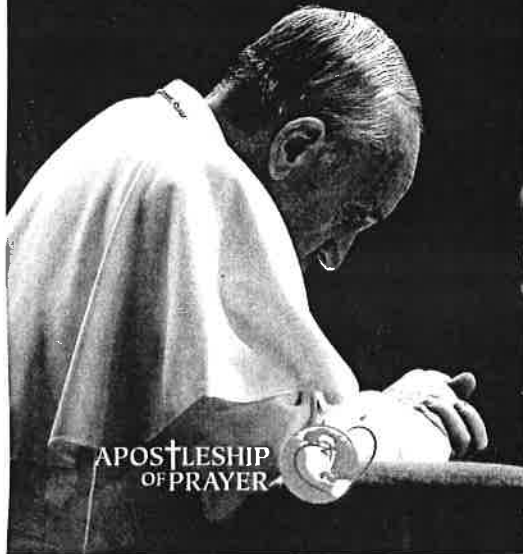


2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

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THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US

In a centuries-old tradition, the **APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER** publishes the Pope's monthly prayer intentions.

We ask Christians everywhere to unite in prayer for the 2017 intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis.

Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's intentions.

BEGIN WITH A DAILY OFFERING

Father, here I am.
I know you are always with me.
I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say.
For my part I give you this day—
all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess.
With Mary, Mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month.

OR

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

KEEP PRAYING WITH THE POPE

The Pope asks us to pray for one published intention each month. He will also announce urgent intentions in response to world events. We will place these on our website. To pray with the Pope daily, **download our app, ClickToPray.**

JANUARY

CHRISTIAN UNITY

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

FEBRUARY

COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

MARCH

SUPPORT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

APRIL

YOUNG PEOPLE

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

MAY

CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

JUNE

NATIONAL LEADERS

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

JULY

LAPSED CHRISTIANS

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

AUGUST

ARTISTS

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

SEPTEMBER

PARISHES

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

OCTOBER

WORKERS AND THE UNEMPLOYED

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

NOVEMBER

CHRISTIANS IN ASIA

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding especially with those of other religions.

DECEMBER

THE ELDERLY

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.