit's guidance on the U.S. Supreme Court as they deliberate the executive orders on immigration enacted by President Obama.
 Cartoon character Donald Duck makes his 1st appearance. * For all cartoonist in the world who help us to relax with laughter.

- 10 National Hunger Awareness Day (USA Congress) * We pray for those who are without adequate nourishment.



Alcoholics Anonymous (1935) - Co-Founded by Bill Wilson & and Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio. (AA's stated "primary purpose" is to help alcoholics "stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety"). * We pray for all those with any addiction.

- 11 We pray for all those recovering from natural disasters, especially in Sri Lanka, North Western Ecuador, and Fort McMurray in Canada, and Midwestern U.S.

- 12 **Anne Frank** (b. 1929-1945) * We pray for children who are living in war zones and in refugee and detention camps. "*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.*" (From Anne Frank's Diary)



World Day Against Child Labor (UN) * We pray for the end of trafficking of children for labor.

June 13 -17 We pray for the Spirit's guidance on the Bishops attending the USCCB Spring Assembly

- 13 ***St. Anthony of Padua***
 We pray for the end of the death penalty and for the repose of the souls of Earl Forest, Daniel Lucas, Kenneth Fults, all executed in the U.S. in May



- 14 **Flag Day** (U.S.) * We pray that the U.S. ends conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan

World Blood Donor Day (UN) * In thanksgiving for all the people able to give blood to help save lives.

15 World Elder Abuse Day (UN) * We pray for the safety and security of the world's elderly.



16 We pray “that the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find opportunities for encounter and solidarity.”

(Pope Francis Monthly Intention)

17 World Day to Combat Deforestation and Drought (UN) * We pray that governments work together to aid those who are without adequate food and water due to natural and man-made conditions.

18 We pray that the newly elected President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte will lead with compassion for those in need and consider the common good and human rights in all decisions.

19 *Father's Day* * We pray for the Fathers of the world especially those separated from their children due to poverty, war, or immigration.



Juneteenth – A celebration for the end of slavery in U.S. (1865) * We pray for the end of modern day slavery of Human Trafficking.

20 World Refugee Day (UN) we pray for the more than 20 million refugees around the world, especially from Syria, Southern Sudan, Horn of Africa, Congo, and Yemen. Summer Solstice

21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

We pray for the 2943 prisoners on death row in the USA and for Robert Roberson scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and the affected families.



22 *Saints John Fisher & Thomas More* * We pray for all political prisoners.

On this day in 1633 Galileo Galilei was forced by the Pope to recant his theory that the Earth orbits Sun. (On Oct 31 1992, the Vatican admits it was wrong.) “I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.” (Galileo)



- 23 Public Service Day (UN) * We pray in gratitude for those who volunteer time to help others.
International Widows Day (UN) * For all widows especially those who are experiencing abuse, discrimination, and homelessness.



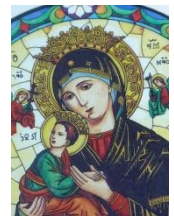
- 24 *Birth of St. John the Baptist* * In thanksgiving for all those who *speaks truth to power*.

UN Charter (1945) * We pray for peace in the world, communities, and families.

- 25 We pray “that seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.”
(Pope Francis Monthly Intention)

- 26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN) * We pray for the end of torture of all kinds.
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trading (UN) * We pray for victims of Drug Abuse.

- 27 *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* * We pray for women in leadership roles in the Church and Society and for those who will be studying the role of Women Deacons in the Church.



Helen Keller (1880) – A woman who overcame her loss of sight, hearing, and speech as a child and inspired millions of others with disabilities to live fuller lives.

- 28 The Treaty of Versailles was signed (1919) ending World War I exactly five years after it began. The treaty also established the League of Nations. * We pray for an end to the endless wars around the world.
“War begins in the minds of human beings. Since this is so, the minds of human beings must also be capable of ending war.” (Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO)

- 29 *Saints Peter and Paul* * We pray for Pope Francis and all those in leadership in the Church



First International Women’s Ordination Conference held in Dublin (2001)

The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church * We pray for all those who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Charles Jenkins is granted the U.S. patent for Transmitting Pictures over the Wireless (1925). This was the beginning of early television. * In gratitude for technology - may we use it more and more wisely.

(As we move toward the election of Provincial Leadership - here are some quotes to ponder.)



*A leader's job is not to do the work for others;
it's to help others figure out how to do it themselves,
to get things done, and to succeed
beyond what they thought possible.*

(Simon Sinek)



*“If your actions inspire others
to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more,
you are a leader.”*

(John Quincy Adams)

*Management is about arranging and telling.
Leadership is about nurturing and enhancing.*

(Tom Peters)

