

Texas Impact Prayer Calendar 2017





Faith in the Public Square

A critic once took the late 19th century preacher Dwight Moody to task for his involvement in political and social affairs. “Are you not a citizen of heaven?” the detractor asked. “Yes, someday I shall be,” Moody responded, “but right now I’m registered to vote in Cook County, Illinois.”

Texas Impact is a public policy information and advocacy center for Texas faith communities. Its task is to advocate, and help people of faith to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of their faith traditions.

Christianity, Judaism, Islam and other theological traditions teach that communities and individuals of faith should be concerned about public policy. Theologian John Calvin wrote, “Civil magistracy is a calling not only holy and legitimate, but by far the most sacred and honorable in human life.”

Ministry through public policy advocacy offers a chance to translate deep convictions about justice, peace and freedom from words into reality. The political process is where decisions are made that help or harm people; decisions that help to make the kind of world God intends.

Texas Impact staff members visit policy-makers and their staffs, testify before legislative committees and facilitate the testimony of religious leaders. This involvement helps to clarify the moral and ethical issues at stake in public policy.

As We Are

O Beloved of the Beloved, what can we say to thee?

We are as we are:

Sometimes plump and self-satisfied, having no need of thee;
Sometimes crippled and torn, having no love for thee;
Sometimes empty and afraid, having no trust in thee.

We are as we are:

Seldom having sought thee seriously;
Seldom having listened to thee earnestly;
Seldom having followed thee faithfully.

We are as we are.

Enter us, O spirit of power and gentleness.
Astonish us. Overcome us. Uproot us.
Fill us with this earthy fruit and heavenly hospitality,
but starve us for thee, lest we sate ourselves with ourselves,
and fail to quest for thee.

We are as we are, but not as we can be.

Bend us toward one another—Jew, Baha'i, Muslim, whatever the shape of our faith.
Lift us beyond the terror of difference to the delight of difference.
Nourish us now on this sweet fare of our neighbor's words and smiles,
for in them is a taste of the feast that is to come,
once we no longer are as we are.

Amen.

Reverend Dr. Whit Bodman, Texas Impact Board President

January 2017

Dear Father:
Since you made us all, and we are Your children, help us to act like brothers and sisters.
We are ordinary people. Gathered in extraordinary circumstances
To help create laws that will touch on every living creature in this great state:
Lobbyists and lumbermen; oilmen and office workers;
Herefords and Santa Gertudis; Longhorns and Aggies; Highland Parkers and Dime Boxers;
Lawyers, doctors, engineers, cotton pickers, road builders, migrant workers;
Corporate giants and dependent children of the unemployed; armadillos and whooping cranes.
When You came into the world in person, You deliberately chose to enter through a poor family:
Mary and Joseph...who had such little clout that they could not afford advance reservations at the
Bethlehem La Quinta.

When the back rooms began to fill with smoke and the lobbyist buffets bulge our waists and dull
our sensitivities...

And when pressure and deadlines push us to the breaking point...

Remind us that Your ultimate and resolute involvement in history.

Always came down on the side of Love, Justice and Mercy
Especially for the poor...the lame...the undocumented alien...the oppressed...those with
handicapping conditions...the fatherless.

And when we find it uncomfortable to live with Your priorities, perhaps we will not so lightly invite
you to be present among us.

But here we are, all set to go.

Bless the members of the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor, the Lobbyists, their secretaries, the
pages, the sergeant-at-arms, the doorkeepers and the visitors in the gallery. May the work of our
minds, hands, and hearts be offered as our sacrifice of love to You.

