

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2015

(ENTRUSTED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER)

January

Universal: PEACE

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: CONSECRATED LIFE

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

February

Universal: PRISONERS

That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: SEPARATED SPOUSES

That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

March

Universal: SCIENTISTS

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

April

Universal: CREATION

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

May

Universal: CARE FOR THE SUFFERING

That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: OPENNESS TO MISSION

That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus.

June

Universal: IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: VOCATIONS

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

July

Universal: POLITICS

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: THE POOR IN LATIN AMERICA

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

August

Universal: VOLUNTEERS

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: OUTREACH TO THE MARGINALIZED

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

September

Universal: OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: CATECHISTS

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

October

Universal: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: MISSION IN ASIA

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

November

Universal: DIALOGUE

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: PASTORS

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

December

Universal: EXPERIENCING GOD'S MERCY

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: FAMILIES

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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