

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

December 2014

Year of Consecrated Life "Wake Up The World"

- 1 World Aids Day * For victims of AIDS and their love ones.
Rosa Parks keeps her seat (1955).
- 2 Ita Ford, MM, Dorothy Kazel, OSU, Maura Clarke, MM, & Jean Donovan murdered by the military in El Salvador (1980) * We pray in gratitude for those who risk their lives to help those in need.
- 3 St. Francis Xavier - Missionary to Japan, India, and other Asian countries.
International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN) * We pray that persons with disabilities will have what is necessary for them to achieve their potential.

We pray For all those on death row and for Scott Panetti scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and their families.
- 4 World Soil Day (Food Agricultural Org.) We pray for farmers and gardeners who till the soil and provide us with food.
- 5 We pray for the end of the death penalty and the repose of the souls of Miguel Paredes and Chadwick Banks executed in the United States last month.
- 6 St. Nicholas* the "original" Santa Claus
We pray for the safety and health of the children of the world.
- 7 Second Sunday of Advent
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941) * We pray for the end of violence in our
- 8 Immaculate Conception *We pray for pregnant women, especially those who find their pregnancy problematic.
Bodhi Day (Buddhists celebrate the enlightenment of Siddhartha)
- 9 St. Juan Diego * We pray for the people of Mexico, especially those waiting as migrants at the border.
We pray for Ed Zagorski scheduled for execution in Tennessee, the victim, and their families.
- 10 Universal Declaration Of Human Rights - United Nations (1948) * We pray for all those who are being denied their human rights, especially women. For Paul Goodman scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim, and their families.
- 11 International Mountain Day (UN) UNICEF founded in 1946 * We pray in gratitude for the gift of mountains.
We pray for all those on death row, especially Robert Ladd scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and their families.
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe * We pray for all the people of Latin America.
- 13 St. Lucy – Patron of the blind, epidemics, and throat infections, among other things.
We pray for Thich Nhat Hanh and all those who have worked and continue to work for peace.

- 14 Third Sunday of Advent* Guadete Sunday * We pray for all victims of violence and for the end of violence in our world, communities, and families.
- 15 US Bill of Rights ratified in 1791 * We pray for USA comprehensive Immigration Reform
- 16 Posadas Navidenas begins (Nine-day Hispanic celebration of the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem)
Hanukkah begins at sundown
- 17 *Antiphon: Come, O Wisdom of God!* ** Pope Francis (b. 1936)
We pray for God's Wisdom on Pope Francis, the clergy and religious, especially women in leadership roles in the Church and the LCWR.
- 18 *Antiphon: Come, O Sacred One of Israel!*
International Migrants Day (UN) * We pray that the migrants of the world have the strength to endure the challenges of their lives and find welcoming communities to live in.
13th Amendment abolishing slavery went into effect (1865)
- 19 *Antiphon: Come, O Flower of Jesse's Stem!* * We pray for peace in Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, and Democratic Republic of the Congo.
We pray for the care takers of Ebola Victims, for Ebola victims. their love ones
- 20 *Antiphon: Come, O Key of David!*
International Human Solidarity Day We pray for tolerance among all peoples especially among Christians, Jews, and Muslims
- 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent - *Antiphon: Come, O Radiant Dawn!*
National Homeless Persons Memorial Day (USA) * For those who have died without shelter and those who cared for them.
Winter Solstice
- 22 *Antiphon: Come, O God of all the earth!* We pray in gratitude for creation and the will to conserve the resources of the earth.
- 23 *Antiphon: Come, O Come Emmanuel God with us!* We pray in gratitude for the peacemakers and justices seekers among us.
- 24 Last day of Hanukkah * We pray for the children of the world, especially those experiencing abuse.
- 25 Blessed Christmas to All!! * We pray Pope Francis' Hope for Humanity: *that the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.*
Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler ((b. 1811) - Founder of the Sisters of Divine Providence * For the Congregation of Divine Providence throughout the world.
- 26 St. Stephen Martyr We pray for all those who are persecuted because of their beliefs.

*Dec 26- Jan 1 Kwanzaa- We celebrate the principles of Unity, Self-determination, Collective Work, Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, and Creativity with our African American Friends. *We pray in gratitude for the cultural diversity the African Americans have contributed to the USA.*

- 27 St. John the Evangelist
We pray for the people of the Philippines that the World Bank may drop the country's debt and the recovery of those harmed by natural disasters during the past year.
- 28 Feast of the Holy Family & the Holy Innocents * We pray for families and children in poverty, especially those families separated by war or immigration.
Endangered Species Act (1973) * For reverence of all of God's creatures.
- 29 Sr. Thea Bowman (b. 1937 – d. 1990) * Evangelist among African Americans, well known speaker on Faith and Spirituality.

Massacre at Wounded Knee 1890* We pray for the indigenous people who strived to preserve their lands and culture.

That all those in consecrated life be energized to work for peace and justice by the gospel values of Jesus' life.
- 30 That all those elected to serve in government offices will work toward the common good of the people that they serve, especially the US Congress.
- 31 New Year's Eve
In gratitude for the blessings of this past year and we pray for those people who find little hope in the coming of the new year.