

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2017 entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer

The Pope has planned for 2017 to add a second prayer intention each month related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The urgent prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation and be posted on-line by the Apostleship of Prayer. These intentions will be shared with our membership via our Pope's Mission Update.

JANUARY

For 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.*