In the name of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Invocation by the Reverend Jack D. Heacock, First United Methodist Church, Austin,
on Opening Day of the Texas Senate, January 13, 1981*



January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Rep. Briscoe Cain ERCOT Archer County	3 Rep. Armando Walle Good Neighbors Martin County	4 Rep. Mike Schofield Historic Landmarks Trinity County	5 Rep. Jeff Leach Professors Parmer County	6 Rep. Gary VanDeaver San Jacinto River Hopkins County	
8	9 Rep. Jim Murphy Neches River Motley County	10 Day 1 U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady The Alamo Red River County	11 Day 2 Rep. Scott Cospers Cowboys Washington County	12 Day 3 Senator Borris Miles Family Gatherings Madison County	13 Day 4 Senator Don Huffines Cure for Cancer Shelby County	14 Day 5
15 Day 6	16 Day 7 Martin Luther King, Jr. Rep. Sergio Muñoz Canadian River Jim Hogg County	17 Day 8 Rep. Cecil Bell Armed Forces Upshur County	18 Day 9 Rep. Kyle Kacal Texans Dallas County	19 Day 10 Libraries Lampasas County	20 Day 11 Senator Kirk Watson Hospitals Sutton County	21 Day 12
22 Day 13	23 Day 14 Rep. Drew Springer Texas Gem – Topaz Ellis County	24 Day 15 Rep. Byron Cook Beaches Stephens County	25 Day 16 Ranchers Morris County	26 Day 17 Rep. Diego Bernal Civic Engagement Baylor County	27 Day 18 Rep. Joe Moody Brazos River Hays County	28 Day 19
29 Day 20	30 Day 21 Rep. Chris Paddie Charity Wheeler County	31 Day 22 Rep. John Kuempel Federal Employees Tom Green County	Notes:			



February 2017

Our God and Creator,
We thank you for the sense of justice You have implanted within us,
and which always seeks, though at times haltingly,
to express itself in daily life.

Make us, O God, more steadfast in our desire to do Your will.

Teach us that the men and women around us
are our brothers and sisters,
and fill us with such love for our fellow creatures
that we will never wrong them, or exploit them,
or take advantage of their weaknesses or ignorance.

Kindle in us a passion for righteousness.
Grant us the vision to see that only justice can endure,
and that only in being just to one another
can we make our life acceptable to you.

May we by our thoughts and our deeds hasten the time
when wrong and violence shall cease,
and justice be established in all the earth.

*Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayerbook
Central Conference of American Rabbis*

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 23 Veterinarians Garza County	2 Day 24 Rep. Jarvis Johnson Social & Case Workers Hood County	3 Day 25 Rep. Terry Wilson Food Banks Borden County	4 Day 26
5 Day 27	6 Day 28 Rep. Evelina "Lina" Ortega Food Pantries Knox County	7 Day 29 Rep. Mary González Hill Country Rains County	8 Day 30 Lt. Governor Dan Patrick Heroes Waller County	9 Day 31 U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold Musicians Hardeman County	10 Day 32 Rep. Will Metcalf Cure for Dementia Hutchinson County	11 Day 33 Jewish Holiday: Tu B'Shevat
12 Day 34	13 Day 35 Senator Craig Estes Health Care Coverage Presidio County	14 Day 36 St. Valentine's Day U.S. Rep. Ted Poe Maintenance Workers Loving County	15 Day 37 Rep. Dwayne Bohac Compassion Brazoria County	16 Day 38 Senator Konni Burton San Antonio River Fisher County	17 Day 39 U.S. Rep. John Ratcliffe Preservationists Irion County	18 Day 40
19 Day 41	20 Day 42 President's Day Rep. Richard Peña Raymond Caregivers Palo Pinto County	21 Day 43 House District 46 Medical Researchers Concho County	22 Day 44 Rep. Mark Keough Newspapers Coke County	23 Day 45 Rep. Rafael Anchia Lawyers Hudspeth County	24 Day 46 Senator José Menéndez Llano Uplift Eco-Region Mitchell County	25 Day 47 Hindu Holiday: Maha Shivaratri
26 Day 48	27 Day 49 Christian Orthodox Holiday: Beginning of Lent Judicial Branch Schleicher County	28 Day 50 Rep. Mike Lang Soccer Henderson County	Notes:			

March 2017

God, the Exalted, and Glorious will say on the Day of Resurrection: 'O son of Adam, I was ill but you did not visit Me.'

