

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE POPE AND THE OFS-YOUFRA FOR THE YEAR 2026

To emphasise our communion with the Pope, we propose the Holy Father's monthly intentions and those of the OFS/YouFra based on the life and important events of the Order. We also include the prayer for vocations.

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| <b>January</b>  | <p><b>Pope's intention: For prayer with the Word of God.</b><br/>Let us pray that praying with the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Haiti, Mozambique, Lebanon and Rwanda.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocation:</b> For all OFS brothers and sisters that they may fully embrace their vocation to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.</p>                                                                                      |
| <b>February</b> | <p><b>Pope's intention: For children with incurable diseases.</b><br/>Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Uruguay and South Africa.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For new vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>March</b>    | <p><b>Pope's intention: For disarmament and peace.</b><br/>Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Korea, Chile, Albania, Malaysia, Singapore and Japan.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For brothers and sisters who are discerning their vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order.</p>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>April</b>    | <p><b>Pope's intention: For priests in crisis.</b><br/>Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that their communities may support them with understanding and prayer.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the success of the meeting of the CIOFS Secretariate of Formation and the national fraternities of Hong Kong-Macau, and CIOFS Presidency.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For the light of the Holy Spirit to guide the members of OFS local fraternities and councils responsible for helping discern true vocation.</p> |
| <b>May</b>      | <p><b>Pope's intention: That everyone might have food.</b><br/>Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Central Republic of Africa, Peru, Panama and Philippines.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for vocations:</b> For the development of the culture of vocations in our fraternities.</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>June</b>     | <p><b>Pope's intention: For the values of sports.</b><br/>Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Ecuador, Venezuela, Belgium and Switzerland.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For those OFS brothers and sisters who experience crisis in vocation.</p>                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>July</b>      | <p><b>Pope's intention: For respect for human life.</b><br/>Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Congo Brazzaville and Indonesia.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For young people to find clarity and courage as they follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>August</b>    | <p><b>Pope's intention: For evangelization in the city.</b><br/>Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative ways to build community.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Ireland, El Salvador and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan-African Congress.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocation:</b> For all the candidates who are preparing to make their professions in the Secular Franciscan Order.</p>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>September</b> | <p><b>Pope's intention: For the care of water.</b><br/>Let us pray for the just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the success of formation workshop of formators in Chile, the national fraternities of Peru and Cuba.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For new true vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order through the intercession of all the Franciscan Saints.</p>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>October</b>   | <p><b>Pope's intention: For Mental health Ministry.</b><br/>Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the national fraternities of Malta, Tanzania and Argentina.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For a fruitful and close collaboration between the OFS fraternities and the spiritual assistants to promote vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.</p>                                                                                                              |
| <b>November</b>  | <p><b>Pope's intention: For the proper use of wealth.</b><br/>Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the YouFra international assembly in Assisi and for the CIOFS Presidency.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For the elderly, sick and the retired OFS brothers and sisters.</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>December</b>  | <p><b>Pope's intention: For single-parent families.</b><br/>Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the faith during difficult times.</p> <p><b>OFS/YouFra:</b> For the Conference of General Spiritual Assistants, all emerging fraternities and national fraternities in difficulty.</p> <p><b>OFS Prayer for Vocations:</b> For Secular Franciscan married couples, that their spousal life in the Franciscan spirit will inspire other couples to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.</p> |