

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

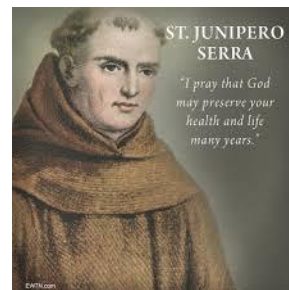
Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar July 2025

Disability Pride Month

Plastic Free July

1 Feast of St. Junípero Serra, patron of vocations

We pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood and for the people of Los Angeles as they recover from fires and immigration raids.



2 Profession of vows by Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange

Founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829 to minister to African Americans

Civil Rights Act of 1964 enacted

We pray for the end of racism.



3 Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

International Plastic Bag Free Day

We pray for a plastic-free world.



4 Independence Day (USA)

We pray that the USA becomes a united, inclusive, nonviolent country, affirming and rejoicing in diversity.



First Friday Pray and Act against the Death Penalty (CMN)

5 Feast of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, peacemaker

Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia, SJ, born in 1928, martyred in El Salvador in 1977
We pray for the people of Central America / Abya Yala.

Alton Sterling killed by police in Baton Rouge in 2016

International Day of Cooperatives (UN)



- 6 **Feast of St. Maria Goretti, patron of teenage girls**
We pray for the safety and wellbeing of teenage girls.

14th Dalai Lama born in 1935

We pray for tolerance among people of differing religious beliefs.



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- 7 **Sandra Day O'Connor nominated as 1st woman appointed Supreme Court Justice (1981)**

We pray for judges.



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- 8 We pray for the repose of the souls of John Hanson, Gregory Hunt, Oscar Smith, Benjamin Ritchie, Matthew Johnson, Glenn Roger, executed last month in the USA.



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- 9 **Feast of Augustine Zhao Rong, one of the 120 Martyrs of China**
We pray for the underground church in China.

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- 10 **Buddhist Feast of Dharma celebrates Buddha's 1st sermon**
We pray for peace in Israel, Iran, Palestine, and throughout SWANA.

11 Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot

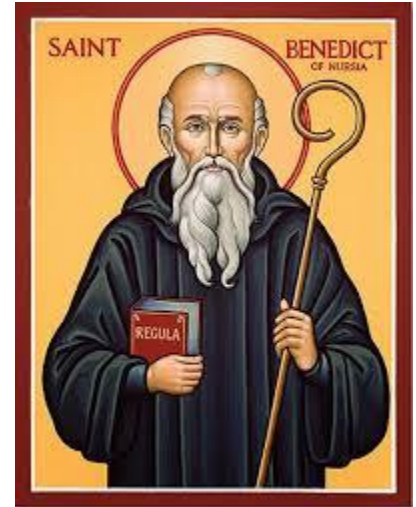
We pray for the Benedictines and all those who carry on the charism of St. Benedict.

World Population Day (UN)

We pray for the 8,228,088,651 people of the world (estimated on June 13).

International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica (8,372 Muslims killed between in July 1995)

We pray for the end of the genocides in Somalia, Yemen, Myanmar, Pakistan, Chad, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan, Pakistan, and Gaza.



12 Malala Yousafzai born in 1997 (Pakistani women's advocate, 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner & youngest recipient ever)

Henry David Thoreau born in 1817 (naturalist and pacifist)

We pray with gratitude for advocates and peacemakers.



International Day of Combatting Sand and Dust Storms (UN)

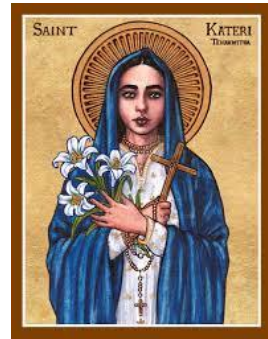
- 13 **Feast of St. Teresa de Los Andes**
We pray for the people of South America / Abya Yala.

#Blacklivesmatter founded online by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Ayọ Tometi in 2013 as a response to the killing of Trayvon Martin

We pray for the end of racism and violence in our communities.



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- 14 **Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
We pray with gratitude for the contributions of Native Americans to the culture and life in North America / Turtle Island and that all acts of discrimination against Indigenous people end.



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- 15 **Feast of St. Bonaventure**

World Youth Skills Day (UN)

We pray for Franciscans, theologians, philosophers.
We pray that the world's youth develop skills for meaningful contributions to their communities.

