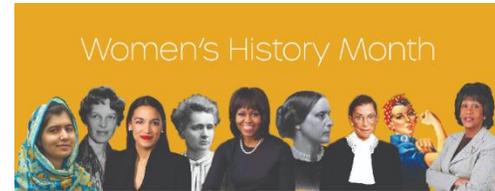


MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar March 2026
Women's History Month
Irish-American Heritage Month (USA)



1 Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)
We pray that all people have access to health care and live a full life with dignity and respect.



Disability Day of Mourning (USA)
We pray for the victims of filicide.

Self-Injury Awareness Day (Global Grassroots)
We pray for awareness and help by caretakers and family members of victims and potential victims.

2 Jewish Feast of Purim (Festival of Salvation)
We pray for peace in Israel and Palestine.



3 **Feast of St. Katharine Drexel,**
founder of the Blessed Sacrament
Sisters



Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores,
Honduras human rights advocate
murdered in 2016

Hindu Lantern Feast of Holi
We pray for tolerance among
peoples of different religions.



World Wildlife Day (UN)

We pray for the Blessed Sacrament Sisters, Native
Americans, Hondurans, Hindus, and in gratitude
for wildlife.



4 **Francis Perkins becomes first USA**
woman cabinet member in 1913
a peacemaker

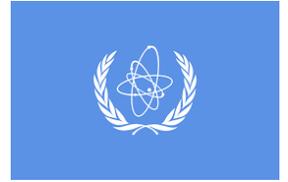


Jeanette Rankin elected first woman
to Congress in 1916

We pray for an increase of women in
government.

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

We pray for a nuclear weapon-free world.



6 **First Friday Pray and Act against the death penalty (CMN)**

We pray for the end of the death penalty.

7 **Feast of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, patrons of mothers and expectant mothers**

We pray for all mothers and expectant mothers, especially those who find motherhood difficult.



Selma March for Civil & Voting Rights (1965)

We pray that eligible voters are not discouraged or prevented from voting.



8 **International Women's Day (UN) Theme:**

"Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls"

We pray that women and girls be empowered to demand equal rights and equal justice to exercise and enjoy them.

8-15 Catholic Sisters Week

We pray for religious women worldwide.

Join sisters cross PA in praying, advocating and rallying at ICE sites for immigrant liberation and justice.



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- 9 Feast of St. Frances of Rome, founder of the Oblates of Mary to serve those who are poor**
We pray for the Oblates of Mary and all who dedicate their lives to serving those in greatest need.



10 International Day of Women Judges (UN)

We pray for women judges and justices, 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.



- 11** We pray for the repose of the souls of Charles Victor Thompson, Ronald Heath, Kendrick Simpson, and Adonio Franklin, executed in the USA last month.
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- 12** We pray for those on death row, especially Cedric Ricks, scheduled for execution in Texas, for the victims, and for their families.

Girl Scouts founded in 1912

We pray for Girl Scouts and their leaders and staff.



Gandhi begins Salt March in 1930

Venerable Rutilio Grande, SJ martyred in 1977

We pray for the people of India and El Salvador.

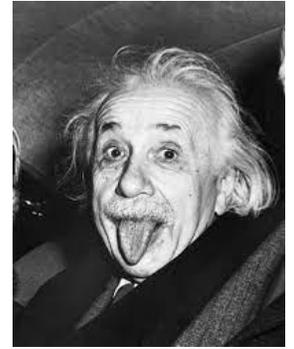


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- 13 Breonna Taylor killed by Louisville police in 2020**

We pray for the end of violence in our communities.



- 14 Albert Einstein born in 1879, pacifist and antiwar advocate**



Pope Leo XIV monthly intention

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy to end violence.

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

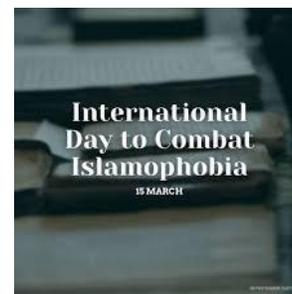


Shooting in Christchurch, NZ mosque in 2019 (51 victims)

We pray for the Daughters of Charity and the 51 victims and their loved ones.

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 that law enforcement officers would exercise restraint and seek to deescalate every conflict.



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.



We pray for the people of the Philippines recovering from Tropical Storm Penha.

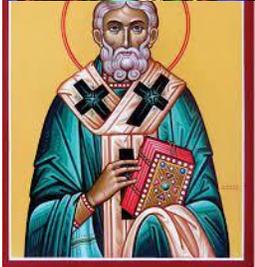
17 Feast of St. Patrick

We pray with gratitude for the contributions to USA culture and society by people of Irish descent.



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

We pray for healing in the Church, especially for those abused by clergy.



19 Feast of St. Joseph

We pray for all fathers, especially adopted fathers, foster fathers, step-fathers, and engaged father figures.

Islamic Feast of Eid al-Fitr (Ending of the Fast)

We pray for the end of Islamophobia.



20 Spring Equinox

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.



