

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

October 2024

Respect Life Month (USCCB)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (USA)

National Anti-Bullying Prevention Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month

1 Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

International Day of Older Persons (UN)

Theme: Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-being and Our Rights

Yom Kippur, Jewish Feast of Atonement (starts at sunset)

We pray for the elderly and for the end of anti-Jewish bigotry.



**International Day
of Older People**



2 Feast of the Guardian Angels



International Day of Non-Violence (UN)

Theme: Say No to Violence

Ghandi Born in 1869

We pray for the end of violence in our communities and families



INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF NON-VIOLENCE



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

We pray for the end of the death penalty in the USA.

4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

End of the Season of Creation

We pray that all people develop a love and respect for creation as St. Francis.

World Animal Day (UN)

We pray with gratitude for animals



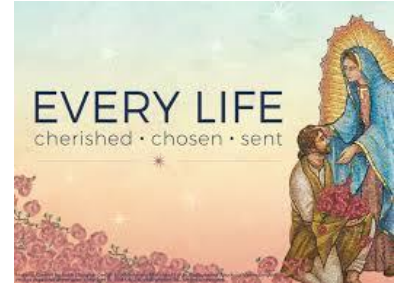
4 - 10 World Space Week

We pray for continued cooperation among countries relating to the exploration of space and development of space technology for peace, not war.



5 Respect Life Sunday *Theme: Life Our Sign of Hope*

We pray that the Lord will strengthen our resolve to protect the gift of every human life. (USCCB)



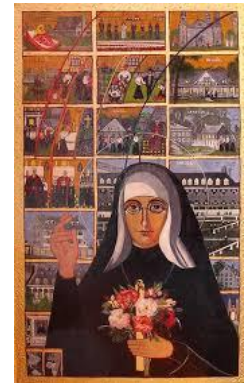
World Teachers Day (UN) (UNESCO)

We pray for an increase of teachers worldwide



6 Feast of Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, SNJM

We pray for those who carry on Bl. Marie Rose's Charism to the education of low-income children



National Child Health Day

World Habitat Day (UN)

We pray for those who lack reliable access to shelter.

Jewish feast of Sukkot begins at sunset



7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

World Cotton Day (UN) *Theme: Weaving a better future for cotton*
We pray for the many indigent women who grow cotton for a livelihood.



Hamas attacks Israel in 2023, killing ~1,200.

We pray for peace built on justice in Palestine and Israel.

8 – 9 Jubilee Celebration of Consecrated Life in Rome

- 8** “Let us pray that believers of different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.” —Pope Francis’s prayer intention for October 2025
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- 9** We pray for the repose of the souls of Curtis Wisdom and Kayle Barrington Bates, executed in the USA in August.



World Post Day (UN)

10 World Mental Health Day (WHO)

We pray for adequate care for those in need of mental health support.

We pray for Roy Lee Ward, scheduled for execution in Indiana, for the victims, and for their families.



11 Feast of St. Pope John XXIII

International Day of the Girl Child (UN)

We pray that all girls have the opportunity for education and the freedom to reach their full potential.

National Coming Out Day (USA) (Est. 1987)

We pray for the end of hatred based on a person's gender or love.



11 – 12 Jubilee Celebration of Marian Spirituality in Rome

12 1492 the Taino People discover Columbus

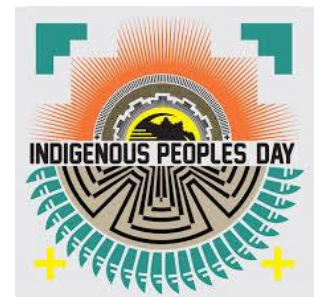
We pray that the USA becomes a welcoming country for all



13 Indigenous Peoples' Day (observed)

Jewish Feast of Sukkot ends & Jewish Feast of Simchat Torah begins at sunset

A time to pray for the dead and the beginning of reading the Torah.