He would say: 'O my lord, how could I visit you when You are the lord of the worlds?'

Thereupon He would say: 'Did you not know that a servant of Mine was ill but you did not visit him? Did you not realize that if you had visited him you would have found Me with him?'

O son of Adam, I asked food from you but you did not feed Me.'

He would say: 'My lord, how could I feed You and You are the lord of the worlds?'

He would say: 'Did you not know that such and such a slave of Mine asked you for food but you did not feed him? Did you not realize that if you had fed him, you would certainly have found (its reward) with Me?'

O son of Adam, I asked water from you but you did not give it to Me.'

He would say: 'My lord, how could I give You (water) and You are the lord of the worlds?'

Thereupon He would say: 'A servant of Mine asked you for water to drink but you did not give it to him. Did you not realize that if you had given him to drink you would have found (its reward) with Me?'

Hadith on Visiting the Sick, Sahih Muslim, Book 7, Hadith 896



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 51 Rep. John Cyrier Crops Randall County	2 Day 52 Texas Independence Day Rep. Cesar Blanco Citizenship Moore County	3 Day 53 Rep. Dade Phelan Adoption Cottle County	
5 Day 55	6 Day 56 U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett Advocacy Callahan County	7 Day 57 Rep. Harold Dutton, Jr. Public Transportation Hidalgo County	8 Day 58 Rep. Dan Flynn Factories Milam County	9 Day 59 Rep. Ryan Guillen Bandera County	10 Day 60 Rep. John Wray NASA Val Verde County	11 Day 61
12 Day 62	13 Day 63 U.S. Rep. John Carter Texas Tree – Pecan Nacogdoches County	14 Day 64 Rep. Donna Howard Livestock Lamar County	15 Day 65 Rep. Rene Oliveira Texas Historians Fannin County	16 Day 66 Senator Charles Perry Victims of Heart Attack San Saba County	17 Day 67 Rep. Ed Thompson Public Discourse Briscoe County	18 Day 68
19 Day 69	20 Day 70 Rep. DeWayne Burns Don't Mess with Texas Camp County	21 Day 71 Rep. Morgan Meyer Farmers Dimmit County	22 Day 72 U.S. Rep. Joe Barton Voting Rights San Jacinto County	23 Day 73 Rep. Valoree Swanson National Landmarks Somervell County	24 Day 74 Rep. Andrew Murr Volleyball Tyler County	25 Day 75
26 Day 76	27 Day 77 Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton Guadalupe River Gaines County	28 Day 78 Senator Paul Bettencourt County Government Marion County	29 Day 79 Rep. Eddie Lucio, III Heritage Maverick County	30 Day 80 U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, Jr. School Administrators Colorado County	31 Day 81 Cesar Chavez Day Rep. Terry Canales Museums Navarro County	Notes:



April 2017

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.
Amen

Archbishop Oscar Romero

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Day 82
2 Day 83	3 Day 84 Rep. Dustin Burrows Crane County	4 Day 85 Senator Carlos Uresti Rangers Gray County	5 Day 86 Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins Guadalupe Mountains Nolan County	6 Day 87 U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson Wisdom Matagorda County	7 Day 88 U.S. Rep. Randy Weber Police Officers Chambers County	8 Day 89
9 Day 90	10 Day 91 Rep. John Frullo The Lone Star State Coryell County	11 Day 92 Rep. John Raney Social Media Terrell County	12 Day 93 Senator John Whitmire Texas Flower – Bluebonnet Zapata County	13 Day 94 Rep. Lance Gooden Oak Woods & Prairies Region Titus County	14 Day 95 Good Friday Rep. Yvonne Davis Veterans Cherokee County	15 Day 96
16 Day 97	17 Day 98 Rep. Paul D. Workman Technology Industry Caldwell County	18 Day 99 U.S. Rep. Bill Flores Small Businesses Bexar County	19 Day 100 Rep. Stan Lambert High Plains Eco-Region Jeff Davis County	20 Day 101 Rep. Helen Giddings Public Health Workers Terry County	21 Day 102 San Jacinto Day Rep. Toni Rose Texas Dish – Chili Brooks County	22 Day 103
23 Day 104	24 Day 105 Attorney General Ken Paxton Deaf & Hard of Hearing Kinney County	25 Day 106 Rep. James Frank Actors Hardin County	26 Day 107 U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson Victims of Stroke Robertson County	27 Day 108 Rep. Chris Turner Little Leaguers Midland County	28 Day 109 Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa Military Personnel Collin County	29 Day 110
30 Day 111	Notes:					

