

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

July 2026

Disability Pride Month (USA)

International Woman Farmer Year (UN)



1 **Feast of St. Junipero Serra, patron of Vocations**



We pray for vocations to the Religious Life and Priesthood

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Civil Rights Act of 1964 enacted

Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange founded the Oblate Sisters in 1829 to minister to Native and African Americans

We pray for the Oblate Sisters and the end of racism



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
WOMAN FARMER
2026



2 - 5 **The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage "One Nation Under God" ends in Philadelphia: We pray for the participants and for all United States of America Citizens**

3 **Feast of St. Thomas Apostle**

1st Friday to Pray and Act against the Death Penalty (CMN)



US Migratory Bird Treaty signed in 1919: We Thank God for Birds



International Plastic Bag Free Day: Use Reusable Bags-Recycle Plastic Wraps and Bags today and everyday

4 **250th Independence Day**

We pray that the United States becomes a United, Welcoming, Tolerant, Respectful of each individual's Rights, rejoicing in our God given Diversity Nation

5 **Feast of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, peacemaker and patron of Catholic Charities: We pray for the success of Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army founded in 1865**



Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia SJ martyred in El Salvador in 1977: We pray for the people of Central America

Alton Sterling killed by police in 2016 in Baton Rouge: We pray for the end of racism



6 Feast of St. Maria Goretti patron of teenage girls: we pray for the safety and wellbeing of teenage girls

Dalai Lama born in 1932: We pray for tolerance among different religious believers



7 Sandra Day O'Connor, 1st woman Supreme Court Judge (1981)

Missioner Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, born in 1932: We pray for women judges and activists for indigenous peoples rights

8 Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all stages, recognizing it as a gift from God: Pope Leo XIV Monthly Intention

Celebrate Day of Hope



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"Hope always makes way for a new start"

9 Feast of St. Augustine Zhao Rong 120 companions & martyrs: We pray for the Church in China

10 We pray for the end of the death penalty and the repose of the souls of Leroy McGill, Richard Knight, Andrew Richard Lukehart executed in the USA



International Day of Hope (UN)

11 Feast of St. Benedict World Population Day (UN): Population (6/16/26)

8,297,824,823 people

Srebrenica Memorial Day (8372 Muslims martyred in 1992-1995): We pray for the end of genocides in Somalia, Yemen, Myanmar, Chad, Pakistan, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia



12 Malala Yousufzai born in 1997 (Pakistani Woman Advocate 2014 Youngest Nobel Peace Prize Awardee)

David Thoreau born in 1817 (Naturalist and Pacifist): We pray with gratitude for peacemakers and justice seekers



- 13 **International Day for Combatting Sand and Dust Storms (UN)**
Feast of St. Teresa de los Andes: We pray for the people of South America



#Blacklivesmatter founded online by **Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi** in 2013 in response to the murder of **Trayvon Martin**: We pray for the end of racism and violence in our communities

- 14 **Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha:** We pray with gratitude for the contribution of the Native Americans to the USA Culture and Society and the end of racial intolerance

We pray for Dennis Socher scheduled for execution in Florida, the Victims and their families

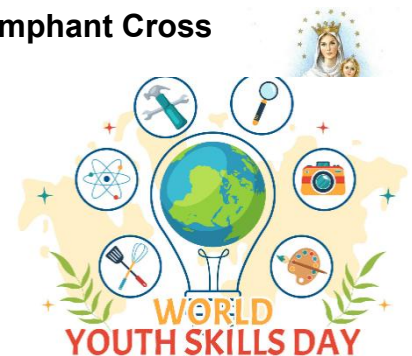
- 15 **Feast of St. Bonaventure**

World Youth Skills Day (UN): We pray for Franciscans and that the World's Youth learn skills that help them for a lifetime



- 16 **Feasts of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of the Triumphant Cross (Philippines):** We pray for the people of the Philippines especially those recovering from natural disasters

First Atomic Bomb Test in 1945: We pray for the end of nuclear weapons



- 17 **Civil rights leaders Rep. John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian died in 2020:** We pray for the end of racism and for any unjust voter restrictions
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- 18 **Feast of St. Camillus**



Nelson Mandela Day (UN): A day dedicated to serve the community especially in the area of social justice. Send that message to your Congressperson on an issue important to you today. We pray for the safety and well being of health providers, first responders, researchers, caregivers and victims of the Ebola virus in Central Africa

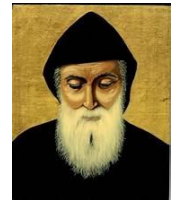
19 **First Women's Rights Convention in 1848:** We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Society and Church

Aurora CO shooting in 2012: (12 killed 70 injured) We pray for the end of gun violence in our communities



20 **World Chess Day (UN)**

International Moon Day (UN): Thank you God for all of creation and for those who enable us to learn more about creation with their flights in space

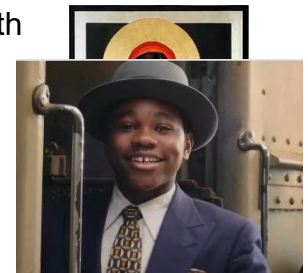


21 We pray for the safety and well being of immigrants, refugees and migrants

22 **Feast of St. gratitude for the Church and**



Mary of Magdala: We pray with women in leadership roles in Religious communities



23 **Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden:** We pray for healing in the Church

24 **Feast of St. Sharbel Makhoul, Mystic of Lebanon:** We pray for peace in Lebanon

25 **Feast of St. Christopher and St. James Apostle**

Drowning Prevention Awareness Day (UN)

Emmett Till Born in 1941 lynched in 1955 in MS

We pray for the safety of travelers and swimmers and the



end of racism



26 **Feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim:** We pray for Grandparents and the Elderly, especially those caring for their grandchildren

World Day of Grandparents and Elderly (VA) - Theme: " I will never

forget you" IS 49:15

American Disabilities Act becomes Law in 1990

National Disability Independence Day (USA): We pray for those with disabilities and their loved ones

27 **National Korean War Veterans Day (USA):** We pray for victims of all wars and conflicts



28 We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those seeking elected office in the USA

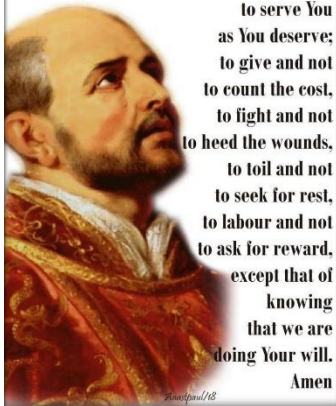
29 **Feast of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus:** We pray for peace and love among family members

30 **World Day of Friendship (UN):** We pray with gratitude for the friends in our lives.

World Day Against the Trafficking of Persons (UN): Wear Blue in support of the Campaign. We pray for the end of Human Trafficking.



Teach us, Good Lord
By St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)



Teach us, good Lord,
to serve You
as You deserve;
to give and not
to count the cost,
to fight and not
to heed the wounds,
to toil and not
to seek for rest,
to labour and not
to ask for reward,
except that of
knowing
that we are
doing Your will.
Amen

31 **Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola:** We pray for Jesuits, Students, Theologians, Spiritual Directors

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