



Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

October 2015

Respect Life Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



- 1 **St. Therese of Lisieux** * Patron of Missionaries and persons with HIV/Aids

International Day of Older Persons * We pray that older persons may have the respect and care they need to live a full life.

For the end of the death penalty and for Alfredo Prieto, a foreign national scheduled to be executed in Virginia, the victim, and the affected families

- 2 **Feast of the Guardian Angels**

Gandhi (b.1869) – Promoter and Teacher of Nonviolence

International Day of Nonviolence (UN) * We pray for peace in the World especially in the Middle East.

- 3 We pray “That Catholics throughout the world bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.” Respect Life Intention

“*In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.*” Abraham Lincoln

- 4 **Respect Life Sunday** - “Every Life is Worth Living”



St. Francis of Assisi * We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of creation and the will to conserve it for future generations.

- 5 World Teachers Day (UN)/ Child Health Day (UN)/World Habitat Day (UN) * We pray in gratitude for all teachers; we pray that all children will have health care when they need it; and we pray for those who work to provide housing for those without homes.

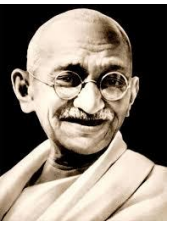
- 6 **Fannie Lou Hamer** - Voting Rights Activist, Civil Rights Leader * We pray for all persons working for the rights of others.

For all those on death row, especially Kimber Edwards in Missouri and Juan Garcia in Texas, scheduled for execution, the victims, and the affected families.

- 7 **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** (b. 1931-) Tutu once said, “*Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.*”



We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Benjamin Cole scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, the victim, and the families affected.



8 **Mahatma Gandhi** once said, “*Non-violence requires a double faith, faith in God and also faith in humanity.*”

We pray for all those who are vulnerable, especially unborn children, persons with disabilities, and those who are poor, elderly, or suffering from illness.
(Respect Life Intention)

9 **Roger Williams**, religious dissident, banished from Mass Bay Colony (1635) * We pray for religious tolerance around the world, especially in the Middle East.

10 World Mental Health Day UN)/ World Homeless Day (UN)/ International Day for Abolition of the Death Penalty (UN) - We pray that persons suffering with behavioral health issues will be given the care they need and treated with dignity; for all those without adequate shelter, especially refugees; and for those sentenced to death and the end of the death penalty worldwide.

11 International Day of the Girl Child (UN) - 2015 theme: “The Power of the Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030” [On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted *Resolution 66/170* to declare 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognize girls’ rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.] * We pray that all adolescent girls may have safe, educated, and healthy lives.

Eleanor Roosevelt (b. 1884), author of the UN’s *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.
“It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.” -- Eleanor Roosevelt

12 Columbus Day (Observed)/Indigenous People Day * We pray for the Indigenous People of the America.
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)



13 Islamic New Year (Date may vary) * We pray for peace among Muslims and Christians, especially in Iraq

14 International Day for Disaster Reduction * For all those recovering from disasters. We pray for those on death row, especially Licho Escarmilla scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and the affected families.



15 **St. Teresa of Avila** - Doctor of the Church; Parton of chess players, persons with multiple body ills, persons ridiculed for their faith.

International Day of Rural Women (UN) * We pray in gratitude for the women who work on the land to provide for their families.

16 **World Food Day (UN)** Theme: “Social Protection and Agriculture: Breaking the cycle of rural poverty.” * We pray for all those who hunger and thirst.

- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN) * We pray that governments will work together to achieve the 2030 Sustainability Goals and end poverty for 800 million people.



- 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist** * Writer of the Gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles * We pray for all those who bring the word of God to us.

World Mission Sunday - 2015 Theme: “One Eucharistic Celebration for the entire World” For missionaries and the people they serve throughout the world.

- 19 **John Woolman**, Quaker (b. 1720) - Advocated against economic injustices & oppression, also slavery & cruelty to animals * We pray for all those advocating for these same issues today.



- 20 We pray for the repose of the souls of those who were executed last month, especially Roderick Nunley in the U.S. and the Iraqi Children by ISIS.
“Capital punishment is as fundamentally wrong as a cure for crime as charity is wrong as a cure for poverty.” --- Henry Ford

- 21 We pray for all those on death row, especially Bruce Earl Ward and Don William Davis scheduled for execution in Arizona, the victims, and the families affected.

- 22 We pray for women, who are victims of domestic violence.
“In America it is reported in some sources that there were more domestic violence related murders in the home than the 58,000 Americans soldiers killed in the entire Vietnam War.” –Sara Niles

- 23 We pray in gratitude for the contributions of Black Catholics to the USA Church



- 24 United Nations Day (1945 Charter) * We pray that government leaders will work to bring about changes that reduce our consumption of natural resources and reduce our effect on climate change.

- 25 **Priesthood Sunday** * We pray in gratitude for the faith filled, gospel inspired priests in our World.

- 26 **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**, Suffragette (b. 1815) * We pray for an increase of women serving in leadership roles in Church and Society,

- 27 Mix It Up At Lunch Day: Teaching Tolerance * We pray that the Youth of our world will work to live in a world that accepts those who may be different whether, race, religion, sex, disability.

28 We pray for “women who are unexpectedly pregnant and filled with anxiety that the Blessed Mother help them to know they are not alone,” (Respect Life Intention)
“Having children is one of the most passionate and involving bits of business in human life.” --- Siri Hustvedt

We pray for John Grant in Oklahoma, and Christopher Williams in Texas scheduled for execution, the victims, and the families affected.

29 We pray for all immigrants, migrants, and refugees that they may find a welcoming country.

30 We pray “that with a missionary spirit the Christian Communities of Asia may announce the gospel to those who are still waiting for it.” (Pope Francis Monthly Intention)



31 **Halloween** * We pray that this be a day of creative fun and safety for all children.

“I believe in the truth of all those sublime ideas that are stirring the world to its depths today...and I love the age in which we live for is mighty wrestling with them, however far it is from attaining.”

(Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler)