

DAYS OF PRAYER

Series 1





January 20-27, 2018

Please use and share this resource to engage positively with others and pray for those at risk from government policy choices.

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DAY: 1 SATURDAY JAN. 20	Today we pray for children and young adults who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in danger of being deported from the only country they have known as home.
DAY: 2 SUNDAY JAN. 21	Today we pray that our political leaders work together to plan solutions to transition to clean and renewable energy, reduce pollution, and vow to implement our country's commitment to stay in the Paris Agreement.
DAY: 3 MONDAY JAN. 22	Today we pray that the recent tax laws passed nationwide be modified to protect the poor, elderly, and sick, and to preserve programs serving the disadvantaged and vulnerable communities throughout our nation.
DAY: 4 TUESDAY JAN. 23	Today we pray that world leaders seek ways to collaborate in eradicating poverty, welcoming migrants, protecting the vulnerable and promoting the common good for all.
DAY: 5 WEDNESDAY JAN. 24	Today we pray that elected officials realize every person in our nation, regardless of condition or income level, has the basic human right to healthcare, just as everyone has the right to food, shelter and education.
DAY: 6 THURSDAY JAN. 25	Today we pray for victims of natural disasters be provided with immediate shelter, safety and recovery aid and that compassionate support be provided as they move forward and rebuild their lives.
DAY: 7 FRIDAY JAN. 26	Today we pray that all citizens, from elected officials to constituents, have the insight, strength and willingness to respond to hatred and divisiveness with patience, tolerance and understanding for one another.
DAY: 8 SATURDAY JAN. 27	Today we pray that immigration and law enforcement officials be respectful of their community's diversity in addition to respecting the dignity and rights of the strangers among us who have no voice.



Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2018

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DAY: 9 SUNDAY JAN. 28	Today we pray that Congress ensures that any border security measures included in any legislation be humane and that the sanctity of families and vulnerability of immigrants be recognized.
DAY: 10 MONDAY JAN. 29	Today we pray that our sisters and brothers who have been devastated by natural disasters will find hope, encouragement, resilience and strength as they restore their lives.
DAY: 11 TUESDAY JAN. 30	Today we pray for all people of developing countries that they may continue to be sustained in the efforts to make a better life for their families, society, and Earth.
DAY: 12 WEDNESDAY JAN. 31	Today we pray that all legislators may tap into their inner motivation that brought them to public service rather than partisan political pressure in their decisions.
DAY: 13 THURSDAY FEB. 1	Today we pray that journalists, who labor to bring the truth to the public, be supported in their work despite the efforts of powerful people to silence them.
DAY: 14 FRIDAY FEB. 2	Today we pray that we may find the courage, confidence, and commitment to contact our elected officials - local, state, and federal - to express our concerns about our democracy.
DAY: 15 SATURDAY FEB. 3	Today we pray in the spirit of unity and reconciliation that we may commit to speak with one person we know who thinks differently than we do, and open a door to conversation.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Urge lawmakers to work together for an immediate solution for Dreamers. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact1



February 4-10, 2018

God of wisdom and mercy, grant us patience to listen; compassion to be open to other views and opinions; generosity to forgive and grace to change. As you taught us to love our dear neighbor, we pray that you give us strength to be healing instruments of unity and reconciliation.	
DAY: 16 SUNDAY FEB. 4	Today, as we gather with family and friends for the big game, we pray for those who are isolated, lonely and in need of a human connection. Give us courage to reach out, build bridges and extend invitations.
DAY: 17 MONDAY FEB. 5	Today we pray for all generous, courageous and nonviolent people around the world who carry out actions towards the common good and inspire us to follow their example.
DAY: 18 TUESDAY FEB. 6	Today we pray that women who are encouraged and supported by the #MeToo movement find strength and support in their efforts to bring about a more just society for all.
DAY: 19 WEDNESDAY FEB. 7	Today we pray for our common home - our Earth - that we find ways to protect it, care for it and not destroy it or take advantage of it.
DAY: 20 THURSDAY FEB. 8	Today we pray that survivors of sex and labor trafficking are helped and supported by others in their midst, and are moved towards courage, healing and hope.
DAY: 21 FRIDAY FEB. 9	Today we pray for people who are on the move to find work, food, shelter and/or safety, and that we value migrant people as they contribute to our economy, cultures and traditions.
DAY: 22 SATURDAY FEB. 10	Today we pray that our world leaders find ways to dialogue and take responsibility in promoting world peace.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Urge Congress to protect foreign aid. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact2



