

# MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

**Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar April 2025**  
*Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month (USA/USCCB)*  
*National Sexual Assault Awareness Month*  
*National Poetry Month*  
*Genocide and Human Rights Violations Awareness Month*  
*Autism Acceptance Month*

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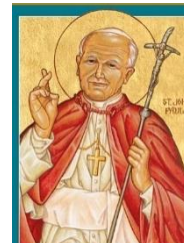
- 1 Feast of Blessed Vilmos Apor, Hungarian martyr (1945), protector of refugees**  
We pray for refugees, especially Ukrainian and Palestinian refugees.



**April Fool's Day**

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- 2 St. Pope John Paul II died in 2005**  
We pray for Christ-like servant leaders in world governments.



**World Autism Awareness Day (UN)**  
We pray for wider understanding of and accommodation for autistic persons.



- 3 Feast of St. Francis of Paola, patron of boaters & mariners** We pray for the safety of the people of Yemen and the stopping of Houthi pirates operating in the Red Sea.
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4 Feast of St. Isidore of Seville

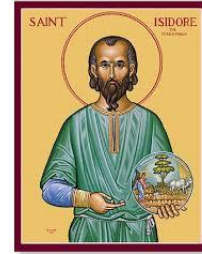
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Prayer and Action Against the Death Penalty (CMN)

International Landmine Awareness and Mine Action Day (UN)

We pray for the end of landmine production by eleven countries.

Martin L. King Jr martyred in 1968

We pray for the end of racism.



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5 People's Veto Day in D.C. & everywhere

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of march participants.

Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer, reformer of the Great Western Schism in the Church.

We pray for healing in the Church and the success of Jubilee 2025.

Bosnian genocide in 1995

We pray for the survivors of genocides.

International Day of Conscience (UN)

We pray for a culture of peace and love consciousness.



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5-6 Jubilee 2025 Celebration of Sick & Health Care Workers in Rome

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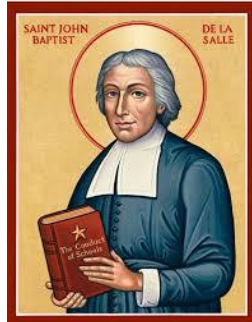


- 6 We pray for the repose of the soul of Brad Keith Sigmon, executed in the USA last month.
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7 **Feast of St. John Baptist de Salle**

**World Health Day (UN)** *Theme: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures*

**Day of Remembrance of the Rwandan Genocide Victims in 1994** We pray for success for the WHO campaign to prevent deaths of mothers and infants and for peace for the Rwandan people.



8 **Feast of Hana Matsuri, Buddha's birthday "Festival of Flowers"**

We pray for tolerance among religions.

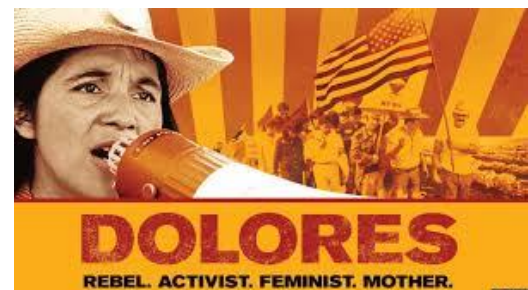
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Michael Tanzi, scheduled for execution in Florida, for the victims, and for their families.



- 9 We pray "that the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crisis of our times"  
— Pope Francis's monthly intention
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10 **Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farmer Workers, born 1930**

We pray that farmers and farm workers receive adequate compensation for their labors and produce a plentiful harvest.



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## 11 Feast of St. Stanislaus

We pray for Mikal Mahadi, scheduled for execution in South Carolina, for the victims, and for their families.



## 1968 Fair Housing Act

*Pacem in Terris* (1963)



## International Day for Maternal Health & Rights Day (Global Organizations) Theme: Know What's at Stake

800 women die each day from preventable causes due to pregnancy and childbirth. We pray for expectant mothers.

## National Day of Silence, a student-led support of the LGBTQ+ community

We pray for the end of homophobia.



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## 12 Passover Begins

We pray for peace for Israel and for the Jewish people worldwide.



## International Day of Street Children (Consortium of Street Children)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of 150+ million street children worldwide.



## International Day of Space Flight (UN)

U.S. Civil War begins in 1861



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**13 Palm Sunday**

We pray for courageous government leaders who seek the common good in all their deliberations and laws.



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**14 Feast of Vaisakhi, Hindu & Sikh festival celebrated in India**

We pray for peace among religious people in India.



**Abraham Lincoln assassinated in 1864**

**World Chagas Disease Day (WHO)**

**Sr. Karen Klimczak, CSJ, Buffalo peacemaker, "I leave peace prints", martyred in 2006**



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**15 USA Federal Tax Day or Tax Resistance Day**

We pray for taxes which provide for those in need and spend less on military weapons.

**Pax Christi founded in 1972**

**Rachel Carson died in 1964**

We pray with gratitude for peacemakers and environmentalists.



