

# MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

October 2026

*Respect Life Month (USCCB)*

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month (USA)*

*National Bullying Prevention Month*

*Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month (USCCB)*



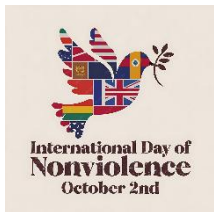
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## 1 Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

**International Day of the Older Person (UN):** we pray that every elderly person receives the care needed to live a healthy and happy life

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## 2 Feast of the Guardians Angels



**International Day of**

**Nonviolence (UN)**

**First Friday to Pray and Act Against the death Penalty (CMN)**

We pray for peace in our communities

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## 3 Jewish Feast of Simchat Torah: we pray for peace in Israel and the end of antisemitism

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## 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

**End of Season of Creation**

**Respect Life Sunday Theme:** Mary, Mother of Life, we pray for comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children

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## 4 - 10 World Space Week: we pray for continued cooperation among countries relating to the exploration of space and development of space technology for peace not war

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## 5 Feast of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, CSsR German Immigrant, Spiritual Director in Pittsburgh: we pray for spiritual directors, teachers, children who are sick

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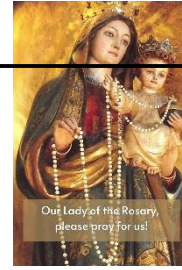
- 6 **Feasts of Bl. Marie Rose Durocher SNJM:** We pray for those who carry on the charism of Bl. Marie to the education of low-income children

**World Habitat Day (UN):** We pray for housing for the homeless.

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7 **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

We pray for those on death row and James Howard scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims and their families



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- 8 **Pope Leo Intention:** Let us pray that the Mental Health Ministry be established throughout the Church helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses

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- 9 Let us pray for the end of domestic violence and the protection of victims of domestic violence

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- 10 **World Mental Health Day (UN) Theme: Lived experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change:** we pray for those with mental health illnesses, their caretakers and loved ones.

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11 **Feast of St. Pope John XIII**



**National Coming Out Day:** we pray for the end of Homophobia

**Hindu Festival of Navratri Begins:** we pray for tolerance among members of different religions

**International Day of the Girl Child (UN):** we pray for equal rights to education for girls

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12 **Indigenous People Day**

**Columbus Day**

**World Migratory Bird Day (UN)**

We pray for Native Americans with gratitude for their contributions to the USA Society and culture

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- 13 **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction Day (UN):** we pray for the recovery of those countries and states experiencing natural disasters-wildfires, flooding, earthquakes
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14 We pray for the end of the death Penalty and for William Francis Silvia Jr. scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim and their families

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15 **Feast of St. Teresa of Avila**

**International Day of Rural Women (UN):** we pray with gratitude for the contributions of women in society, especially rural women

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16 **Feast of St. Hedwig and St Margaret Mary**

**World Food Day (UN) Theme: Innovate Today, Nourish Tomorrow:**  
we pray for those who are hungry and the will to aid them



17 **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN):** we pray for the 3.5 Billion worldwide who live on less than \$6.85 daily

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18 **World Mission Sunday Theme: One In Christ, United In Mission 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI:** we pray for one another and all missionaries

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19 **Feast of the North American Martyrs:** we pray for the victims of violence and bullying

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20 **Feast of St. Paul of the Cross:** we pray for the Passionists and the frail elderly

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21 We pray for the repose of the souls of Harold Gene Lucas, Daniel Owen Conahan Jr. executed in the USA last month

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22 **Feast of St. Pope John Paul II:** we pray for those families who have lost mothers and infants

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23 We pray for immigrants, migrants and refugees especially those deported to strange countries or held in detention camps

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24 **United Nations Day (UN):** we pray that the work of the UN promotes Peace and Justice

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24 - 30 **Disarmament Week (UN):** we pray for the end of all world conflicts

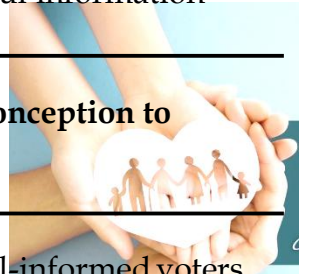
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**24 - 31 Global Media and Information Week (UN):** we pray for accurate & truthful information

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**25 In this Respect Life Month:** we pray that **Human Life is respected from conception to the moment of natural death**

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**26** We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those seeking public office and well-informed voters

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**27 Anniversary of the mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh (2018):** we pray for the end of violence in our communities and acts of hate to our Jewish friends

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**28 Feasts of St. Simon and Jude:** we pray for the end of racism

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**29 International Day of Care and Support (UN):** We pray with gratitude for those who labor to care for family members and others.

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**30 World Day of Education (UN):** we pray for teachers, students, staff and parents

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**31 Halloween**

**World Cities Day (UN)**

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of children as they trick or treat

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