February 11-17, 2018

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February 18-24, 2018

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DAY: 30 SUNDAY FEB. 18	We pray for the benefit of countless people today and in the future that our nation's elected and corporate leaders recognize that denying climate change is not an option. Give them wisdom to take appropriate action.
DAY: 31 MONDAY FEB. 19	ON PRESIDENTS' DAY, we pray that we hold respectful conversations at our dinner tables and peaceful dialogues across the nation, from our local hometowns to our widespread online communities.
DAY: 32 TUESDAY FEB. 20	WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - Today we pray that we commit to intentional actions that move us individually and collectively towards global unity as one human family.
DAY: 33 WEDNESDAY FEB. 21	We pray that due process offered by the U.S. to those in immigration detention centers is consistently followed so that people held unjustly may be freed and united with their families.
DAY: 34 THURSDAY FEB. 22	Today we pray that leaders support their cities in providing shelter and/or affordable housing for our homeless sisters and brothers in our neighborhoods.
DAY: 35 FRIDAY FEB. 23	God, we pray that our elderly, undocumented, uninsured and imprisoned sisters and brothers be treated with respect and dignity, and be provided with the resources needed to survive.
DAY: 36 SATURDAY FEB. 24	Today we pray that we embrace the idea to learn about different faiths, including Islam, so that we may be more welcoming of the dear neighbor in our midst.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	With <u>Catholic Climate Covenant</u> , submit a public comment in favor of keeping the Clean Power Plan. Comments will be accepted through April 26, 2018. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact4



Feb. 25 - Mar. 3, 2018

God of wisdom and mercy, grant us patience to listen; compassion to be open to other views and opinions; generosity to forgive and grace to change. As you taught us to love our dear neighbor, we pray that you give us strength to be healing instruments of unity and reconciliation.	
DAY: 37 SUNDAY FEB. 25	We pray for the countless number of lives have been horribly impacted by gun violence across our nation, most recently in Parkland, Florida. We join their friends and families in prayer as we advocate for stricter gun laws.
DAY: 38 MONDAY FEB. 26	God, we pray for a cease-fire in war-torn Syria where innocent men, women, and even children, face senseless suffering and death. Enlighten political leaders that they move towards peaceful accords.
DAY: 39 TUESDAY FEB. 27	We pray for those establishing and working in community gardens that they can provide food in their vulnerable neighborhoods. God, give them the conditions to grow and bear fruit for all who suffer from hunger.
DAY: 40 WEDNESDAY FEB. 28	Today we pray for healthcare workers who share their skills and compassion with vulnerable families trying to survive destitute living conditions in refugee camps around the world.
DAY: 41 THURSDAY MAR. 1	God enlighten us so that we can identify and disregard fake news which creates confusion and divisiveness. Help us recognize and embrace truth which builds unity, respect and trust among one another
DAY: 42 FRIDAY MAR. 2	God we pray for corporations to be responsible and held accountable so that their supply chains respect workers' rights to prevent enslaved labor when manufacturing the products we consume.
DAY: 43 SATURDAY MAR. 3	Today we pray that we all continue to urge government officials to join other countries in protecting our "common home" by enacting legislation that supports environmentally-conscious choices.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	March in March. Join the March for Our Lives on March 24th to demand an end to gun violence. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact5



March 4-10, 2018

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DAY: 44 SUNDAY MAR. 4	Today we pray that constituents find the resources and tools to challenge their elected officials who favor corporate interests above people's rights and safety.	
DAY: 45 MONDAY MAR. 5	God, hear our prayers for the desperate men, women and children who come to our borders as global migration continues. We pray for dialogue among international leaders that leads to welcoming our dear neighbors.	
DAY: 46 TUESDAY MAR. 6	We pray that all faith traditions be respected and free of discrimination in our nation and around the world. Help us to support opportunities for respectful interfaith dialogue that promotes unity.	
DAY: 47 WEDNESDAY MAR. 7	Today we pray for just wages that provide hard working families the opportunity to live with dignity and respect.	
DAY: 48 THURSDAY MAR. 8	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Today we pray for women around the world and for the 30 million girls who are not given an opportunity to attend school. Give them the confidence and resilience to persevere and speak out.	
DAY: 49 FRIDAY MAR. 9	God we pray for veterans of wars who have been traumatized and injured. Give them the means and courage to find healing of body, mind and spirit.	
DAY: 50 SATURDAY MAR. 10	Today we pray for the innocent civilians in war torn countries who live daily with fear for themselves and their children. God, we pray that you embrace them with strength, love and hope.	
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Tell world leaders to fund education for girls. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact6	



