



Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

November 2015

1 **All Saints Day** * We pray in gratitude for peace makers and justice seekers in the world.

2 **All Souls Day** (Dia de Los Muertos) * We pray for all those peace makers and justice seekers who have died during the past year.
International Day to End Impunity for crimes against Journalists (UNESCO) *
We pray for the 593 journalists murdered during the past several years.



3 **St. Martin de Porres** – Servant of the poor and sick, especially the forgotten Black population of his day.
USA Election Day - We pray for the Spirit’s guidance in selecting government officials who will seek the common good.
We pray for Ernest Lee Johnson, scheduled for execution in Missouri, the victim and the families affected.

4 We pray for all those recovering from natural disasters especially in the Philippines, Mexico, and the USA.

5 We pray “that the pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks may accompany them and enliven their hope.” (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)

6 International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflicts * We pray for peace in the world and for the will of governments to restore the environment harmed by violence.

7-13 ***World Kindness Week** (UN) * Be Kind to all you meet this week.

7 Albert Camus (b. 1913) Nobel Prize winner, moral voice of the 1950s * Camus once said, “*Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better.*”



8 **Dorothy Day** (b. 1897) - co-founder with Peter Maurin of the Catholic Worker Movement * For all those who still live the spirit of the Catholic Worker Movement.

9 The Berlin Wall Came Down (1989) * What walls do I erect toward those who are different from me and think and act unlike I do?



10 **Martin Luther** (b. 1483) * We pray for all those who seek to reform the Church in all that which needs to be changed.

We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Gilmar Guevara scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim and the affected families.



11 **Veterans Day in USA** * We pray for those who are serving and have served their country, especially those who are being sent to Afghanistan at this time.

12 Elizabeth Cody Stanton (b. 1815) - Social Activist, Abolitionist, and early leader in the Women's Rights Movement * We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in society and church.

13 **St. Francis Xavier Cabrini** - Immigrant to the US, educator of the underprivileged

We pray for present day immigrants and refugees especially those in detention camps and prisons,



NOV 14-20 National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

14 We pray for the safety and well-being of the more than 633,782 persons who are homeless tonight.



November 15-21 National Bible Week

“The Book of the Family” the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (USCCB)

15 *America Recycles Day* * Celebrate by recycling one item today * We pray for the courage and perseverance to find ways to conserve earth's resources.

November 16-20 USCCB meets in Baltimore for their Fall Assembly

We pray for the Spirit's guidance on the decisions that are made by the Bishops at this meeting.

16 **Six Jesuits & Cecilia and Julia Ramos** - martyred in El Salvador (1989) * We pray for a greater understanding and acceptance of those we see as different, especially those who suffer because of their religious beliefs.

17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** * We pray for those who serve the most vulnerable in the world.





18 Jacques Maritain (b. 1882) – Philosopher, prominent drafter of the Universal Declaration of Human Life * We pray that the rights of all peoples will be respected.

We pray for those on death row, especially Raphael Holiday scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and the affected families.

19 *Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence* (Puerto Rico) * We pray for the people of Puerto Rico during this time of economic crisis and drought conditions.



20 Universal Children’s Day (UN) * We pray that every child has what is necessary to reach their potential for growth and development.

**NOV 20-22 Rally and Vigil at the Gates of Fort Benning
to protest the existence of the School of the Americas**

We pray for the safety of participants and the success of the SOA Gathering.

21 *Presentation of Mary in the Temple* * We pray for all women, especially for mothers with children with special needs.
International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (U.S. Congress) * We pray for those who have lost a loved one due to suicide.

22 *Feast of Christ the King* (also of **St. Cecilia**) - martyr and lover of music)
National Stop the Violence Day * We pray for the safety of all those in violence generating relationships.
John Kennedy assassinated (1963)

23 **Feast of Abbot Miguel Pro**
We pray for the repose of the souls of Licho Escamilla, Juan Garcia, Alfredo Prieto and Kelly Gissendaner executed last month in the USA.

24 **Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lee and companions, martyrs.** We pray for those who are persecuted for their religious beliefs, especially in China, Iraq, and Nigeria.



25 *St. John XXIII* (b. 1881) - called forth the reforms promulgated by the Vatican II Council 8 We pray in thanksgiving for his foresight.

NOV 25-DEC 10 16 Days of Actions against Gender Biased Violence
“From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education safe for all.
We pray for the 65 million children who can’t go to school.

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We pray in gratitude for all that God has given to us, especially the gift of life in a dynamic Universe.

Sojourner Truth, feminist and abolitionist (b. 1790)

27 **National Buy Nothing Day.**

We pray that Congress passes a budget which provides for those in need.

28 First Women's Ordination Conference in Detroit (1975) * We pray for the inclusion of women in the ordained ministry of the Church. We pray in gratitude for the women in leadership roles in the Church and religious communities



29 *First Sunday of Advent*

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People * We pray for the resolution of the crisis between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

30 Etty Hillesum - mystic, writer, and victim of the Holocaust (1943) * We pray in gratitude for those who give us hope through their writings.

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously.

*And because all things
have contributed to your advancement,
you should include all things in your gratitude.”*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson