



**The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2017  
Entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network  
(Apostleship of Prayer)**

**JANUARY**

Evangelization: **Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.**

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**

Universal: **Welcome the needy**

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

**MARCH**

Evangelization: **Help persecuted Christians**

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

**APRIL**

Universal: **Youth**

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

**MAY**

Evangelization: **Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace**

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

**JUNE**

Universal: **Eliminate arms trade**

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

## **JULY**

### **Evangelization: Those distant from the Christian faith**

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**

### **Universal: For artists**

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

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Evangelization: Parishes at the service of the mission**

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

## **OCTOBER**

### **Universal: Rights of 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**

### **Evangelization: To witness to the Gospel 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**

### **Universal: For 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.

From the Vatican, 3 January 2015

**Francis**