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DAY: 51 SUNDAY MAR. 11	Today we pray for those who are willing to step out of their "comfort zones" and face criticism as they become an active voice of support for our refugee, immigrant and homeless sisters and brothers.	
DAY: 52 MONDAY MAR. 12	We pray for the brave women who are on a healing journey from abuse and violence. We pray for their support of other women victims. God, give them strength and grace to be agents of hope.	
DAY: 53 TUESDAY MAR. 13	We pray for all the children around the world to grow up amid acceptance, peace and hope. God, surround them with courage to take on challenges, and love so they may flourish wherever they are.	
DAY: 54 WEDNESDAY MAR. 14	God, we pray that You give us compassion towards the poor and vulnerable in our midst. Grant us tolerance so we open our hearts without judgment, and move us to action to help those in need.	
DAY: 55 THURSDAY MAR. 15	Today we pray for understanding of our responsibility to protect our "Common Home" and the people sustained by it. God, we pray that we no longer remain silent and become active voices for positive ecological change.	
DAY: 56 FRIDAY MAR. 16	God, we pray for peace in our homes, in our streets, and amongst nations, so that all commit to working together to bring harmony and unity to one another.	
DAY: 57 SATURDAY MAR. 17	Today we pray for those who suffer from long-term illness and for their caregivers who face the challenges to obtain adequate healthcare access.	
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Pledge to reduce your ecological footprint. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact8	



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DAY: 65 SUNDAY MAR. 25	God, keep us safe from harm so that our fears about national security do not overcome the importance of human rights and respect for the dignity of others.
DAY: 66 MONDAY MAR. 26	We pray that political leaders recognize that our nation's budget needs to include a balance between military spending and social services that sustain the working poor.
DAY: 67 TUESDAY MAR. 27	Today we pray that U.S. leaders understand the importance of dialogue and re-entering partnerships with other nations, to affirm global interdependence and promote the common good.
DAY: 68 WEDNESDAY MAR. 28	God, open our eyes to recognize our consumerism practices and disposable lifestyle have environmental implications that will affect the lives of our future generations. Give us courage to respond.
DAY: 69 THURSDAY MAR. 29	HOLY THURSDAY - Today we pray that the people of the world may be united at one table and free from personal agendas and betrayals.
DAY: 70 FRIDAY MAR. 30	GOOD FRIDAY - Today we pray for all those who suffer and sacrifice themselves for the benefit of others. May their pain be brief and their impact everlasting.
DAY: 71 SATURDAY MAR. 31	HOLY SATURDAY - Today we pray for those who mourn for departed loved ones. God, we also pray for hope for those who are discouraged that a more loving, compassionate world is possible.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Join the <u>Catholic Climate Covenant</u> in reducing global warming. Ask your Senators to support S. 2448. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact10



April 1-7, 2018

God of wisdom and mercy, grant us patience to listen; compassion to be open to other views and opinions; generosity to forgive and grace to change. As you taught us to love our dear neighbor, we pray that you give us strength to be healing instruments of unity and reconciliation.	
DAY: 72 SUNDAY APR. 1	Today we pray for all the children and young adults who are using their prophetic voices to speak against gun violence. God continue to give them the strength and motivation to transform hearts.
DAY: 73 MONDAY APR. 2	We pray that our political leaders recognize that the U.S. military involvement in the Saudi-led war against Yemen goes against our values and that it must end.
DAY: 74 TUESDAY APR. 3	Today we pray that legislators recognize and support immigration reform that does not separate or harm families, and also protects minors and other vulnerable populations from being detained or deported.
DAY: 75 WEDNESDAY APR. 4	Today we pray for those who suffer due to the loss of their loved ones and friends as a result to gun violence. May they find the support and compassion in the people who surround them.
DAY: 76 THURSDAY APR. 5	We pray that world leaders find ways to dialogue and partner in addressing structural forms of poverty throughout the world.
DAY: 77 FRIDAY APR. 6	Today we pray for global solidarity. God enlighten our leaders that they understand that they have a responsibility to respect the dignity of the human person.
DAY: 78 SATURDAY APR. 7	We pray for migrants fleeing their countries due to climate change. We pray that they be recognized and accepted as refugees. God give them hope as they find themselves in anguish having been forced out of their homes.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Urge your Senators to end U.S. involvement in the war in Yemen. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact11



