

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

August 2026

Awareness months celebrated in August – National Immunization Awareness Month, Don't Be a Bully Month, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month, National Road Victim Month, and World Cancer Support Month.

1 Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jamaican Emancipation Day (1834)



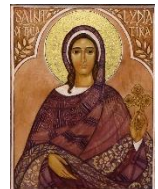
We pray for the Redemptorists, Moral Theologians, and the People of Jamaica



1 - 6 World Breastfeeding Week (WHO): We pray that all nursing mothers and infants are well nourished

2 We pray for peace in Iran, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza

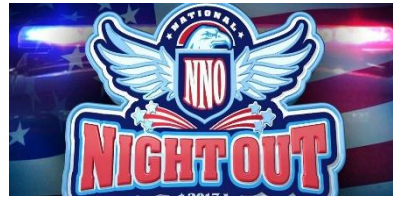
3 Feast of St. Lydia, Deacon: We pray for those women in leadership roles in Church and Society



4 Feast of St John Vianney, Patron of Priests: We pray for all priests especially those in the underground Church in China and in Nicaragua and Nigeria

5 National Night Out Against Crime (USA):

We pray for peace in our communities



6 Feast of the Transfiguration and Our Lady of Copacabana (Argentina)

Hiroshima Day

Pope Paul VI died in 1978



We Pray for a Nuclear Free world

7 1st Friday Pray and Act Against the Death Penalty (CMN): We pray for the end of the death penalty

8 Feast of St. Dominic: We pray for the Dominicans

Unite & Rise for Voting Rights, League of Women Voters Campaign on Act on the Freedom to Vote (Call Your Congresspersons): We pray for elimination of unjust voting rights restrictions in the USA elections



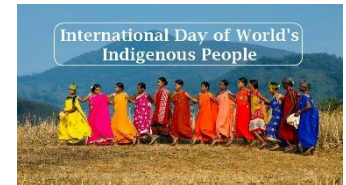
9 Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) martyred in 1942 - “those who remain silent are responsible”

Blessed Franz Jagerstatter
Conscientious Objector martyred in 1943



Nagasaki Day (1945): We pray for the end of hate groups

International Day of the Indigenous People (UN): We pray for the 476 million Indigenous people in 90 countries and pray with gratitude for their contributions to our world



10 We pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Socher, executed in the USA last month

11 Feast of St. Clare: We pray for the Poor Clares and Franciscans, We pray for the grace to live a simple lifestyle and to give up those practices which contribute to the degradation of the earth



**11 - 14 LCWR 70th Anniversary Event Theme: Many Charisms
One Spirit, One Call, Orlando FL**

12 Feast of St. Jane Francis de Chantal

International Youth Day (UN): We pray for the 1.2 billion 15-24-year-olds of the World and for the Ursulines Sisters



13 Buddhist Feast of Obon honors one's ancestors

We pray for Anthony Darrell Hines in Texas, Carlos Cuesta Rodriques in Oklahoma, Jeremy Williams in Alabama, scheduled for execution, their victims and their families



Florence Nightingale died in 1890: We pray for nurses and first responders

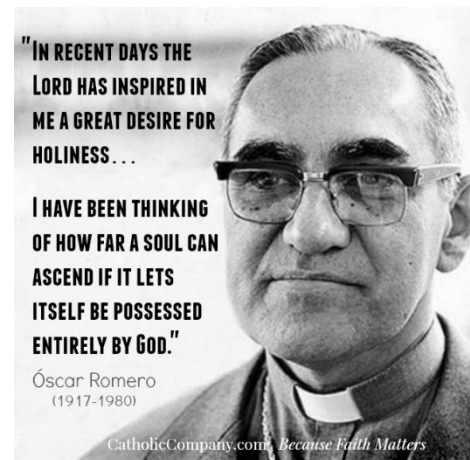
14 Feast of St. Maximillian Kolbe, martyred in 1945

FDR signs Social Security Act in 1935: We pray for the recipients of Social Security and for its future viability

15 Feast of the Assumption (non-Holy Day)

St. Archbishop Oscar Romero born in 1917

India's nonviolent Independence in 1947: We pray for the people of Central America and India



16 Feast of St. Stephen of Hungary: We pray for peace in Ukraine and nearby Slavic Nations

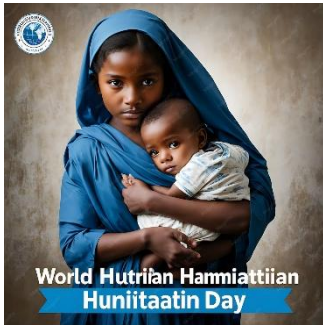
Hindu Feast of Janmashtami, Birth of Krishna: We pray for tolerance among differing religious believers

17 Pope Leo XIV Monthly Intention: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the gospel, discovering creative paths to build community

18 Feast of St. Alberto Hurtado of Chile: We pray for the people of South America, Especially Chile

We pray for the homeless of the World and for the people who minister to them

19 World Humanitarian Day (UN): We pray for greater unity among nations and communities



20 Feast of St. Bernard (worker for those who are poor)

Angela, an African Slave arrives from Angola to Jamestown, Virginia in 1619: We pray for the end of racism

21 Feast of St. Pope Pius X

International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism (UN): We pray for the end of terror attacks

22 Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Eight Witches are hung in Salem in 1628

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religious Beliefs (UN)

We pray for the victims of religious persecution and their loved ones, especially those unjustly imprisoned

- 23 **Feast of St. Rose of Lima:** We pray for the people of Peru and the Philippines



International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolishment (UN): We pray for the end of Human Trafficking

- 24 **Feast of St. Bartholomew:** We pray for the safety and well being of immigrants, migrants and refugees
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- 25 **Feast of St. Joseph Calasanaz:** We pray for educators, students, staff as they begin a new school year
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- 26 **Women's Equality Day (USA)**



Adoption of the 19th

Amendment: We pray that USA citizens have the freedom to vote without unjust restrictions or intimidation

- 27 Feast of St. Monica:** We pray for mothers concerned about their children, especially children who are addicted or have behavior health problems



World Lake Day (UN): We pray with gratitude for our lakes

28 Feast of St. Augustine

1963 March on Washington and M.L. King, Jr. “I Have a Dream” Speech: We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those working for peace and justice

- 29 Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist**

Katrina Hurricane in 2005



International Day Against Nuclear Tests (UN)

We pray for the victims of natural disasters and for the end of nuclear weapons

- 30 International Day for Victims of Enforced Disappearance (UN):** We pray for the recovery of the victims and for their loved ones who await their appearance and wellbeing
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- 31 International Day for People of African Descent (UN):** We pray for the safety and wellbeing of the people of Africa and the end of all conflicts

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