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**16 We pray for all those who are unjustly imprisoned for their religious beliefs.**

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**17 Holy Thursday**

We pray for priests, deacons, and seminarians and with gratitude for the gift of Eucharist.



**18 Good Friday**

We pray for all those on death row or awaiting execution worldwide.

We pray for the end of the death penalty.



**19 Holy Saturday**

We pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one due to war, violence, immigration, or natural disasters.

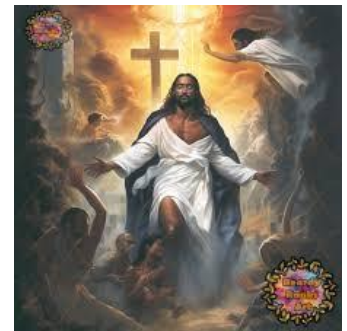


**Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995 with 168 killed**

We pray for the end of violence in our communities.



**20 Blessed Easter!!  
Orthodox Easter!!  
Christ is Risen!!  
Let us be Alleluia People!!**



21 **World Creativity and Innovation Day (UN)**

We pray with gratitude for the gifts of creative and innovative thinkers



**Sri Lanka Easter Bombing in 2019**

We pray for the end of terrorism.



**Ridván, the 12-day festival of the Bahá'í faith**

22 **Earth Day (UN)** *Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Refuse*

*Theme: Our Power, Our Planet*

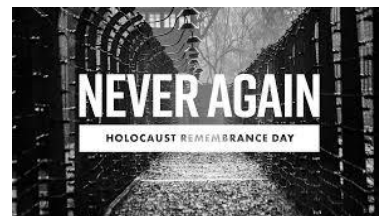
We pray that governments increase efforts to create renewable energy sources for their countries.



22-24 **We pray for the success of the NCEA Convention in Orlando** *Theme: "Be the Light"*



23 **Feast of St. George**  
We pray for Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) on his patronal feast.



**Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah)**

We remember the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust.



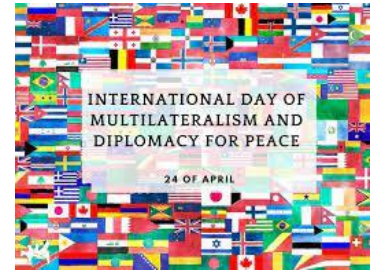
**Administrative Professionals Day (USA)**

- 24 **Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day**  
(1.5 million Armenians killed by Turkish military 1915-16)



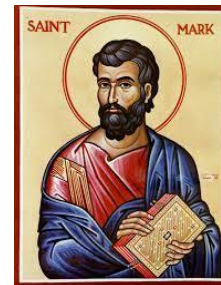
**International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace (UN)**

We pray for the end of present-day genocides in Palestine, Myanmar, Sudan, South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Central African Republic.



- 25-27 **Jubilee Celebration in Rome of Adolescents/Youth**

- 25 **Feast of St. Mark**



**Malaria Day (WHO)**



**UN Delegates Day**

**National Arbor Day (USA)**

We pray for the end of malaria and for UN delegates. Thank God for trees!



- 26 **International Chernobyl Remembrance Day (UN) (meltdown in 1986)**  
We pray for a nuclear disaster – free world



**Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, Guatemalan human rights defender, martyred in 1998**

We pray for the People of Central America / Abya Yala.

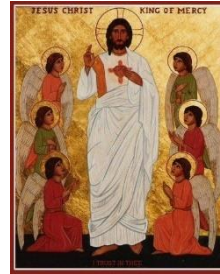




## World Intellectual Property Day (UN)

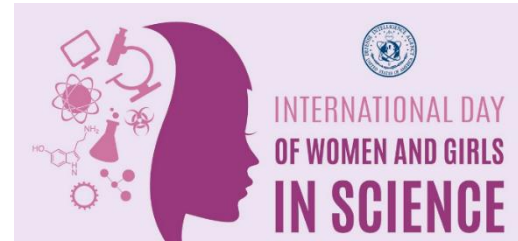
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### 27 Divine Mercy Sunday



### International Day for Girls in IT (UN)

We pray for an increase of girls in STEM programs.



### 28 Workers Memorial Day (Unions)

### World Day for Safety and Health at Work (UN)

We pray for workers who have died or been injured at work.



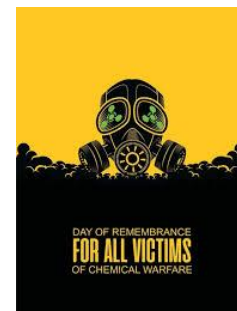
### 29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, peacemaker and reformer

We pray for women who are in leadership roles in Church and Society.

### International Dance Day (UN)

### Remembrance Day of Chemical War Victims (UN)

We pray for victims of chemical weapons.



### 30 Feast of St. Pius V

### International Jazz Day (UN)

We pray for immigrants, migrants, and refugees.