We beg you, Lord, to help and defend us.
Deliver the oppressed,
have compassion on the despised,
raise the fallen,
reveal yourself to the needy,
heal the sick,
bring back those who have strayed from you,
feed the hungry,
lift up the weak,
remove the prisoners' chains.

Clement, the Third Bishop of Rome

May 2017



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Day 112 Rep. Phil Stephenson Children & Youth Travis County	2 Day 113 Rep. Wayne Faircloth Marching Bands Erath County	3 Day 114 Senator Van Taylor City Council Burleson County	4 Day 115 Rep. Lynn Stucky Plumbers Brewster County	5 Day 116 Senator Kel Seliger Family Time Lavaca County	6 Day 117	
7 Day 118	8 Day 119 U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke Highways King County	9 Day 120 U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway Marriages Crosby County	10 Day 121 U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith Rain Bee County	11 Day 122 U.S. Senator John Cornyn Vocation Coleman County	12 Day 123 Land Commissioner George P. Bush Infrastructure Gillespie County	13 Day 124	
14 Day 125	15 Day 126 U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela Nursing Homes Dallam County	16 Day 127 Senator Royce West Pediatricians Smith County	17 Day 128 U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro Clean Energy Lipscomb County	18 Day 129 Rep. Tom Craddick BBQ Winkler County	19 Day 130 Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick Cure for Diabetes Aransas County	20 Day 131	
21 Day 132	22 Day 133 Rep. Trent Ashby Texas History Anderson County	23 Day 134 U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee Natural Resources Glasscock County	24 Day 135 Senator Brian Birdwell Lakes Eastland County	25 Day 136 Comptroller Glenn Hegar Nueces River Harrison County	26 Day 137 Rep. Kevin Roberts Sulphur River Denton County	27 Day 138	
28 Day 139	29 Day 140 Memorial Day Rep. J.M. Lozano Animal Shelters Guadalupe County	30 U.S. Rep. Kenny Marchant Buffalo Soldiers Comal County	31 Senator Brandon Creighton Rockets Bell County	Notes:			



June 2017

O Brother Jesus, who as a child was carried into exile,
Remember all those who are deprived from their home or country,
Who groan under the burden of anguish and sorrow,
Enduring the burning heat of the sun,
The freezing cold of the sea, or the humid heat of the forest,
Searching for a place of refuge.
Cause these storms to cease, O Christ.
Move the hearts of those in power
That they may respect the men and women
Whom you have created in your own image;
That the grief of refugees may be turned into joy.

Book of Common Worship

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rep. Phil King Acts of Kindness Austin County	2 Rep. Gina Hinojosa Health Gonzales County	3
4	5 Senator Lois Kolkhorst Memorials Van Zandt County	6 Rep. Hugh Shine Service Industry Worker Childress County	7 U.S. Rep. Brian Babin Mountains Hansford County	8 Rep. Dennis Paul Public Transit Workers San Augustine County	9 Speaker Joe Straus Eco-Systems Montgomery County	10
11	12 Rep. Senfronia Thompson Blackland Prairies Frio County	13 U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul Spiritual Gifts Cameron County	14 Rep. Linda Koop Adoptive Parents Polk County	15 U.S. Rep. John Culberson Volunteers Rockwall County	16 Rep. J.D. Sheffield Nature Reserves Hunt County	17
18	19 Emancipation Day Rep. Eddie Rodriguez Pilots Cooke County	20 U.S. Senator Ted Cruz Astros Bosque County	21 Rep. Rick Miller Sam Houston Tarrant County	22 Rep. Dan Huberty Friendship Bowie County	23 Rep. Todd Hunter Festivals Burnet County	24
25	26 Rep. Lyle Larson Football Sterling County	27 U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey Athletes Franklin County	28 Rep. Ken King Newlyweds Hartley County	29 Rep. Travis Clardy Refugees Jim Wells County	30 Rep. Joe Farias Children's Daycare Hall County	Notes:

July 2017



My Country 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture fills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Samuel Francis Smith

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Rep. Scott Sanford Hunger Solutions Lubbock County	4 Independence Day Rep. Jodie Laubenberg Pineywoods Eco-Region Taylor County	5 U.S. Rep. Gene Green Beaches & The Gulf of Mexico Ector County	6 Secretary of State Rolando Pablos Legislative Branch Haskell County	7 U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry Coastal Sands Eco-Region Uvalde County	8
9	10 Rep. Four Price Seminaries Medina County	11 Rep. Tracy King Nature Nueces County	12 Rep. Gary Elkins Oak Trees Ochiltree County	13 Rep. Rodney Anderson Lavaca River Potter County	14 Rep. Ernest Bailes Doctors Wise County	15
16	17 Rep. Greg Bonnen Vacations Delta County	18 Senator Larry Taylor Lynn County	19 Rep. Diana Arevalo Schools Shackelford County	20 Rep. Victoria Neave Firefighters Foard County	21 Rep. Jessica Farrar Wilbarger County	22
23	24 Rep. Leighton Schubert Artists Stonewall County	25 Rep. Tony Tinderholt Kindergarteners Cass County	26 Rep. Angie Chen Button Texas Fruit – Grapefruit Howard County	27 Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. Justice Fort Bend County	28 Senator Charles Schwertner Coaches Roberts County	29
30	31 Rep. John Smithee Oil and Gas Reeves County	Notes:				



August 2017

Prayer for Peace

O Allah, unite our hearts
and set aright our mutual affairs,
guide us in the path of peace.
Liberate us from darkness by Your light,
save us from enormities whether open or hidden.

Bless us in our ears, eyes, hearts, spouses, and children.
Turn to us; truly you are Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.
Make us grateful for Your bounty and full of praise for it,
so that we may continue to receive it
and complete Your blessings upon us.

O Allah, I beg of you pardon and safety.
O Allah, I beg of You useful knowledge and acceptable deeds.
O Allah, impart to our earth its blessings, its embellishment, and its
repose.

O Allah, Your forgiveness is vaster than my sins and Your compas-
sion is more promising than my actions.
O Allah, make me patient and grateful to You and make me look
small in my own eyes and great in the sight of others.

O Most Beneficent One!
Amin, O Remover of Difficulties!

