



Peace & Justice Prayer Calendar

August 2015



1 **Mother Marie de la Roche** - Along with Bishop Emmanuel von Ketteler founded the Sisters of Divine Providence * We pray for all our sisters and associates in Germany, United States, Puerto Rico, Korea, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

2 Kudos to **Sr. Kathy Matz** and her Department for their participation in walking in the Detroit area distributing food, water, and toiletries to hungry brother & sisters and for organizing workshops for catechists of learners with special Needs.

“What will I do today? - must not be simply a personal question.

The world is expecting each of us to do something to make it better.”

Joan Chittister in the *Monastic Way* (August, 2015)

3 Christopher Columbus sets sail from Palos, Spain in search of the “Indies”. (1492) * For all who bravely venture forth in life to discover things.

4 **Raoul Wallenberg** (b. 1912 – d. 1947 [presumed]) - Swedish Diplomat, Humanitarian, widely known for his successful efforts to save tens of thousands of Jews from the Holocaust. * For all those who risk their lives helping others.

5 Kudos to **Sr. Marilyn Bergt** for “gleaning” from generous gardeners their excess vegetables at the end of the growing season to be given to Wheeling WV Catholic Charities for those in need and for encouraging parishioners with gardens to plant an extra row specifically for the work of Catholic Charities.

Jesse Owens wins his 3rd Olympic medal in Berlin (1936) and Joan Benoit of the U.S. wins the 1st Olympic marathon for women (1984)

6 **Transfiguration of Jesus** * May we all be transformed daily into the likeness of Christ.

Bombing of Hiroshima (1945) * Pray for the abolishment of all nuclear weapons.



7 Peace Bridge between the U.S. and Canada dedicated (1927) * In thanksgiving for the peaceful coexistence between our two countries for the past some 200 years.



8 **St. Dominic**- Founder of the Dominican Order, Patron of Astronomers * We pray in gratitude for all Dominicans and for all women and men who work to protect the innocent.

9 The Bombing of Nagasaki (1945) * We pray for a nuclear free world and in gratitude for all people who work for peace in our world.



10 Kudos to **Sisters Zita Telkamp, Margaret Mertens, & Therese Cunningham, SPSH** (La Posada Providencia) for their activism on encouraging all staff to contact legislators about bills concerning rights of the immigrants and those seeking asylum by providing a brief explanation on the issue and a phone number to call.

11 **St. Clare of Assisi*** We pray women in the church, especially those who carry on the charism of St. Clare and the Franciscans.

12 **St. Louise de Marillac**- Co-Founder with St. Vincent de Paul of the Daughters of Charity * For all peoples of the world who work to alleviate the plight of the poor. For Daniel Lopez scheduled to be executed in Texas, for the families affected by his crime, and for an end to the death penalty in the United States.

13 **Florence Nightingale** (d. 1910) * We pray in gratitude for health professionals who provide care for those who are homeless or without insurance.



We pray for Tracy Beatty scheduled to be executed in Texas today, for the families affected by his crime, and for an end to the death penalty in the U.S.



14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe** – Catholic priest, volunteered to be executed in place of a condemned prisoner at Auschwitz (1941) * For all those who give of themselves to come to the aid of others.

15 **Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven**
South Korea liberated from Japanese rule (1945) * For the people of South Korea and especially the Sisters of Divine Providence in South Korea

16 **E. F. Schumacher** (b. 1911- 1977) - Economist, author of *Small Is Beautiful*, A Study of Economics As If People Mattered. The Times Literary Supplement once said (1965), “[It] is among the 100 most influential books since World War II.”



- 17 Kudos to **Associate Fr. J. Friedel**, for among many other things, regularly including in his homilies issues of social justice and encouraging parishioners to Care and Advocate on various issues, among them by holding vigils in his church on the night of every execution, praying for an end to the death penalty in the U.S., and maintaining an active Outreach House in the parish for those in need serving lunch 3 days a week (soon to be 4).



- 18 Voting Rights for U.S. Women (1920) * We pray that all citizens will take seriously their right to participate in elections by using their right to vote.

- 19 World Humanitarian Day* We pray for an increase of persons concerned and working for the common good of all peoples, despite religion, sexual orientation, race, age, or gender.

- 20 **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** - Preacher & Reformer of the Cistercians * *“This Benedictine Abbot was steeped in the presence of God and spent his life making others aware of it, as well. Will they say that of any of us.”* --Joan Chittister, OSB

- 21 Hawaii becomes the 50th State in the Union (1959) * That political parties in all 50 states work together for the common good of all the people.



We pray for those suffering from a lack of water due to droughts especially in California and for those recovering from the effects of forest fires in the western part of the USA.

- 22 **Feast of the Queenship of Mary** * We pray for the mothers separated from their children due to migration, wars, and poverty

- 23 **St. Rose of Lima**, patroness of Latin America, Philippines, and America’s indigenous peoples

International Day for Remembering of Slave trade and its Abolition * We pray for the victims of human trafficking and the end of human trafficking.

- 24 **William Wilberforce** (b. 1759) - Leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade * For all those who work for the abolishment of human trafficking, our modern day slavery.

- 25 **Amelia Earhart** completes transcontinental flight. (1932)

We We pray for peace among nations.



- 26 **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta** (b. 1929 - 1997), founded the Missionaries of Charity Sisters who work with poor people around the world in 133 countries * For all those who work with people in need.



We pray for Bernardo Tercero scheduled to be executed in Mississippi today, for the families affected by his crime, and for an end to the death penalty in the U.S.



- 27 **St. Monica** * We pray in gratitude for mothers who provide for the nurturing of their children despite many hardships and sorrows.

- 28 **St. Augustine** * We pray for the gift of conversion of heart to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

- 29 Devastating Hurricane Katrina lands (2005) in the southern states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi * For all those who lost so much due to this storm, for all who helped in the aftermath of the destruction, and for those who continue to help in the recovery.

- 30 International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearance * We pray for the victims of enforced disappearances and for their loved ones. We pray also for peace in Iraq.

- 31 **Maria Montessori** (b.1870) * We pray for teachers and caregivers of young children that they may be loving and caring Christian models.



"The future will not belong to those who are content with the present.

The future will not belong to the cynics.

The future will not belong to those who stand on the sidelines.

The future will belong to those who are willing to work for what they believe in.

The future will belong to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

(Paul David Wellstone)