April 8-14, 2018

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DAY: 79 SUNDAY APR. 8	Today we pray for all care-givers in Syria that they may have encouragement and strength to continue to minister to the vulnerable women, men and children - innocent victims of an endless war.
DAY: 80 MONDAY APR. 9	We pray in thanksgiving for the food we consume today and for the farmworkers who labor under dire working conditions to harvest the food on our tables.
DAY: 81 TUESDAY APR. 10	We pray for all policy makers and influencers who impact our society. God, give them insight to see how their decisions affect the next seven generations, and wisdom to value human dignity over convenience and profit.
DAY: 82 WEDNESDAY APR. 11	Today we pray for the opportunity to share the gift of hospitality with someone we meet today.
DAY: 83 THURSDAY APR. 12	God, thank you for corporations who are creatively responding to the climate crisis, like Adidas who used ocean plastic to make 1 million pairs of shoes.
DAY: 84 FRIDAY APR. 13	We pray for all women entering the political arena as candidates for elected office. God, help voters overcome gender bias so all are properly represented. Empower these women to work with others to transform our nation.
DAY: 85 SATURDAY APR. 14	Thank you, God, for the energy and actions of students around the world. We pray that "we the people" are inspired by our young people to take responsibility to work for the common good.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Protect our "Common Home." Speak out against rolling back clean car standards. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact12



April 15-21, 2018

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DAY: 86 SUNDAY APR. 15	Today we pray for judges whose decisions have a tremendous impact on the well-being of vulnerable children and families, that they be led by compassion in making just decisions.
DAY: 87 MONDAY APR. 16	Today we pray for the working poor and that the safety net and social programs they depend on for survival are protected.
DAY: 88 TUESDAY APR. 17	God fill us with peace. We pray that we may live as sisters and brothers harming no one.
DAY: 89 WEDNESDAY APR. 18	We pray that we all find ways to care for our earth - our common home. Help us to think twice when making decisions that negatively impact the water we drink, the air we breathe and the soil that nourishes us.
DAY: 90 THURSDAY APR. 19	God, touch the hearts of those who are blinded by hatred and anger. We pray that your grace transforms their experiences into ones of understanding, compassion, kindness, and recognition of Your presence within each of us.
DAY: 91 FRIDAY APR. 20	God, we pray for asylum seekers fleeing from persecution and violence. Give us the wisdom to not only welcome them but to acknowledge the gifts they bring.
DAY: 92 SATURDAY APR. 21	We pray today that we seek and find opportunities to be a unifying presence in our families, community and workplace.
OPTION TO TAKE ACTION	Join <u>NETWORK</u> in urging Congress to reject efforts to cut funding, restrict access, or make structural changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP. Click on or enter this address to take action: http://bit.ly/100DOPact13



April 22-29, 2018

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DAY: 93 SUNDAY APR. 22	EARTH DAY - We pray for the fearless advocates who challenge political and industrial leaders to protect our "common home." For the benefit of all, help our leaders to prioritize our environment over personal gain.
DAY: 94 MONDAY APR. 23	Today we pray that our nation's leaders commit to dialogue for a future without the threat of nuclear weapons.
DAY: 95 TUESDAY APR. 24	God, fill us with patience, understanding and wisdom. Let these qualities fill our hearts with peace so that we may also be a source of peace for others.
DAY: 96 WEDNESDAY APR. 25	Today we pray for those around the world who risk their lives speaking out on behalf of human rights.
DAY: 97 THURSDAY APR. 26	We pray for a resolution to conflict in war-torn countries. God, encourage those in power to dialogue that leads to lasting peace.
DAY: 98 FRIDAY APR. 27	God, we pray for the 65 million refugees around the world to find a hospitable space to call home.
DAY: 99 SATURDAY APR. 28	We pray for our homeless sisters and brothers within our communities, that they be given the dignity they deserve as human beings. God, we also ask you to soften the hearts of those who cast people in need from their neighborhoods.
DAY: 100 SUNDAY APR. 29	God of love, we pray that you give us the wisdom, kindness and grace to remove ignorant racial stereotypes within ourselves and in our institutions that oppress our sisters and brothers.