

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar

May 2015

Vision Statement for May:

We Will Generously Share Even in the Midst of Scarcity

- 1 St. Joseph the Worker * We pray that all workers receive adequate compensation for their labor. *Vision: "We will share even in the midst of scarcity."*
Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (b. 1881) - Chardin once said: "The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope."
- 2 National Day of Action to End Family Detention in Dilley, Texas * We pray for the success of the Dilley Action and for all immigrants in detention camps.
- 3 Sts. Philip and James – Apostles/Evangelists * That we may spread the message of Jesus to all we meet each day and 'sometimes use words'.
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Rodney Berget scheduled for execution in South Dakota, the victim, and the affected families.
Peace Pastoral published (1983)
- 4 Horace Mann (b.1796) – Educational Reformer, considered the Father of Public Schools * For all the teachers who have enabled us to be the best we can be.
Kent State Massacre (1970) * We pray for the conversion of those contemplating acts of violence.
- 5 Cinco De Mayo * We pray for the people of Mexico and the end of the violence at the U.S and Mexican border.
- 6 We pray for the Christians who are being persecuted especially in Libya, Iraq, and wherever ISIS is present.
- 7 U.S. National Day of Prayer Theme: "Lord, Hear Our Cry!" "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." (1Kings 8:28) We pray that "you renew our spirits, revive our churches and heal our land".
- 8 Daniel Berrigan, SJ (b. 1921) * We pray for all peacemakers in the world.
World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day * For all volunteers with the Red Cross/Red Crescent. Vision Statement "We will share even in the midst of scarcity."
- 9 Peter Maurin (b. 1877) * Founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Dorothy Day - "*What we give to the poor for Christ's sake, is what we carry with us when we die.*" -- Peter Maurin
We pray for the repose of the souls of the immigrants lost at sea in the Mediterranean Sea. We pray for their loved ones and for an end of the oppression of immigrants worldwide. Vision Statement "We will share even in the midst of scarcity."
- 10 Mothers Day * For all mothers throughout the world, especially those who have lost their children due to war and oppression. Vision Statement "We will share even in the midst of scarcity."
- 11 Martha Graham (b. 1894) – Dancer, choreographer * For all those who bring beauty to the world through their dancing.

- 12 Florence Nightingale(b. 1820) * We pray for health professionals who care for those in greatest need of loving health care. Vision Statement “We will share even in the midst of scarcity.” We pray for those on death row, especially Derrick Charles (TX) and Kimber Edwards (MO) scheduled for execution, the victims and the affected families.
- 13 Blessed Julian of Norwich * We pray for the attitude “ that all shall be well “and for those who have lost the hope that only God can give.
- 14 Ascension of Jesus into Heaven * We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East and in Africa
- 15 Sts. Isidore and Maria de la Cabeza, Farmers * We pray for all those who work to bring food for the world.
- 16 We pray “that by rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor” (Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention)
- 17 World Communications Day * We pray for journalist, Jason Rezia, imprisoned in Iran and for all journalists who report in lands of danger.
Segregation ends in US Brown vs. Board of Education (1954) * We pray for the end of Racism.
- 18 We pray for the repose of the souls of Kent Sprouse, Andre Cole, Manual Garza executed last month in the USA.
- 19 We pray “that Mary’s intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus” Pope Francis Monthly Intention
- 20 Franz Jagerstatter (b.1907) * martyr and conscientious objector * We pray for conscientious objectors and those who work for peace.
- 21 Christian de Cherge & companions, martyrs for the faith in Algeria (1996). We pray for understanding among Christians and Muslims.
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development * That governments work together to bring about a greater appreciation of cultural diversity, particularly with indigenous peoples.
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity * We pray that governments work together to ensure the preservation of the biological diversity on Earth.
- 23 Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero (2015) – martyr, advocate for the poor * We pray for the peoples of Central America and all those working to bring about justice and peace.
“This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.” --- Oscar Romero
- 24 Pentecost Sunday * We pray for the Spirit’s guidance on the leaders of the world.
Day of prayer for the Catholic Church in China
- 25 St. Padre Pio (b. 1887) – Mystic, Capuchin priest, Patron of Adolescents, Stress relief, and ‘January Blues’ (the latter obviously for those in the Northern Hemisphere) Memorial Day * We pray for all those who have died in the numerous wars in which the U.S. has participated.

- 26 Senate passes voting rights bill (1965) * We pray that all Americans will have the freedom to vote without impediments and will use that right to vote for the common good.
Rachel Carson (b. 1907) * We pray in gratitude for those who work to conserve the Earth’s resources.
- 27 We pray that all countries will welcome refugees, immigrants and migrants and work to end the wars, climate change, poverty that is the cause of these migrations.
- 28 Amnesty International founded (1901) * We pray for all those who are imprisoned because of political or religious beliefs.
We pray that the elderly may have the care and resources necessary to live a full life.
- 29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers * We pray for the safety of the UN Peacekeepers and in gratitude for their work in keeping the peace.
G.K. Chesterton (b.1874) – Novelist, Poet, Essayist. Chesterton once said, “*When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude*”
- 30 St. Joan of Arc – Martyr * We pray for women leaders in society, church, and religious communities. “*One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it.*” -- Joan of Arc
- 31 Trinity Sunday & The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth * We pray for all caregivers in the world.
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“There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature
– the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter”

– Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*