

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

September 2024

Season of Creation (VA) (9/1-10/4)

Hunger Prevention Month (Feeding America)

Suicide Prevention Month (USA)

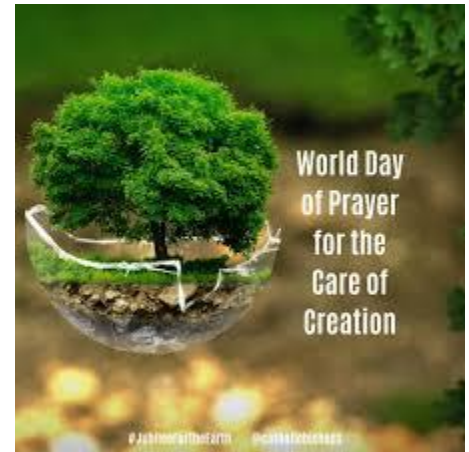
1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of the Earth (VA)

Theme: Seeds of Peace & Hope

"We pray for the grace to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sin against the world in which we live." —Pope Francis

Labor Day

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of workers.



2 World War ends in 1945

We pray for peace in the world, especially Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Iran.

3 Feast of Pope Gregory the Great, patron of musicians, teachers, students

We pray for church musicians, students, and teachers as they begin the new school year.



4 We pray for the repose of the soul of Byron Black, executed last month in the USA.

5 Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata

International Day of Charity (UN)

We pray for those in need and the Missionaries of Charity Sisters.

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

We pray for those who volunteer to give time and resources and for the end of the death penalty.



First Continental Congress convenes in 1774

We pray for Ralph Mendez, scheduled for execution in Utah, for the victims, and for their families.

**END DEATH
PENALTY**

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6 Jane Addams born in 1860, woman suffragette, peace activist and founder of social work

We pray in gratitude for peacemakers and justice seekers.



7 Grandparents and Elderly Day (USA)

International Day for Clean Air and Skies (UN)

Canonizations of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati & Bl. Carlo Acutis in Rome, young Italian men, patrons for youth

We pray for grandparents, the elderly, and for young people and clean skies.



8 Feast of the Nativity of Mary

International Literacy Day (UN)

Theme: Promoting Literacy in a Digital Era

We pray for those who lack basic literacy skills.



8–14 National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week

9 Feast of St. Peter Claver

Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities (USSCB)

International Day to Protect Education from Attack (UN) We pray for peace in our communities, especially in our schools, and for the end of racism.



10 World Suicide Prevention Day

Theme: Changing the Narrative on Suicide

We pray that those without hope will find a supportive, hopeful environment.



11 Patriot Day National Day of Service & Remembrance

We pray for all those who bear the scars of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack.



12 Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

International Day of South-South Cooperation (UN)

We pray for peace in the majority world (i.e. the Global South).

Stephen Bantu Biko, Civil Rights Activist, martyred in 1972 South African Civil Rights Activist

We pray for the end of racial injustice.

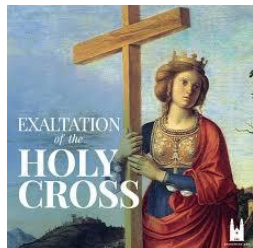


13 Attica Revolt in 1971 (46 killed)

We pray for a safe & restorative environment for all prisoners in prisons or in detention or concentration camps.

14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

We pray for the 47 million Americans who lack reliable access to food, including 7 million children, and we pray for those who work in food banks to feed more than 50 million Americans who need food. (Feeding America Statistics)



15 Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

International Day of Democracy (UN)

We pray that all democratic countries live out their commitment to human rights for all.

Central American countries declare independence from Spain (1821)

We pray for peace in Abya Yala (i.e., Central American countries).



Sept 15—Oct 15 Hispanic American Heritage Month

We pray with gratitude for the contributions to society and culture by Hispanic Americans.

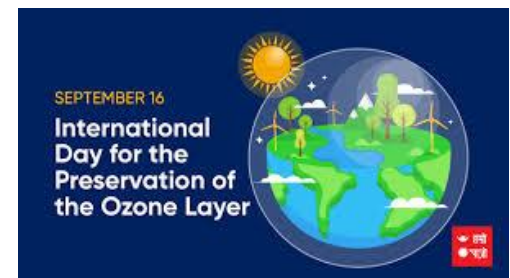


16 Jubilee Celebration in Rome of Consolation “Restoring Hope and Drying Tears”

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone (UN)

We pray that governments & corporations work together to preserve the ozone layer.

Mexican Independence Day We pray for the Mexican people.



