

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar March 2025
International Year of Glaciers' Preservation (UN)
Women's History Month
Irish-American Heritage Month (USA)
Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope (VA)

1 Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)

We pray for the end of all types of discrimination.

USA Disability Day of Mourning

We pray for the victims of filicide (murder by care givers/family).

Global Self Injury Awareness Day

We pray for the identification and aid of frequently young self-injury-prone persons.

1st Women's History month
celebrated in 1987



2 Pope Francis Monthly Intention

We pray “that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and rediscovering each other’s gifts even in their differences.”

3 Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

We pray for Native Americans and African Americans and those who carry on the charism of St. Katharine.



Chief Joseph (peacemaker) born in 1810

Berta Isabel Caceres Flores
Honduras Human Rights Advocate murdered in 2016

We pray for the end of the destructive policies by the USA in Honduras



World Wildlife Day (UN)

We pray for an increase in efforts to protect wildlife.

Orthodox Lent begins (Julian Year)

First women’s suffrage march in Washington in 1913



4 **Shrove Tuesday**

We pray for the safety and well-being of those celebrating and for the grace to celebrate a holy, renewing Lenten season.



Shrove Tuesday

5 **Ash Wednesday**

May we be blessed with the grace “to repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970)

We pray for a nuclear weapon-free world



**FIRST THEY CAME
PASTOR MARTIN NIEMOLLER**

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.

6 **Martin Niemoller (1882-1984) anti-Nazi theologian who wrote “First they came for....” poem about standing up to oppression.**

We pray for the courage to be the voice of the oppressed voiceless.

7 **Feast of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity,**
We pray for mothers and expectant mothers who find this calling difficult

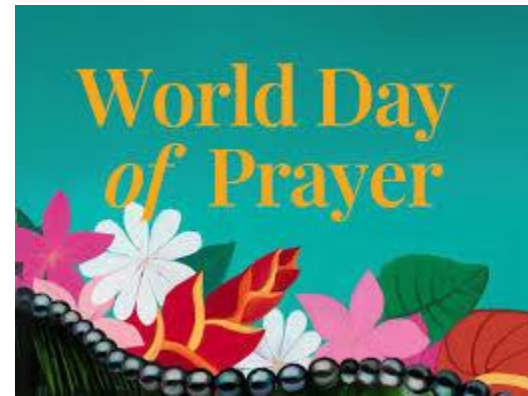
1st Friday Prayer and Action against the Death Penalty (CMN)



We pray for Brad Keith Sigmon, scheduled for execution in South Carolina, for the victims, and for their families.

World Day of Prayer (Global Ecumenical Christian Women Movement)

Theme: "I made you Wonderful" Psalm 139:1-18



8 - 14 Catholic Sisters Week

Themes: Celebrating Traditions and Changing the World, Caring for Earth, Caring for you We pray for religious women.



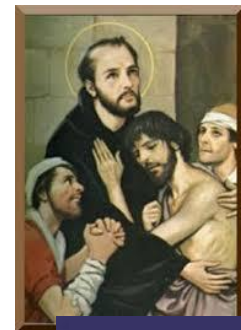
8 - 9 Celebrating Jubilee 2025 in Rome for Voluntary Workers



8 Feast of St. John of God

International Women's Day (UN)

Theme: For all Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment. We pray women and girls experience rights, equality, and empowerment.



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- 9 **Feast of St. Frances of Rome, founder of the Oblates of Mary, wife, mother, mystic, advocate for those who are poor, and healer of the sick; patron of automobile drivers.**

We pray for travelers and for the sick



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- 10 **International Day of Women Judges (UN)**

We pray for women judges, especially U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayer, Elena Kagan, Amy Coney Barrett, and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

MARCH 10TH
INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF WOMEN
JUDGES



Harriet Tubman, underground railroad leader, died in 1913

We pray for the end of racism.

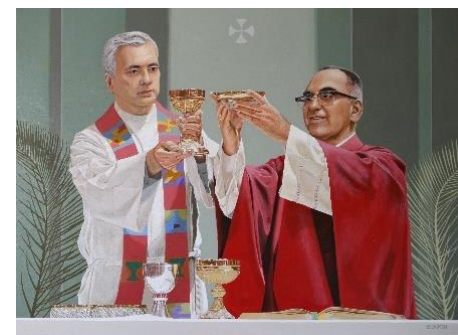


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- 11 We pray for the repose of the souls of Marion Bowman, Steven Nelson, Demetrius Frazier, James Ford, and Richard Tabler, executed in the USA last month.

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- 12 **Venerable Rutilio Grande, S.J., martyred in 1977 in El Salvador**

Girl Scouts founded in 1912

Gandhi begins Salt March in 1930



We pray for the people of El Salvador and India and for the Girl Scouts.

13 Breonna Taylor killed by Louisville police in 2020

We pray for the end of violence in our communities

We pray for David Leonard Wood, scheduled for execution in Texas, for the victims, and for their families.



Total Lunar Eclipse

Jewish Feast of Purim (13-14, sundown to sundown), celebrating the deliverance of the Jewish people from destruction.

