

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

November 2014

- 1 **Feast of All Saints** * We pray in gratitude for those who “lived justly, loved tenderly and walked humbly with our God.” *Happy Feast Day!*
- 2 **Feast of All Souls Day** * We pray for all those who have died violently this year and for their loved ones.
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. (Turn clocks back one hour.)
- 3 **Feast of St. Martin de Porres** - Attended to the poor and sick throughout his life * We pray in gratitude for those who serve the most vulnerable in our world.
For the safety of forest workers, especially firefighters and hunters.
- 4 **Election Day** We pray for informed voters who elect officials who will work for the common good of all especially those most vulnerable.
- 5 **Ashura Islam Festival of Atonement** * We pray for peace among the Islam Community Members throughout the world.
- 6 **International Day for preventing the exploitation of the environment in War and Armed Conflict. (UN)** We pray that governments work toward ending wars and conflicts and restoring areas that have been devastated.
- 7 We pray in gratitude for the contributions of the Native Americans and Alaskan natives to the life and culture of the USA.
- 8 **Dorothy Day (b. 1897) - Cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement** * We pray for all those who dedicate their lives to the gospel values as practiced by Dorothy Day. (It bears repeating: Dorothy Day once said, “*No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There’s too much work to do.*”)
- 9 **Berlin Wall fell (1889)** * We pray for peace in countries divided by civil war or armed conflicts. *What injustices around you need to “fall”?*
- 10 **World Day for Science and Peace** * We pray for peacemakers and scientists working for peace.
- 10-13 We pray for the Spirits Guidance on the U.S. Catholic Conference
- 11 **St. Martin of Tours (4th Century) - First known publicized conscientious objector** * “*I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot kill.*”
Veterans Day * We pray in gratitude for those who served in time of war, especially those who continue to suffer the wounds of war

- 12 We pray for immigrants who are fleeing the poverty and violence of their countries, especially those in detention camps. We pray for the safety of immigrant children and the reuniting of families.
Elizabeth Cady Stanton (b. 1815) - Advocate for Women's Rights * *"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men **and women** are created equal."*
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- 13 **St. Francis Xavier Cabrini** - Immigrant, Educator, First American Citizen canonized as a saint * We pray for comprehensive, Immigration Reform in the US.
For the end of the death penalty and for Chadwick Banks scheduled for execution in Florida, the victim, and their families.
- 14 We pray "that all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others" (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)
Claude Monet (b. 1840) - Founder of French Impressionist Painting * For all those who help us see beauty in the world.
- 15 **America Recycles Day** * We pray in gratitude for all of God's Creation and ask for the will to conserve the earth's resources. *What can you recycle today?*
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
Six Jesuits and two co-workers martyred in El Salvador by government forces (1989) *
We pray for the grace to be tolerant of all God's people, especially those who speak truth to power.
- 17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (b. 1607) - Royal princess who spent her life serving the poor.
We pray for all those who are victims of the Ebola virus for the safety of their care providers and for the scientists who are working toward the eradication of the virus.
- 18 Sojourner Truth (b. 1797) * Born a slave being freed worked as an Abolitionist & Advocate for Women's Rights * For all those who work for justice in the world.
- 19 **Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence** (Puerto Rico) * We Pray for the peoples of Puerto Rico.
We pray for all those on death row especially Leon Taylor scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim, and their families.
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN) We pray that the children of the world will have what they need to reach their full development potential to be happy & healthy children.
- 21 **Feast of the Presentation of Mary** * We pray that all women may experience the fullness of life.
- 21-23 25th Anniversary of the Vigil and Rally at the Gates of Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia to protest the existence of the School of the Americas. We pray for the safety of the participants and the success of their efforts to close the School of the Americas.

- 22 **St. Cecilia** - Patron of Musicians * For all those who bring music to our souls.
International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who committed suicide and those who mourn their loss.
Anniversary (51st) of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (1963)
- 23 **Feast of Christ the King**
We pray that government leaders will work for peace and the end of poverty.
- 24 Feast of St. Andrew Dung Lac, companions and martyrs. LCWR founded in 1956 We pray for the end of racism and those who are persecuted because of their religious beliefs.
- 25 Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
We pray for women victims of violence.
- 26 We pray for the repose of the soul of Reyhansek Jabban executed in Iran
We pray for justice equality for all women in Iran.
- 27 **Happy Thanksgiving Day!!** We pray in gratitude for the food we have and for those without food.
We pray for just compensation for farmers and those who process and provide food for us all.
- 28 We pray for the more than 500,000 persons who are victims of human trafficking.
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestine People. We pray for peace and homeland for the people of Palestine
- 30 **First Sunday of Advent** - We sing the ancient chant, "*Maranatha - Come, Lord Jesus, Come.*" * May this Advent be a time of peace and love as we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace. * We pray for world peace.