

# Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

January 2014

*Human Trafficking Awareness Month (USA)*

- 1 Solemnity of Mary & Day of Prayer for World Peace  
“Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathways to Peace - May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, help us to understand and live every day the fraternity that springs up from the heart of her Son, so as to bring peace to each person on this our beloved earth.” *Pope Francis (1/2014)*
- 2 St. Therese of Lisieux (b. 1873) \* Doctor of the Church, Mystic  
We pray for the victims of violence especially in Colorado, Connecticut, Syria, & Honduras.
- 3 Damien of Molokai (b. 1840) \* Gave a lifelong commitment to health care of the sick.  
We pray for the victims of natural disasters, especially in the Philippines.
- 4 St. Elizabeth Seton\* We pray for the Sisters of Charity and for all those who educate the young, as well as the old, in our society.
- 5 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord \* We pray in gratitude for the diversity of cultures in our world.  
We pray in gratitude for Nelson Mandela’s Life, a force for peace and unity. (d. 12/5/2013)
- 6 Penny Lernoux (1940-1989) \* American Journalist, Worked for Human Rights and Development for the people of Latin America  
We pray that governments work to reduce poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals.
- 7 Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Church) \* We pray for tolerance among people of different beliefs.
- 8 St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM (b. 1894) \* Courageously volunteered to be executed in place of a young inmate at a German Concentration Camp - August 1941.
- 9 Rigoberta Manchu of Guatemala (b. 1959) \* Works for the rights of the poor, Nobel Peace Prize (1992)  
For the end of the death penalty and for Michael Wilson scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, the victim, and their families
- 10 We pray for immigrants in detention camps and/or separated from their families.
- 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day \* For all victims of human trafficking.
- 12 Baptism of Jesus \* We pray for the children of the world especially the 1million Syrian Children in Refugee Camps.
- 13 We pray in gratitude for those who serve in soup kitchens, food banks, and shelters for those in need.
- 14 Milad un Nab /Prophets Birthday (Islam) \* We pray for peace among Muslims and Christians.

- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1915) \* Struggled for racial equality throughout his life, Nobel Peace Prize (1964)
- 16 Jewish Feast of Tu B' Shvat \*We pray for peace between Israel & Palestine. For Dennis McGuire in Ohio and Edgardo Cubas in Texas. scheduled for execution, the victims, and their families.
- 17 We pray for women, victims of domestic violence.  
Benjamin Franklin (b. 1706) \* Helped to shape the U.S. Constitution, Inventor

*Jan 18 - 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*  
*Theme: "Strangers No Longer - Together on the Journey of Hope"*

- 18 St. Prisca \*We pray for women in leadership roles in the church and religious communities.  
"Together we are called to be saints"(1Cor 1:2) [Christian Unity Intention]
- 19 "Together we give thanks for God's Grace in one another" (1Cor 1:4) "We give thanks for the gifts of your grace that we experience in our own tradition and in the traditions of other Churches"  
[Church Unity Intention]
- 20 "Together ...we are not lacking any spiritual gifts" (1Cor 1:7) \* "Help us to be signs of your abundance, gathered in unity to bring gifts of Your everlasting kingdom to every place of pain and lack:" [Christian Unity Intention]  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 21 National Prayer Vigil for Life \* We pray that the dignity of life be respected and honored from conception to natural death.  
"Together ...we affirm that God is Faithful." (1Cor1:9)[Christian Unity Intention]
- 22 Day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children March in Washington D.C. "Together... We are called into fellowship." (1Cor1:9b) "We pray that by the Spirit's grace enable us to love one another and to live together in unity"[Christian Unity Intention]  
We pray for Edgar Tamax scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and their families. We pray for the success of peace talks in Syria
- 23 "Together...we seek to be in agreement" (1Cor 1:10)"Make us artisans of reconciliation united in same mind and same purpose." [Christian Unity Intention ]+  
We pray for all those on death row, especially Kenneth Hogan scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, the victim, and their families.
- 24 St. Francis de Sales \* We pray for those who carry on the charism of Francis de Sales.  
"Together ... We belong to Christ" (1Cor1:12-13) "Help us to be supportive of one another, to be respectful of our differences." [Christian Unity Intention ]
- 25 Conversion of Paul  
"Together ...we proclaim the gospel." (1Cor1:17) ""Unite us in our diversity that we might affirm and proclaim the good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus"  
[Christian Unity Intention ]

26 Sts. Timothy and Titus  
World Leprosy Day \* We pray for all those without health care

*Jan 26- Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week Theme:  
Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.  
We pray for students, teachers, staff, and benefactors of Catholic Schools.*

27 St. Angela Merici  
National Day of Commemoration to Memory the Victims of the Holocaust  
We pray for all political prisoners, especially those persecuted for religious beliefs.  
Amadeus Mozart (b. 1756) \* “The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between.”  
- Amadeus Mozart

28 St. Thomas Aquinas \* We pray for those who have been silenced because of their intellectual writings and teachings.  
We pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Franklin, Jamie McCaskey, Darius Kimbrough, Jerry Marlin, Ronald Lott, Allen Nicklasson executed last month, the victims, and their families.

29 We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Herbert Smulls scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim, and their families.

30 Gandhi assassinated (1948) \* Preeminent nonviolent worker for the freedom of the people of India from British rule.  
We pray for legislation that would help to reduce gun violence.  
Slavery abolished (1865)

31 Thomas Merton (b. 1915) \* Poet, social activist, prolific spiritual writer.  
Chinese New Year 4712 - The Year of the Horse \*We pray for religious freedom for the people of China  
“When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.” – Lao Tzu