

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar July 2010

- 1 Blessed. Junipero Serra * For the indigenous peoples of the Americas.
For all those on death row, especially Michael Perry scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims, and their families.
- 2 Civil Rights Act becomes law in the U.S. (1964) We pray for all those who are victims of hate and discrimination because of their race, gender, age, and beliefs.
- 3 St. Thomas. Apostle * We pray for the people of India, especially for the Christians who are persecuted because of their beliefs.
- 4 Independence Day * We pray that all Americans celebrate their “freedoms” by recognizing their *Interdependence* with all peoples and Earth. Feast of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, peacemaker.
- 5 International Day of Cooperatives We pray for the success of cooperatives around the world as they improved the livelihood for many to support their families.
26th Amendment to the Constitution adopted – Lowers voting age from 21 to 18.
- 6 St. Maria Goretti (d. 1902) We pray for teenage girls, especially for those who are victims of abuse and human trafficking.
- 7 We pray that the campaign to identify, prevent, and protect victims of human trafficking during the World Cup Championship in Johannesburg, South Africa is successful and that future sporting events campaigns are also successful.
- 8 We pray that the interethnic violence in Kyrgyzstan is resolve and peace and justice is restore to all the people.
- 9 St. Augustine Zhgo Rong and companion martyrs We pray that the underground Church in China continues to be a witness to truth, faith and hope.
- 10 We pray for all those who are prisoners because they are witness to the truth, especially Nancy Gwin in Connecticut who witnessed to the violence of the School of the Americas last November.
- 11 St. Benedict * We pray for Benedictines throughout the world
World Population Day * We pray for the 6,827,898,955 people of the World.
- 12 St. Therese de Los Andes We pray for the peoples of Latin America.
Henry David Thoreau (b. 1817) – Pioneer of the nonviolence movement
- 13 For all those on death row, especially William Garner who is scheduled for execution in Ohio, the victims, and their families.
- 14 Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha * We pray for the indigenous peoples of the world, that they are treated with respect and in a just manner.
- 15 We pray that the BP Corporation and the government work unceasingly to reclaim the environment and provide for the needs of all those effected by this disaster.
- 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel * That Mary will intercede to bring peace in our world.

- 17 We pray for all political prisoners, especially Kenneth Haynes who is imprisoned in Texas because of witnessing to the violence of the School of Americas last November.
- 18 Nelson Mandela (b. 1918) * We pray for all peacemakers especially Father Louis Vitale imprisoned in California for witnessing to the violence of the School of Americas last November.
- 19 First U.S. Women's Rights Convention, Seneca Falls, NY (1848) We pray all women in leadership roles, especially those in elected office be guided by justice and the common good.
- 20 We pray for the end of the death penalty and especially for Derrick Jackson scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and their families.
- 21 First Human walks on the Moon (1969) * We pray for peace in the World, especially in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gaza.
- 22 St. Mary Magdalen * Apostle to the Apostles * We pray in gratitude for those women in leadership roles in the Church and Religious Communities and those working for a more inclusive role for women in the Church.
- 23 St. Bridget of Sweden, Servant of the poor, reformer. * We pray in gratitude for all reformers and those who challenge the "status quo" to bring about peace and justice.
- 24 Amelia Earhart (b.1897) * First women aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, also a noted author.
- 25 We pray for the repose of the souls of Gerald Holland, Darick Walker, Michael Beuke, Rogello Cannady, Kevin Varga, Billy Gallaway, Paul Woodward, John Parker, Melbert Ford, George Jones, Thomas Whisehant, John Alba, Ronnie Gardner all executed in the past two months.
- 26 Sts. Anne and Joachim * We pray for all grandparents, especially those providing total care of their grandchildren.
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) becomes law. (1990) Millions celebrate *Ramps* not *Bombs*.
- 27 We pray for all prisoners of conscience, especially Michael Walli, released from prison after serving time because of his witness to the violence of the School of Americas.
- 28 We pray for all Immigrants, especially those who may be harmed by the enforcement of the Arizona Law and we pray that the punitive state laws on Immigration be rescinded.
- 29 St Martha of Bethany * friend and strong believer in Jesus
California's largest grape growers sign contracts (1970) with United Farm Workers (UFW) after years of struggle and Grape Boycott.
- 30 That congress will pass legislation that will encourage conservation of resources and practices which will mitigate climate change.
- 31 That the World's governments will work together to achieve the U.N. Millennium Goals by 2015
* Anyone wishing to know about the U.N. Millennium Goals are can contact Sr. Betty Sundry in the Social Concerns Office.)