

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar April 2026
National Childhood Abuse Prevention Month (USCCB/USA)
Genocide and Human Rights Violations Awareness Month
Autism Acceptance Month

- APRIL 1** **Jewish Passover begins**
We pray for peace in the Holy Land.
April Fool's Day!
"I am a great and sublime Fool. But then I am God's Fool and all God's work must be contemplated with respect" Mark Twain
We pray for God's fools.
- APRIL 2** **Holy Thursday**
We pray for priests and deacons.
Feast of St. Pope John Paul II
Autism Awareness Day (WHO)
We pray for wider understanding of and accommodation for autistic persons.
- APRIL 3** **Good Friday**
We pray for prisoners on death row and those unjustly imprisoned worldwide.
- APRIL 4** **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. martyred in 1968**
International Day of Landmine Awareness and Assistance Day (UN)
We pray for the end of racism and for the end of landmine usage in conflicts.
- APRIL 5** **Blessed Easter!**
May we be alleluia people and people of peace.
Sarajevo Bosnia Genocide 1995
- APRIL 6** **International Day for Sports for Development and Peace (UN)**
Feast of Blessed Diego Luis De San Vitore, SJ, Guamanian martyr
We pray for the People of Guam and International Sports Teams
- APRIL 7** **Feast of St. John de LaSalle**
We pray for teachers and students.
World Health Day (WHO)
We pray for adequate health care for all.
Remembrance of Rwanda Genocide in 1994
- APRIL 8** **Feast of St. Julie Billiart, cofounder, Institute of Notre Dame de Namur**
We pray for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.
Buddha born in 623 BCE
We pray for Buddhists.
- APRIL 9** **Dietrich Bonhoeffer martyred in 1945**

Passover ends

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

APRIL 10 Dolores Huerta born in 1930, National Farm Workers' Association cofounder

We pray for farm workers.

APRIL 11 Civil Rights Act becomes law (1965)

Pacem In Terris (1963)

We pray for peace in Iran.

APRIL 12 International Day for Street Children

We pray for the estimated 100 million unhoused children in the world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

APRIL 13-23 We pray for the safety and wellbeing of Pope Leo XIV and participants in his travel events to Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea.

APRIL 13 Jewish Feast of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance)

We pray for the end of antisemitism.

APRIL 14 Pax Christi USA founded in 1972

Rachel Carson, environmentalist, died in 1964

Karen Klimczak, SSJ, Buffalo peacemaker, martyred in 2006

We pray with gratitude for peacemakers.

APRIL 15 Tax Resisters Day

We pray that tax money goes for the common good and not war.

APRIL 16 We pray for the end of the death penalty and for the repose of the soul of Michael King, executed in the USA last month.

Anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting in 2008

APRIL 17 We pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and the community may support them with understanding and prayer.

Pope Leo XIV Monthly intention

APRIL 18 We pray for victims of abuse, especially those abused by clergy.

APRIL 19 We pray for immigrants, especially those unlawfully held in detention camps.

APRIL 20 Anniversary of the Columbine High School Shooting in 1999

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

APRIL 21 We pray for peace in Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Gaza, Venezuela.

- APRIL 22** **Earth Day (UN) Theme: Our Power Our Planet**
We pray that governments, communities, and individuals work together to conserve the Earth's resources.
- APRIL 23** **Cesar Chaves died in 1993**
We pray for farm workers, especially migrants, and for victims of sexual assault.
- APRIL 24** **International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace (UN)**
We pray that all countries use diplomacy rather than weapons to resolve differences and bring about peace.
- APRIL 25** **International Girls in ICT Day (Information, Communications, Technologies)**
World Malaria Day (WHO)
We pray for an increase of girls in ICT careers and for the end of malaria.
- APRIL 26** **Arbor Day**
Spend some time with your favorite tree and say a prayer of gratitude for all trees.
Chernobyl meltdown in 1986
We pray for the sustainable use of nuclear energy and the end of the use of nuclear weapons.
- APRIL 27** **Day of Silence (USA) protesting bullying and harassment of LGBTQ+ persons**
We pray for the end of bullying and homophobia in all its forms.
- APRIL 28** **World Day for Safety and Health at Work (UN)**
We pray that all workers have a safe and healthy working environment and adequate health care, as needed.
- APRIL 29** **Feast of St. Catherine of Siena**
We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Church and Society
Day of Remembrance of all the Victims of Chemical Warfare (UN)
We pray for the end of the use of chemicals as weapons.
- APRIL 30** We pray for those prisoners on death row, especially James Broadnax, scheduled for execution in Texas, for the victims, and for their families.