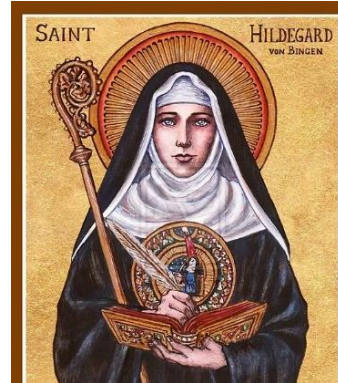
17 Feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen

Constitution Day (USA)

Frances Warde, RSM, first USA Mercy foundress, dies in 1884

World Patient Safety Day (WHO)

We pray for women in leadership roles in the Church, religious communities, and society and for the safety of patients.



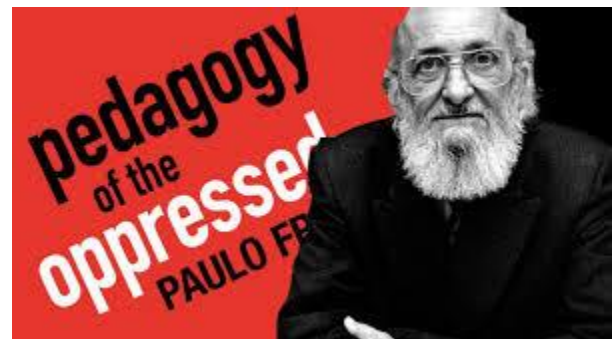
18 International Equal Pay Day (UN)

We pray for equal pay for equivalent work for all people.



19 Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, creator of the pedagogy of the oppressed, born in 1921

We pray for the oppressed of the world and those who work to end oppression in all its forms.



We pray in gratitude for the gift of creation and the will to conserve it

- 20 Feast of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companions, Korean martyrs**
We pray for the people of Korea.



Jubilee 25 Celebration of the World of Justice in Rome

- 21 International Day of Peace (UN)**
Theme: Act Now for a Peaceful World

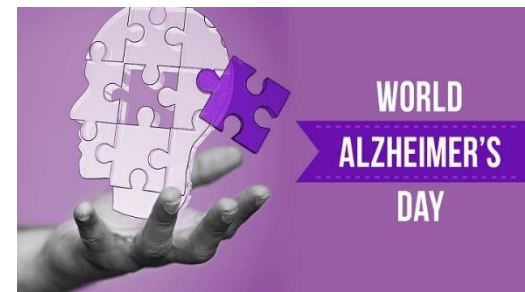
Catechetical Sunday

Theme: Always be ready to present an explanation ...for a reason for your hope 1Peter 3:15

We pray for world peace and for catechumens.

World Alzheimer's Awareness Day (WAI)

We pray for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and for their loved ones.



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- 9/21—10/2 Pace E bene Campaign Nonviolence Action Days**
We pray and act for peace.
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22 Autumn equinox

Rosh Hashanah Happy Jewish new year 5786!

Hindu Festival of Navaratri celebrates the Divine Mother Durga.

We pray for tolerance among those of differing religious beliefs.



22–28 National Migration Week (USCCB)

We pray for migrants, immigrants, and refugees.

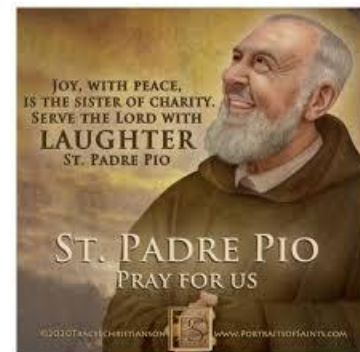


23 Feast of St. Padre Pio, patron of civil defense volunteers and teenagers.

We pray for civil defense volunteers and teenagers

International Sign Language Day (UN)

We pray for the protection of linguistic identity and cultural diversity of deaf people.



24 Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
Happy Mercy Day!!

First House of Mercy opened in 1827 in Dublin

We pray for all those who carry on the charism of Mercy throughout the world.



25 We pray for those on death row, especially Geoffrey T. West in Alabama and Blaine Milam in Texas, scheduled for execution, for the victims, and for their families.

26 Feast of Sts. Cosmas & Damian and St. Pope Paul VI

International Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (UN)

World Environmental Health Day (UN)

We pray for health care workers and first responders and for a nuclear weapon—free world.



27 Feast of St. Vincent DePaul

World Tourism Day (UN)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of tourists and for those who carry on the charism of Vincent DePaul.

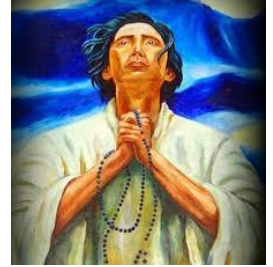


28 Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, Filipino missionary & martyr in Japan

We pray for the people of Japan and the Philippines.

Priesthood Sunday

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (VA)



29 Birth of Venerable Catherine McAuley, RSM in 1778

Feast of Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael

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



30 Feast of St. Jerome

We pray for the end of racism.



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