International
Day of Happiness



20 March

21 Feast of St. Benedict

World Day of Poetry (UN)

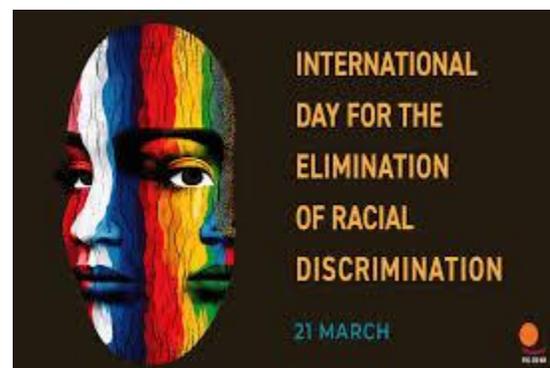
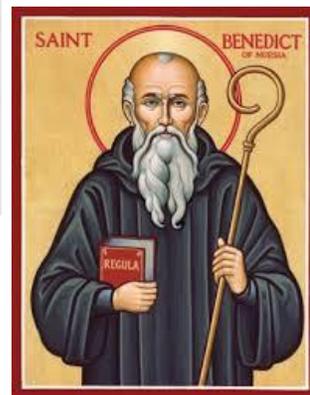
World Down Syndrome Day (WHO)

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

International Forests Day (UN)

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.

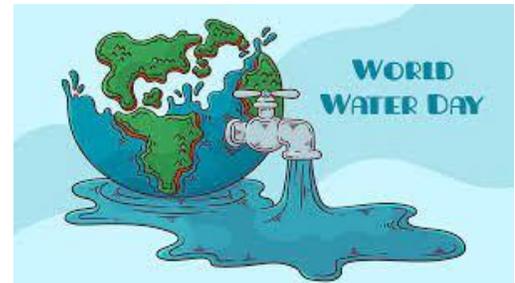


21-27 Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination (UN)



22 World Water Day (UN)

We pray for water for the 1.1 billion people without safe water for drinking and sanitation.



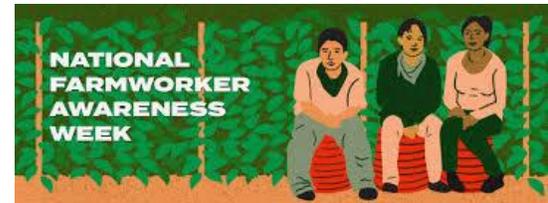
In 1972, Congress ratifies the Equal Rights Act and sends it to the states (only 37 ratified it)

We pray for the ratification of the ERA Amendment



21-28 Farm Workers Awareness Week

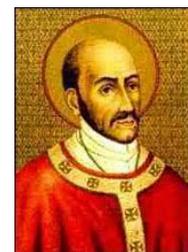
We pray for farm workers and a bountiful harvest.



23 Feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

World Meteorological Day (UN)

We pray in gratitude for our Earth.



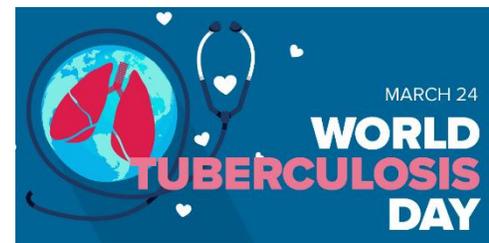
24 Feast of St. Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980

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 Abya Yala (a.k.a. Central America) and for those denied their human rights.



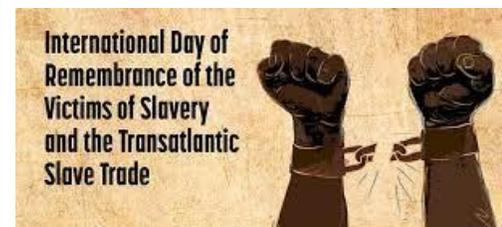
25 Feast of the Annunciation

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 the end of slavery and the return and safety of UN personnel.



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



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- 27 We pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia, Greenland, Iran, Venezuela, Democratic Republic of Congo, Taiwan, South Sudan, Sudan, Myanmar, Israel, and Palestine.
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- 28 **3rd No Kings Rally Day (USA)**
We pray for the safety and wellbeing of participants and that their efforts bring change.



Three Mile Island meltdown in 1979

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



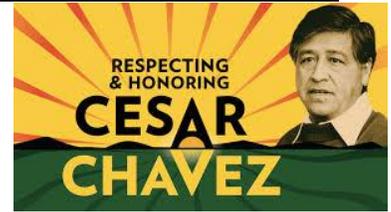
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- 29 **Palm Sunday**
We pray that governments, especially the U.S. federal government, would make just decisions and seek the common good, honoring human rights and building peace at home and abroad.



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- 30 **Sr. Thea Bowman died in 1990**
We pray with gratitude for women in leadership roles in Church and Society.



31 Cesar Chavez Day (born in 1927)
We pray for farm workers, especially
migrant workers.



A special note of gratitude for Sister Jean Murin, for all her work
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