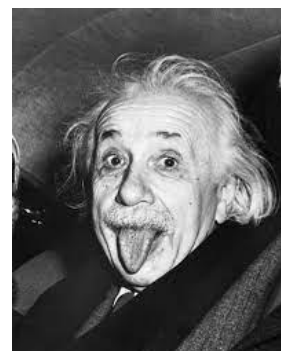


14 Hindu Feast of Holi, celebrating the spring festival of colors

We pray for tolerance among peoples of different religions

Albert Einstein born in 1879, pacifist and antiwar advocate

Pi Day (pi begins with 3.14)



International Mathematics Day (UNESCO)
We pray for all scientists and researchers



15 Feast of St. Louise de Marillac
We pray for the Daughters of Charity



**Shooting in Christchurch, NZ
Mosque in 2019 (51 victims)**

International Day to Combat Islamophobia (UN)
We pray for the end of Islamophobia



World Consumer Rights Day (CU)

**International Day Against Police Brutality
(Canadian Initiative)**

We pray for improved relations between the police and the people they patrol.



**16 Rachel Corrie Palestinian Human Rights
Advocate murdered in 2003**
We pray for peace in Gaza and liberation for
all Palestinians in their ancestral homeland.



- 17 **Feast of St. Patrick** We pray in gratitude for the contributions to U.S. society by Irish Americans.

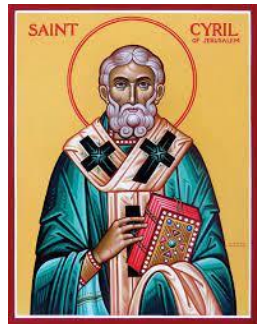
We pray for Christopher Sepolvado, scheduled for execution in Louisiana, for the victims, and for their families.



- 18 **Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop during time of upheaval in the Church**

We pray for healing in the Church and the success in the preparations for the Papal Synod 2025.

We pray for Jesse Hoffman, scheduled for execution in Louisiana, for the victim, and for their families.



- 19 **Feast of St Joseph**

We pray for all fathers, especially those who father children who are fostered, adopted, step, disabled.

We pray for Aaron Gunches, scheduled for execution in Arizona, for the victim, and for their families.



- 20 **International Day of Happiness (UN)**

Bring to prayer the people you care about and send them your love and happiness.

Iraq War begins in 2003

We pray for the victims of the Iraq wars.



Happy Spring!!

We pray for Wendell Grissom, scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, for the victim, and for their families.



21 Feast of St. Benedict

World Day of Poetry (UN)

World Down Syndrome Day (WHO)

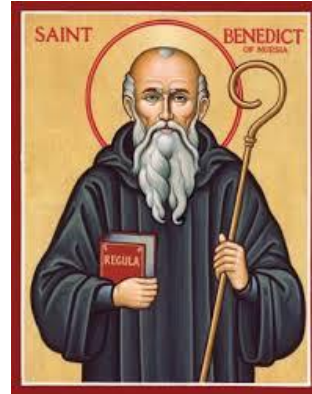
**World Day of Nowruz (UN),
ancestral festival marking first
day of spring**

International Forests Day (UN)

Single Parent Day (USA)

**International Day for the Elimination
of Racial Discrimination (UN)**

We pray with gratitude for
Benedictines, poets, Down syndrome
persons, spring days, single parents,
and for the end of racism.



**21 - 27 Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against
Racism and Racial Discrimination (UN)**



- 22 World Water Day (UN)**
Theme: Glacier Preservation
We pray for the preservation of glaciers.



- Earth Hour (WWF) Theme:**
Biggest Hour for Earth

Turn off your lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and think what you can do to conserve Mother Earth's resources.



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- 23 Feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

World Meteorological Day (UN)
We pray in gratitude for Earth



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- 24 Feast of St. Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980**

International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (UN)

World Tuberculosis Day (WHO)

We pray for the People of Central America / Abya Yala and for those denied their human rights.



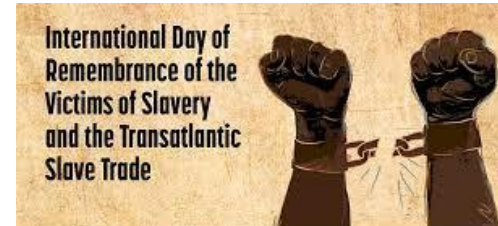
25 Feast of the Annunciation

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (UN)



Day of Solidarity with detained and missing UN Staff Members (UN)

We pray for victims of human trafficking and the safety and wellbeing of UN staff members



26 We pray for the wellbeing and safety of immigrants, migrants, and refugees.



27 We pray for more compassionate federal government officials in the USA.

28 Jubilee Celebration in Rome: 24 Hours for the Lord

Three Mile Island Meltdown in 1979

We pray for a world free of nuclear disasters and nuclear weapons.



29 **Islamic Feast of Eid al-Fitr (Ending of the Fast)**
We pray for the end of Islamophobia.



30 Ramadan Ends

Sr. Thea Bowman died in 1990

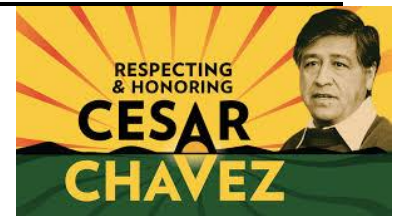
We pray with gratitude for women in leadership roles in Church and in society.



International Zero Waste Day (UN)

31 Cesar Chavez Day

We pray for farm workers, especially migrant workers.



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