

## ***The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2018 entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer***

The Pope is continuing his plan, initiated in 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**

**Religious Minorities in Asia**—*That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.*

### **FEBRUARY**

**Say "No" to Corruption** —*That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*

### **MARCH**

**Formation in Spiritual Discernment**—*That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*

### **APRIL**

**For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**—*That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.*

### **MAY**

**The Mission of the Laity**—*That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.*

### **JUNE**

**Social Networks**—*That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*

### **JULY**

**Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**—*That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.*

### **AUGUST**

**The Treasure of Families**—*That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.*

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Young People in Africa**—*That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.*

### **OCTOBER**

**The Mission of Religious**—*That consecrated Religious Men and Women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.*

### **NOVEMBER**

**In the Service of Peace**—*That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.*

### **DECEMBER**

**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**—*That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*