

# Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

April 2015

*Mission Integration Statement for April:  
We Will Live and Promote Every Form of Non-Violence*

- 1 We pray for the end of violent acts in our communities and world. . We pray for those who are victims of sexual violence and survivors of genocides.  
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- 2 Holy Thursday \* We pray for priests that they have the courage to live out their lives as gospel people.  
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (b. 1928) - Leader in the Movement promoting a Consistent Ethic of Life from birth until natural death.
- 3 Good Friday \* We pray for all those on death row and for the end of the death penalty.  
Passover begins.
- 4 Holy Saturday  
International Day for Landmine Awareness and assistance in mine action \* We pray for the safety of those in areas where land mines were planted and are still active.  
Maya Angelou (b. 1928) - Poet, Civil Rights Activist \* Maya once said, *"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."*
- 5 Easter Sunday - Jesus Is Risen!!! \* We pray for the courage to be Easter people and to share Jesus's gift of peace.
- 6 International Day of Sports for Development and Peace. We pray for youth of the world, may their participation in sports bring about a healthy lifestyle and understanding of others to bring about peace.
- 7 World Health Day (World Health Organization) \* We pray that all people receive adequate Health Care  
We remember the Rwandan Genocide (1994) \* We pray for those people who are victims of genocides especially currently going on in places of the world today.
- 8 St. Julie Billiart, foundress We pray for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. We pray for women leaders in the Church and religious communities. Buddha born in 536 BC.
- 9 We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Kent Sprouse scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim and the affected families.  
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- 10 Dolores Huerta (b.1930), Co-Founder of the National Farm Workers Association. We pray for farm workers, migrant workers and all those who grow the food we eat that they may have adequate compensation for their labor.
- 11 Pacem in Terris (1963) promulgated \* We pray for peace in the world, especially in Yemen, Afghanistan, Israel.

- 12 Divine Mercy Sunday  
Eastern Orthodox Easter  
International Day for Street Children (UN) \* We pray for the children of the world especially those without homes.
- 13 We pray for those who are fleeing the violence in their communities especially 120,000 Southern Philippines Refugees,  
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- 14 Pax Christi USA founded in 1972. \* We pray in gratitude for peacemakers and justice seekers.  
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Anne Sullivan (b. 1866 ) – Extremely patient teacher of the spoiled blind and deaf child Helen Keller  
We pray for all those on Death Row especially Andre Cole scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim, and the families affected.
- 15 Day of Silence to protest bullying and harassment of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people \* We pray for tolerance and respect of the members of the GLBT community. Our Mission: We will live and promote every form of non-violence.  
A. Philip Randolph (b. 1889) - A leader in the African American Civil Rights movement and the American Labor movement.
- 16 Henry Mancini (b. 1924) – Musician \* For all musicians who bring us delight through their music.  
Virginia Tech shooting (2008) \* We pray for the safety of all children and for those who are abused. Our Mission: We will live and promote every form of non-violence.
- 17 Isak Dinesen (b. 1885) – Writer, best known for *Out of Africa* and *Babettes Feast* \*  
We pray for all writers who give us a glimpse of beauty and help us to think deeper.  
We pray for the repose of the souls of Manuel Vasquez and Cecil Clayton executed last month in the USA.
- 18 Cornelia Connelly (b. 1809) founder Society of the Holy Child \* We pray for the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child.  
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- 19 Anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing (2005) \* We pray those who have lost their love ones due to violent acts.  
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- 20 Anniversary of Columbine School shooting (1999) \* We pray for the end of violent acts in our schools and for gun violence prevention legislation in Congress.  
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- 21 John Muir, environmentalist, (b.1838). We pray that governments work together to reduce the factors that cause Climate Change.
- 22 EARTH DAY- 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme: “It’s our turn now” \* We pray for the courage to: Reduce, Recycle, Repair and Reuse. How many of the “R’s can you do today? We pray in gratitude for the Earth and its resources. Join the “one billion acts of green” campaign at [www.earthday.org/take-action](http://www.earthday.org/take-action)

- 23 We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Richard Vasquez scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the affected families.
- 24 Arbor Day - Hug a tree and thank God for all the trees in the world
- 25 St. Mark – Gospel writer & Evangelist  
(UN) Chernobyl Nuclear Crisis (1986) \* We pray for a nuclear free world.
- 26 World Day Prayer for Vocations \* We pray for vocations to the religious life and the priesthood.
- 27 We pray for the conversion of the 784 USA hate groups identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Our Mission: We will live and promote every form of non-violence.
- 28 World Day of Safety and Health at Work - Workers Memorial Day \* We pray for the workers who have died due to unsafe conditions in the workplace, especially policemen and firemen. We pray for all those on death row especially Robert Pruett scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the affected families.
- 29 St. Catherine of Siena  
International Day for the remembrance of victims of Chemical Warfare \*  
For the end of chemical warfare and all the victims of chemical warfare.  
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- 30 Vietnam War ends (1975) \* We pray for peace in the world especially in Middle East, Nigeria, and the Ukraine.  
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