

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar
March 2010

- 1 International Day for the Abolition of the Death Penalty *We pray for the end of the Death penalty in the 12 countries of the world who use it.
- 2 Theodor Geisel -Dr. Seuss (b. 1904) *For all authors who have delighted children over the years. Pray for all those on death row, especially Michael Sigala, scheduled for execution in Texas for the victim and for the families affected.
- 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who work with Native Americans and African Americans *For all those who experience discrimination especially the Native Americans and African Americans.
- 4 Jeannette Rankin *Peace activist and the first woman senator in 1917, elected again in 1940. Voted against war for both World War I and World War II.
- 5 International Treaty on Non-Nuclear Weapons *Pray that the governments of the world will work together to destroy all nuclear weapons and their production.
- 6 We pray for the end of all the dozen or so conflicts around the world, especially those that dispute ownership of lands.
- 7 **Third Sunday of Lent**
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, North African martyrs. *We pray for all women who work to end discrimination in our world. Selma to Montgomery, AL civil rights march begins (1965)
- 8 International Women's Day *In gratitude for the contributions of the more than 3.6 Billion women to our world, that they may all experience true gender equality
Theme: "Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all"
- 9 We pray for all those recovering from natural disasters especially the people of Haiti.
Pray for Lawrence Reynolds who is scheduled for execution in Ohio, for the victim, and the families affected.
- 10 Harriet Tubman (d. 1913) *Leader of the Underground Railroad
For the repose of the souls of Ali Hassan Majid executed in Iraq and the 180,000 Kurds whose deaths he caused.
- 11 We pray for Joshua Maxwell scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the families affected.
- 12 Gandhi began the Salt March to the Sea to protest the British tax on salt.
- 13 Pax Christi International founded in France (1945) *We pray for all peacemakers and justice seekers.
- 14 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Albert Einstein (b. 1897) *We pray for all immigrants seeking "a new way of life" and remember the 9 migrants who died in the Arizona desert this winter from hypothermia.
Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 15 For all political prisoners, especially the "School of the Americas (SOA) 4" we pray.

- 16 War Resisters International founded (1921)
Pray for Jack Harold Jones scheduled for execution in Arkansas, the victim, and the families.
- 17 Feast of St. Patrick *We pray that the people of Northern Ireland continue to live in Peace and be a model for other countries suffering internal divisions.
- 18 Police evict women clerks occupying Woolworth's Department Store who were demanding a 40-hour work week in New York City. (1937)
For the end of the death penalty in the U.S.A. and for Paul Warner Powell scheduled for execution in Virginia, the victim, and the families.
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph
Start of the Iraq War in 2003 *We pray for the 4377 U.S. soldiers killed, the 31,639 severely wounded, the 100,000 Iraqi killed and 3 million Iraqi refugees caused by the war.
- 20 World Day of Social Justice * Pray for the success of the March on Washington to end of Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Spring Begins
- 21 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
March and Advocacy for Comprehensive Immigration Reform in Washington. *We pray for the end of racial discrimination and for a comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.
- 22 World Day of Water *We pray for the 1 billion people who lack clean drinking water and the 2.6 Billion people who lack access to basic sanitation.
- 23 World Meteorological Day *We pray in gratitude for all of Creation and the will to conserve our natural resources worldwide.
- 24 Bishop Oscar Romero martyred in 1980. For all those who work to bring peace and justice to Central America.
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord *We pray that all women might emulate Mary in responding to the call from God with a courageous "fiat".
- 26 International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. We pray for all victims of human trafficking and their families.
- 27 We pray that the Earth Hour will encourage people worldwide to conserve resources. Earth Hour 8:30-9:30 p.m. Lights are turned off around the world to remind us to conserve our natural resources.
- 28 **Palm Sunday**
Three Mile Island meltdown 1979 *We pray that all leaders of the world work to bring about peace and justice to all.
- 29 We pray for the repose of the souls of Gary Johnson and Mark Brown executed in February and for Viva Leroy Nash who died on death row at the age of 95 years after being a prisoner for eighty years of his life.
- 30 African American men gain the right to vote in the U.S. (1870)
Pray for Franklin Alix scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim, and the families affected.
- 31 Cesar Chavez (b.1927) *We pray that the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity taking in account the real needs of peoples.