



## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR 2023

*“We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer. If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God’s work on behalf of the people for whom we pray.” - Corrie ten Boom*

### JANUARY

**For Educators:** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

### FEBRUARY

**For Parishes:** We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

### MARCH

**For Victims of Abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### APRIL

**For a Culture of Peace and Non Violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### MAY

**For Church Movements and Groups:** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### JUNE

**For the Abolition of Torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

### JULY

**For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

## AUGUST

**For World Youth Day:** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## SEPTEMBER

**For People Living on the Margins:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

## OCTOBER

**For the Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## NOVEMBER

**For the Pope:** We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## DECEMBER

**For Persons with Disabilities:** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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