

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

June 2014

- 1 Global Day of Parents * We pray for all parents especially those who are separated from their children due to armed conflicts; for parents dealing with drug addicted children and terminally ill children.
 - 2 Native Americans granted citizenship (1924) * We pray for the end of racism.
Marvin Hamlisch (b. 1944- d. 2012) * Musician, Composer, Conductor * For all those who share their gift of music with others.
 - 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs * God, grant us courage so we can serve the most vulnerable, the refugees, and migrants not out of duty, but love.#
Jim Wallis (b. 1948) – Christian writer, Political activist, Advocate on issues of Peace & Justice * For all those who promote peace and justice in our world.
 - 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression * God grant us the gift of knowledge so we can comprehend the pain of families separated by deportation and for children who are victims of human trafficking and military forces.#
 - 5 World Environment Day * We pray that Governments work together to conserve the Earth's resources.
God grant us the gift of Understanding, so that we may mourn the death and suffering on our borders. #
 - 6 National Gardening Exercise Day * For all those who till the soil and bring beauty through flowers and food to our tables.
God grant us the gift of Counsel so we may make decisions based on gospel values and be effective in persuading Congress to enact immigrant reform. #
 - 7 God grant us the gift of Fortitude to enter into the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ.# * We pray for migrants, immigrants, and refugees.
 - 8 Pentecost Sunday * We pray in thanksgiving for the gifts of the Spirit.
God Grant us the gift of Fear of the Lord so we as one community can hope in your abiding love. #
Prophet Muhammad (b. 632) * We pray for acceptance of all peoples.
- # from Justice for Immigrants Pentecost Campaign for Comprehensive Immigration reform
- 9 We pray for the peoples of these countries whose human rights are denied by their governments: Burma, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Uzbekistan, China, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan.

- 10 We pray for the end of the use of torture by the governments of the world.
- 11 We pray for the repose of the souls of William Rousan, Robert Hendrix, Clayton Lockett executed in April. No prisoners were executed in the USA in May!
- June 11- 13* We pray for the Spirit's guidance on the US Bishops as they assemble in New Orleans.*
- 12 World Day Against Child Labor We pray that all children will have the freedom live a happy, healthy, and secure life.
Anne Frank (b. 1929) * *"Think of all the beauty still around you and be happywhoever is happy will make others happy, too."* (Anne Frank)
- 13 St. Anthony Padua – Patron saint of American Indians, people who are oppressed, people who are poor, and of course seekers of lost articles * We pray for those who are in need for food, shelter, and health care.
- 14 USA Flag Day – Joan Chittister once said, "Isn't it time to fly a world flag as well as a national flag? A world flag would remind us that we are a very fragile part of the entire human race...."
- 15 Father's Day * We pray for all fathers, especially those who are separated from their children because of immigration or armed conflicts.
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day * We pray for relief of those elderly living in abusive situations.
- 16 Day of the African Child - Global Action Day* We pray for the return of the kidnapped young girls of Chibok, Nigeria and for the safety of all children.
- 17 World Day of Combat Desertification and Drought * We pray that governments work together to help citizens who are victims of drought and initiate efforts to reduce desertification.
- 18 We pray for the end of the death penalty. We pray for John Winfield in Missouri and John Henry in Florida scheduled for execution, the victims, and their families.
- 19 Juneteenth African American Emancipation Day * We pray for the end of all types of slavery, especially human trafficking.
- 20 World Refugees Day * We pray for all refugees of the world especially in Syria, Iraq, Sudan, and Afghanistan.
- 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga * We pray for the Youth of the world and for those who mentor and nourish them in mind and body
Summer Solstice - 'Longest' Day of the year. Hello Summer!

- 22 We pray for all those involved in natural or man-made disasters, especially in the Philippines, Turkey Mine explosion, Flight 370, and in Western United States
- 23 International Day of Public Service * We pray for informed voters and committed- to-the-common-good politicians – also for the countless volunteers throughout the world who make this world a better place.
- 24 Birth of St. John the Baptist
We pray “that Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.” Monthly Intention of Pope Francis
- 25 North Korea invades South Korea (1950) * We pray for peace in Korea today and for a nuclear free world.
- 26 International Day of Support of Victims of Torture * We pray for victims of torture. International Day against Drug abuse, illicit trafficking, and those suffering from drug addictions.
- 27 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Helen Keller (b. 1880) – Author, political activist, lecturer. *“The only thing worse than being blind, is having sight, but no vision.”* (Helen Keller)
- 28 We pray for women in leadership roles in the Church and in Religious Communities. Ramadan begins (Islam time of prayer and fasting.) * We pray for peace among Christians and Muslims.
- 29 Saints Peter and Paul – Apostles in the early church
“We pray that the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.” Pope Francis monthly Intention
- 30 1971- Ohio is the 38th State to ratify the 26th amendment to the constitution - lowering the voting age to 18 - thereby putting the amendment into effect. * May younger people in the U.S. realize their privilege and duty to vote.