16 Feasts of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of the Triumphant Cross (Philippines)

We pray for the people of the Philippines.

First atomic bomb test ("Trinity") in New Mexico, 1945

We pray for a nuclear-weapons-free world.



17 Rep. John Lewis and the Rev. C.T. Vivian died in 2020, civil rights leaders

We pray that all persons' rights in the USA will be respected, especially immigrants, migrants, refugees and victims of trafficking and their descendants.



18 Feast of St. Camillus de Lellis (USA)

We pray for health professionals who care for the most vulnerable people.

Nelson Mandela International Day (UN) Nelson Mandela born in 1918
We pray for peace in the world, especially in Africa.



**19 First Women's Rights Convention in 1848
in Seneca Falls New York**

Birth of Aristides de Sousa Mendes (1885)
Portuguese diplomat who issued 30,000
visas to help Jews escape the tyranny of the
Nazis



Aurora, CO theater shooting in 2012 (13 killed, 70 injured)
We pray for the end of violence in our communities.

20 International Moon Day (UN)

World Chess Day (UN)

We pray with gratitude for creation and the will
to conserve its resources.



Sisters of Mercy Institute Foundation Day
Happy Foundation Day!

21 We pray for peace in Ukraine and Palestine.

22 Feast of St. Mary of Magdala

We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Church & Society.

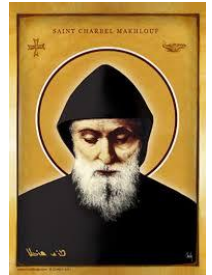


23 Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, church reformer

We pray for healing in the Church and the Spirit's guidance on Pope Leo XIV and those he appoints to lead in the Church

24 Feast of St. Sharbel Makhlof, mystic of Lebanon

We pray for peace in Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA).



25-27 We pray for success of the Pax Christi National Assembly in Detroit.

25-31 **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (USCCB)**
We pray for families.

25 Feasts of St. Christopher & St. James the Apostle

World Drowning Prevention Day (UN)

We pray for the safety of swimmers.

Emmett Till, born in 1941, lynched in 1955 in Mississippi We pray for the safety of travelers and the end of racism.



International Day on Judicial Well-being (UN)

International Day of Women & Girls of African Descent (UN)

We pray for the safety & wellbeing of judges and for women & girls with ancestors from Africa.

26 Feasts of Sts. Ann & Joachim

We pray for grandparents, especially those caring for their grandchildren.

National Disability Independence Day (USA) American Disabilities Act becomes law in 1990

We pray for the end of ableism, for accommodations that empower full participation in society, and for the wellbeing of persons with disabilities (visible and invisible) and their loved ones and care providers.



27 5th World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly (VA)

Theme: Blessed are those who have not lost hope.

Sirach 14:2

We pray for grandparents and the elderly

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

We pray for the victims of wars, especially in Korea, Ukraine, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Palestine, Israel, Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Congo



7/28 – 8/3 World Young People/Young Adults Jubilee Celebration in Rome

**28 We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all elected officials.
World Hepatitis Day (WHO)**

28-29 Jubilee Celebration in Rome of Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers

29 Feasts of Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
We pray for peace and love among family members.



30 International Day of Friendship (UN)

We pray with Gratitude for the friends in our lives

World Day Against the Trafficking of Persons (UN)

Theme: Human trafficking is Organized Crime – End the Exploitation

We pray for an increase in intercultural friendship and the end of forced labor, sexual exploitation, and coercion into criminal activity.

Wear Blue in support of the end of Human Trafficking

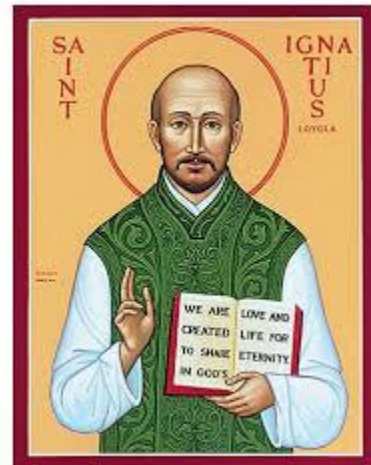


National Whistleblowers Appreciation Day (USA)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of whistleblowers in government.

31 Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

We pray for the Jesuits, theologians, and spiritual directors.



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