Muhammad al-Jazri

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rep. Armando Martinez Songwriters Wichita County	2 Rep. Kyle Biedermann College Students Comanche County	3 Rep. Celia Israel Elderly Kimble County	4 Rep. Roland Gutierrez Parker County	5
6	7 Rep. Justin Holland Mental Health Workers Falls County	8 U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez Entrepreneurs Atascosa County	9 U.S. Rep. Kay Granger Community Colleges Real County	10 Rep. Ron Reynolds Colorado River Dickens County	11 Rep. Sarah Davis Colleges & Universities Starr County	12
13	14 Rep. Tan Parker Scientists Blanco County	15 Rep. Tony Dale South Texas Brush Country Eco-Region Lamb County	16 Senator Kelly Hancock Pets LaSalle County	17 Rep. Bill Zedler Creativity Scurry County	18 Rep. Cindy Burkett National Museum of the Pacific War Menard County	19
20	21 Rep. Tom Oliverson Endangered Species Galveston County	22 Rep. Ron Simmons Big Bend National Park DeWitt County	23 Senator Bob Hall Texas Bird – Northern Mockingbird Wharton County	24 Governor Greg Abbott Texas Bird - Northern Carson County	25 Senator Joan Huffman Disaster Response Teams Upton County	26
27	28 Rep. Stephanie Klick Construction Workers Crockett County	29 Rep. Mary Ann Perez Renewable Energy Hale County	30 Rep. Bobby Guerra Labor Unions Donley County	31 Rep. Matt Krause Tourism Williamson County	Notes:	

September 2017

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rep. Larry Gonzales Engineers Mason County	2
3	4 Labor Day Rep. Matt Rinaldi Pre-Schoolers Liberty County	5 Rep. Hubert Vo Spurs Houston County	6 Rep. Garnet Coleman Research & Development Swisher County	7 U.S. Rep. Al Green Enchanted Rock State Natural Area Montague County	8 Rep. Nicole Collier Foster Parents Llano County	9
10	11 Senator Robert Nichols Piney Woods Ward County	12 Senator Jane Nelson Kaufman County	13 Rep. Craig Goldman Brotherhood El Paso County	14 Rep. Jonathan Stickland Palo Duro Canyon State Park Grimes County	15 Rep. Eric Johnson Poets Panola County	16
17	18 U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess Sisterhood Johnson County	19 Rep. James White Clean Air Duval County	20 Rep. Robert R. Alonzo Gulf Coast Prairies & Marshes Eco-Region Brazos County	21 Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson Clean Water Bastrop County	22 Rep. Ana Hernandez Rio Grande River Castro County	23
24	25 Rep. Jason Isaac Recreation Walker County	26 Senator Dawn Buckingham Nurses Karnes County	27 Senator José Rodríguez Wind Farms Edwards County	28 Senator Bryan Hughes Airports Jasper County	29 Rep. Cole Hefner Wildlife Floyd County	30

October 2017



I offer you peace.
I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty.
I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from the highest source.
I salute that source in you.
Let us work together.
For unity and peace.
Mahatma Gandhi

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Rep. Justin Rodriguez Community Reagan County	3 U.S. Rep. Will Hurd Dr. Pepper Museum San Patricio County	4 U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington Botanical Gardens Jackson County	5 U.S. Rep. Pete Olson Democracy Lee County	6 Senator Donna Campbell Teachers Brown County	7
8	9 Columbus Day Rep. Matt Schaefer Basketball Runnels County	10 Rep. Poncho Nevárez Public Parks Willacy County	11 Rep. Jay Dean Judges Cochran County	12 Rep. Abel Herrero USS Lexington Sabine County	13 Rep. Carol Alvarado Emergency Response Calhoun County	14
15	16 Rep. John Zerwas Authors Hockley County	17 Rep. Jason Villalba Hiking Trails Rusk County	18 Rep. Giovanni Capriglione Bailey County	19 Rep. Alma Allen Rivers Jefferson County	20 Rep. Dennis Bonnen Correctional Officers Throckmorton County	21
22	23 Rep. Shawn Thierry Architects Kerr County	24 Rep. Charlie Geren Local Government Kendall County	25 Senator Judith Zaffirini Mentors McMullen County	26 Rep. Oscar Longoria Safe Houses & Shelters Jones County	27 Rep. Larry Phillips Sabine River Leon County	28
29	30 Rep. Geannie Morrison Blind & Visually Impaired Wilson County	31 Red River Clay County	Notes:			



November 2017

O Lord, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.
We bring before you the disunity of today's world;
the absurd violence, and the many wars,
which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; human
greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife.

Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be
compassionate towards the whole human family;
strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and
give us that peace which the world cannot give.

Ecumenical Centre Prayer

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rep. Ina Minjarez County Commissioners Court Wood County	2 Rep. Philip Cortez Missions Yoakum County	3 Senator Sylvia Garcia Mayors McLennan County	
5	6 Rep. Pat Fallon Recycling & Waste Reduction Kent County	7 Rep. Ramon Romero Scholars Armstrong County	8 Rep. Joseph "Joe" Pickett Journalists Grayson County	9 Rep. Gene Wu High Schoolers Dawson County	10 Veterans Day U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling Trinity River Andrews County	11
12	13 U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions Texas Capitol Limestone County	14 Rep. Joseph "Joe" Deshotel Golf Hemphill County	15 Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian Natural Springs McCulloch County	16 U.S. Rep. Roger Williams Armadillos Refugio County	17 U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar Gulf of Mexico Angelina County	18
19	20 Rep. Tomas Uresti City Planners Goliad County	21 Rep. Brooks Landgraf Traditions Collingsworth County	22 Rep. Matt Shaheen History Webb County	23 Thanksgiving Day Rep. Drew Darby Pine Forest Jack County	24 Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Gregg County	25
26	27 Financial Security Oldham County	28 Water Resources Freestone County	29 Culture Hill County	30 Advocates Zavala County	Notes:	

December 2017

Possible Answers to Prayer

Your petitions - though they continue to bear
Just the the one signature - have been duly recorded.

Your anxieties - Despite their constant,
Relatively narrow scope, their inadvertent
Entertainment value - nonetheless serve
To bring your person vividly to mind.

Your repentance - all but obscured beneath
A burgeoning, yellow fog of frankly more
Conspicuous resentment - is sufficient.

Your intermittent care for the sick,
The suffering, the needy poor is sometimes
Recognizable to me, if not to them.

Your angers, your zeal, your lipsmackingly
Righteous indignation toward the many

Whose habits and sympathies offend you—

These must burn away before you'll apprehend how near I am,

And with what fervor I adore

Even these, the ones who rouse your passions.

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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mavericks Kenedy County	2
3	4 Courthouses Live Oak County	5 Non-profits Hamilton County	6 Conservation Orange County	7 Seaports Young County	8 Administrators Mills County	9
10	11 Prevention of Domestic Violence Harris County	12 Executive Branch Fayette County	13 Family Time Deaf Smith County	14 Graduates Kleberg County	15 Good Health Victoria County	16
17	18 Foster Children Sherman County	19 State History Culberson County	20 Padre Island National Seashore Pecos County	21 Mexican Free-Tailed Bats	22 Edwards Plateau Eco-Region Disabled and Physically Challenged	23
24	25 Christmas Day Texas Motto – Friendship Hueco Tanks Historic Site	26 Trans Pecos Eco-Region	27 Cure for Alzheimer's Disease	28 Health Care Professionals Rolling Plains Eco-Region	29	30
31	Notes:					

Texas Interfaith Center
for Public Policy

★ TEXAS IMPACT

Texas Impact was founded in 1973 on the central religious conviction that religious communities are called to minister to the whole person—to respond with compassion to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people. The Texas religious leaders who established Texas Impact believed that such a ministry couldn't be performed adequately without a concern for basic social problems at the state government level. Texas Impact and the Interfaith Center exist to advance state public policies that are consistent with the commonly held social principles of our member faith traditions.

Texas Impact's member organizations include Christian denominational bodies, regional Jewish and Muslim social justice committees, and local interfaith councils. In addition to denomination-level member organizations, Texas Impact also has dozens of supporting congregations and hundreds of individual members who pay an annual membership fee to be part of our network. Texas Impact and its sister organization, the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy, form an interfaith network that brings faith to bear on social issues through grassroots education and policy advocacy. Together, we give people of faith the information and leadership skills they need to help policymakers improve conditions for families and communities throughout Texas.

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