

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar June 2026

Torture Awareness Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

National Safety Month

- JUNE 1** **Global Parents Day (UN)**
We pray for parents, especially those in detention camps and war zones.
- JUNE 2** We pray for those on death row, especially Andrew Richard Lukehart, scheduled for execution in Florida, for the victims, and for their families.
Indigenous peoples' U.S. citizenship recognized in 1924
National Cancer Survivors Day (USA) We pray for all those recovering from cancer.
- JUNE 3** **Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and companions**
We pray for the people of Africa, especially Uganda.
St. Pope John XXIII died in 1963
World Bicycle Day (UN)
- JUNE 4** **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN)**
Tiananmen Square Massacre in 1989
We pray for the children of the world and for victims of all types of abuse.
- JUNE 5** **Feast of St. Boniface**
World Environment Day (UN) *Theme: Climate Change: The Planet is sending us signals (Send a positive action signal back today)*
First Friday Prayer and Action Against the Death Penalty (CMN)
National Gun Violence Awareness Day (USA)
We pray for the end of gun violence in our communities.
- JUNE 6–12** We pray for safety and the Spirit's guidance on Pope Leo's trip to Spain.
- JUNE 6** **D-Day, 1944**
Robert F. Kennedy killed in 1968
We pray for the safety and well-being of those seeking elected public office.
- JUNE 7** **Feast of Corpus Christi**
World Food Safety Day (UN) We pray for a safe world food supply and for those experiencing food shortages due to drought, climate change, and choices by wealthy nations.
- JUNE 8** **World Oceans Day (UN)**
Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) died in 632
We pray with gratitude for the oceans and for the end of Islamophobia.
- JUNE 9** **Feast of St. Ephrem, Syrian theologian** We pray for the people of Syria.
- JUNE 10** We pray for the repose of the souls of Larry McGill, Raymond Johnson, James Broadnax, James Hitchcock, executed last month in the USA
- JUNE 11** **Feast of St. Barnabas, apostle**
We pray for Jeffrey Lee, scheduled for execution in Alabama, for the victims, and for their families.

- JUNE 12** **Anne Frank born 1929**
World Day Against Child Labor (UN)
49 killed in Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando in 2016
We pray for the end of child labor and homophobia.
- JUNE 13** **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, patron of those who are impoverished
International Albinism Awareness Day (UN)
We pray for the end of discrimination against those with albinism and for those in need of financial resources.
- JUNE 14** **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (VA) We pray for all priests.
Flag Day (USA) We pray that the U.S. flag would be a sign of peace and love, not war.
- JUNE 15** **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN)** One in six elders experience some type of abuse worldwide. We pray that the elderly can live their lives in a caring, loving, safe environment.
- JUNE 16** **Islamic New Year begins (Al-Hijra)** We pray for our Islamic neighbors.
- JUNE 17** **Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN) 1.8 billion people will experience water shortage by 2027. We pray for those dealing with wildfires in the USA.
2015 Massacre of the Emanuel Nine in Charleston, NC We pray for the end of racism.
- JUNE 18** **Sustainable Gastronomy Day (UN)** We pray that governments would work with farmers to develop sustainable foods which reflect the biodiversity of our world
Laudato Si' released in 2015
- JUNE 19** **Juneteenth, holiday celebrating the end of slavery in the USA.** We pray for the end of racism, human trafficking, and sexual violence.
International Day to Eliminate Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN)
- JUNE 20** **World Refugee Day (UN)** We pray for the 70.8 million refugees worldwide.
- JUNE 21** **Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of youth**
Father's Day (USA) We pray for fathers, especially those separated from their children by immigration, war, or poverty. We pray for the world's youth.
- JUNE 22–29** **Religious Freedom Week (USCCB)**
We pray for respect of the value and right to freedom of religion for all.
- JUNE 22** **Feasts of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher**
World Music Day (UN) Thank God for music!
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.
—Pope Leo XIV Monthly Prayer Intention
- JUNE 23** **World Widows Day (UN)**
International Day of Public Service (UN)
We pray for the wellbeing and safety of widows and public servants.

- JUNE 24** We pray for peace in Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Ukraine.
- JUNE 25** **North Korea invades South Korea in 1950** We pray for peace in Korea and for a world with no nuclear weapons.
- JUNE 26** **International Day in Support of Torture Victims and Survivors**
We pray for the healing of torture victims and the end of torture worldwide.
- JUNE 27** **Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Helen Keller born 1880
We pray for an increase of women in leadership in Church and society.
- JUNE 28** **Stonewall Rebellion in 1969 begins the LGBTQ+ movement**
We pray for the end of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender.
- JUNE 29** **Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul** We pray for healing in the Church.
- JUNE 29—** **The Institute on the Catechesis Convention in Mundelein, IL** *Theme: Evangelizing*
JULY 2 *Catechesis for the Family* We pray for the Spirit's guidance in the meetings.
- JUNE 30** **Feast of the First Martyrs of the Catholic Church**
We pray for the repose of the souls of the 128,750 Nigerian Christians killed in the last 17 years.