International Day for Disasters Reduction (UN)

We pray for those recovering from natural disasters in Libya, Morocco, Turkey, Greece, Hawaii



- 14** We pray for those on death row and for Samuel Lee Smithers, scheduled to be executed in Florida, for the victims, and for their families.
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15 Feast of St. Teresa of Avila

International Day of the Rural Woman (UN)
Women make up 50% farm workforce in Asia and Africa

Theme: Sustaining Nature for our Collective Future

We pray for rural families

We pray for Charles Ray Crawford, scheduled for execution in Mississippi, for the victims, and for their families.



16 Feast of Sts. Hedwig (peacemaker) and Margaret Mary

World Food Day (UN)

Theme: Hands to Hands for Better Foods and a Better Future

We pray with gratitude for those who feed people lacking reliable access to food: those serving in food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, and on the streets.



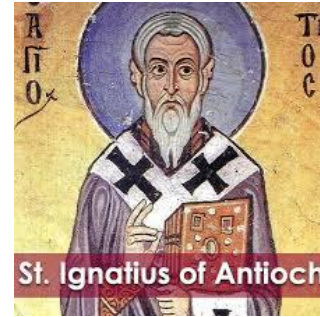
- 17 Black Poetry Day**
celebrates Jupiter Hammond first
published black poet born in 1711

Feast of Ignatius of Antioch

We pray for Richard Djerf,
scheduled for execution in Arizona,
for the victim, and for their families.

**International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty (UN)**

We pray for the 1.3 billion people
who live on less than \$1.25 a day.



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- 18 Feast of St. Luke**

No Kings Protest Day

We pray for the safety and
wellbeing of nonviolent protestors
across the United States.



53rd Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

We pray that everyone is able to have clean
water



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- 18-19 Jubilee Celebration of Missionary World in Rome**
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19 Feast of the North American Martyrs

We pray for the victims of violence and those who are victims of bullying.



20 Feast of St. Paul of the Cross

We pray for Passionists.

Feast of Diwali (five-day Hindu celebration of lights and the goddess Lakshmi, among others)

We pray for peace among peoples of differing beliefs.

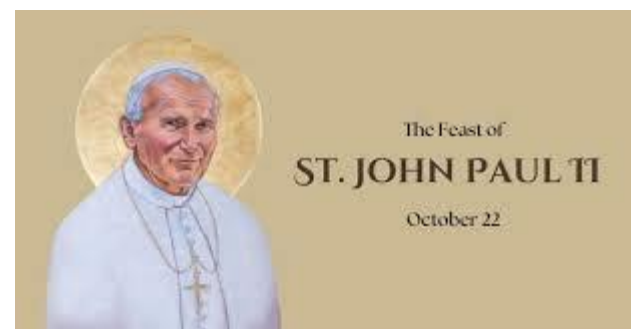


21 We pray for the safety and wellbeing of immigrants, migrants, and refugees, especially in the USA.



22 Feast of St. John Paul II

We pray for the safety, wellbeing, and equitable servant-mindedness of those who serve in public office, government positions, and public service positions, such as police and judges



23 Feast of St. John Capistrano

We pray for people on death row, especially Anthony Todd Boyd, scheduled for execution in Alabama, for the victim, and for their families.



24 United Nations Day (UN)

Theme: A symbol of hope for global unity

We pray that the UN can be a force for unity among countries.



24-31 Disarmament Week

We pray for the destruction of all nuclear weapons

Global Media and Information Literacy Week



25 We pray for the end of persecution of the Church in Nicaragua, China, Nigeria.

26 World Mission Sunday

We pray for the missionaries of the world.



27 Israel Invades Gaza (2023)
Since October 2023, 65,300
Palestinians (19,424 Children)
have been killed by Israel in
Gaza

We pray for justice and peace in Gaza.



Mass Shooting at the Tree of Life
Synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018

We pray for the end of anti-Jewish
bigotry and the end of violence in our
communities.



28 Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude

We pray for families who have
experienced the loss of a mother or a
child



We pray for the end of War in Ukraine
Palestine, Israel, Yemen, Congo, Sudan,



29 International Day of Care and Support (UN)

We pray for all those who care for and support
those in need.



30 World Day of Education (UN)

We pray for students, teachers, and staff.

31 Halloween

We pray for the safety and well-being of children celebrating Halloween.

World Cities Day (UN)



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