

Peace and Justice Prayer Calendar
February 2012
African-American Heritage Month

- 1 St. Brigid of Kildare * Irish Abbess, founder of many monasteries.
We pray for Donald Newbury scheduled for execution in Texas, the Victim,
Officer Hawkins, and their families.
- January 29 – February 4**
*Catholic Schools Week * We pray for teachers, students, &staff.*
- 2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
For children who are victims of abuse, we pray.
Groundhog Day * Hopefully there will not be six more weeks of Winter.
- 3 St. Blaise * Martyr, Patron of persons with throat diseases,
Simone Weil (b. 1909) * Christian mystic, Social activist.
- 4 Rosa Parks (b. 1913) * Civil Rights leader, Peace Activist
In gratitude for the contributions of the 39.2 millions of African-Americans to the
USA
- 5 *World Day for Consecrated Life* * We pray in gratitude for those called to the
Consecrated Life.
We pray for women who are victims of human trafficking especially during the
Super Bowl Events.
- 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions
For those imprisoned because of their faith, especially the 3 bishops and 6 priests
of the underground church imprisoned in China - we pray for their release.
- 7 Dom Helder Camara (b. 1909) * Bishop of El Salvador, strong advocate for the
rights of the poor.
- 8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita(c. 1869 - 1947) was a Sudanese-born former slave
who became a Roman Catholic Canossian nun in Italy *
We pray for all those who are victims of human trafficking.
15th Amendment to the Constitution Ratified giving African American men the
right to vote(1870)
- 9 We pray that those seeking political office will campaign on issues which seek the
common good and engage in respectful debate with the opposition
- 10 St. Scholastica * We pray for all women religious, especially the Benedictines
throughout the world.
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick * We pray for those who aid the sick, especially those who
serve the homeless and those without insurance.

- 12 Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND, martyred 2005 * Advocate for the landless peasants and the Amazon Forest.
We pray for the indigenous people of the Amazon and other lands, that are struggling to protect their lands .
Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809) NAACP founded (1909)

February 13 - 19 *Random Acts of Kindness Week***

- 13 We pray that Congress will make budget decisions that will provide for the Common good. (Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 14 Valentine's Day
V-Day Stop Violence Against women Day * We pray for the end of violence against women. (Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 15 Galileo Galilei (b. 1564) * Inventor of the Astronomical Telescope, major role in Scientific Revolution
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Robert Waterhouse scheduled for execution in Florida, the victim Deborah, and their families. (Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 16 A Danish proverb reads, "*If there is room in the heart there is room in the house.*" Who is there that you have little room for at all?
We pray for the end of the death penalty and for Garry Allen scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, the victim,& their families. (Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 17 We pray for the end of Violence in Myanmar (Burma), Afghanistan
(Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 18 We pray for migrants, immigrants, and refugees, especially those in detention.
(Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 19 We pray for the unemployed, underemployed, and for their families.
(Do a random act of kindness!)**
- 20 Presidents Day
World Day of Social Justice We pray that "all barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, & culture will be removed"
- 21 Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
We pray for all those who have been victims of natural disasters, especially those affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005
- 22 Ash Wednesday * We pray that this Lent we become a more sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilled presence on the earth.
For Michael Webb scheduled for execution in Ohio, the victim Michael, his son, and the families involved.

- 23 W.E.B. Du Bois (b. 1869) * Poet, Writer, Educator once said, “The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.”
We pray that all children will have access to educational opportunities.
- 24 We pray that “peoples experiencing war and conflicts may be protagonists in the building of a future of peace”
- 25 Hiram Revels became first black Senator in 1870 * We pray that Congress will enact legislation that will benefit the common good.
- 26 First Sunday of Lent * May this holy season bring us closer to our God
People Power Day in the Philippines. We pray for the people of the Philippines especially those recovering from the recent natural disaster.
- 27 John Steinbeck (b. 1902) * Writer, Nobel Prize for Literature (1962)
We pray that “Migrant families, in particular mothers, may be sustained and accompanied in their difficulties.”
- 28 We pray for all those on death row, especially Anthony Bartos, scheduled for execution in Texas, the victim David, and their families.
- 29 We pray for George Rivas in Texas and Robert Moorman in Arizona scheduled for execution, the victims, and their families.