

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

For love to overcome the fear that makes us view our sisters and brothers as "other;" for courage to stand up to the forces of greed and thirst for power that exploit our fear and frustration and engender hate between races, classes, and individuals; for peace, for justice, for the will to care for creation; for all that moves us toward the reign of God.

Let us pray with the modified words of Saint Francis to make our nation an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us 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. To the deity or the force which might have power, we ask you to grant that we 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; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

God's blessing upon meeting with President Obama, the Congress and the United Nations as well as so many other gatherings.

I pray that the Pope's message be heard and acted upon by the members of Congress

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Spirit of Life and Love, We ask that you give us ears to hear and eyes to see the suffering of your children: those without homes, living unprotected on our streets; those who struggle to feed their families; those abused and exploited at their work, including being paid so little for their labor that they cannot support their families; those who are sick, but cannot get medical care; those who are abandoned by our society when they are incarcerated, treated as disposable by us, with little hope of rejoining our community when they are released; all those whose lives of deprivation become lives of desperation, with little hope for their future, and with no chance to dream of a better life for themselves and their families. Our faiths tell us you hear the cry of your people, that you will act to end their suffering. We come today to ask that you help us see the suffering of our neighbors, and be instruments in healing their pain. We ask this because we hear your call to love those in need, not disparage them because they lack resources, and because we cannot turn our backs on the least of these without hardening our hearts and eroding our souls. We ask this so that we may grow closer to what we are meant to be: members one of another, sisters and brothers in Community, sharing and caring for one another in love. In the name of that love we pray. Amen.

That \$15/hour minimum wage be approved and that's include domestic workers too.

I pray for Pope Francis, for his safety and that his words may be heard and understood by all who listen. Please listen to his concerns that all people be treated with dignity, that the comfortable be content with less so that all on earth may share in the earth's gifts and that the earth's abundance might be protected for generations to come.

My Benedictine Sisters of Emmanuel Monastery pray every day for Pope Francis - for wisdom, courage and his good health & safety.

For the dignity of work and for all persons in need of work; for those who can provide work for those without; for safe and healthy working conditions for all who labor; for just laws and just wages for all workers; for just relationships among workers, among employers and workers, and among workers' families. For all these intentions, I pray to the Lord. Lord, hear my prayer.

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My prayer: dear Creator of all of us and the world we live in, please send the graces needed for our senators and representatives open their minds and hearts. The pope is bringing your message to the world. Send your Spirit of enlightenment on the members of our Congress the care more for ALL people, regular people, the common inheritance of the goods of the earth and the value of the poor and weak of our nation.

An increase in love and concern for all creation, including us! An awakening to the interconnectedness of all creation. That our Members of Congress will look beyond the political outcomes of their work and instead work for the common good.

Worker justice and respect for all life.

Loving and gracious God: grant us to change our hearts from self-seeking to generosity. Let our US Congress hear the cry of the poor for Food.

I pray the Holy Spirit will guide the leaders of ALL FAITHS and ALL GOVERNMENTS to come together for the common good of ALL PEOPLES... God help and bless our broken world.

Heavenly Father, please help government leaders understand that words rather than war will bring peace and harmony. We also ask that people's hearts are open to justice for all.

An end to the unequal distribution of wealth and that those who have will be touched by the visit of Francis to realize that we do not want their charity but Justice.

Reforms that allow workers to sustain a family and put an end to a "throwaway economy" that values profit over people and planet.

I am praying that our government and businesses will implement policies which will give low income workers a living wage.

1. A courage response to the looming disaster being brought by climate change 2. Creative peace efforts that do not presume war as the starting point, but only as the last resort

That our response to the present climate crisis will prioritize the immediate needs of the poor, who suffer the most when Creation is mistreated and abused.

I pray for a response to many immigrants who live marginalized and being lack of freedom GOd help to open minds and hearts to see and make just laws for all.

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Peace in all parts of the world! All governments to cooperate on Climate Change! Violence to become Love in the hearts of all people!

That the hearts and minds of all who listen to Pope Francis' words will be touched by the Holy Spirit with a desire for justice for all of our brothers and sisters.

My friend Fr. Evelio Menjivar is marching with you....

I pray that increased respect for the dignity of work and workers will develop in our nation. May our leaders enact policies and legislations that reflect mercy and compassion. I prayer that families will not have to continue toworry that despite their willingness to work and their hard labors, they still find themselves struggling to provide basic necessities for their families.

Peace with justice...a living wage certainly fits in that category.

I am praying for justice for workers, in pay, working conditions,health and for set schedules so they can be with their families. I am praying for mother earth, for reduction in fossil fuels and increase in solar and wind power. I pray for Pope Francis to have a safe and productive trip to the United States. May he change hearts and minds.

I'm praying for a lot of situations! For now, I focus on better economic equity to narrow the gap between wealthy and poor, and for the passage of whatever legislation appears to be helpful to this end. MSS.

I am praying for Pope Francis to be able to warm the hearts (I am also of United Methodist tradition) of people in power to accept the understanding of global warming and accept the need to end the era of fossil fuel/energy and move to renewal energy/clean energy. This requires a lot of change in how money is made. Additionally I am praying for an end of campaign against the poor in America, putting us down and beating us up at every turn and an ending of racism(broadly understood, not mainly personal racism).

Loving God, grant us your mercy so that our hearts and minds may be open to the Holy Spirit who speaks through our Holy Father, Pope Francis, this we ask through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Justice for all.....jobs for all.....homes for all...safety in the streets.....care for the young

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Provident God, thank you for sending our Pope Francis to our United States. May his words and deeds for social justice find a home in our hearts, and may our citizens be moved to take actions for justice, especially to welcome the refugees from south of our borders who are presently in our detention centers and not being given the help they need to begin to live here freely in the U.S. and to open our hearts to aid the countless poor that are struggling for their human rights right here in the U.S. Help us all to recognize that we are one global family and to assume our responsibility to welcome many more refugees fleeing from violence in Syria. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pope Francis, I pray that your spirit of compassion will spread around the world. I pray for the earth and its creatures in the face of global climate change. I pray for lasting peace, and for the end of war in the name of peace. I pray for the refugees and migrants of the world, that they might be embraced by new lands. I pray for economic equality and racial justice. I pray for for equal treatment and rights for LGBTQ persons.

That all people who work have good working conditions, benefits and pay.

I am prayer for just for once, an entire Generation can go all their life with War being apart of The Generation, so far there has not been one.

I agree with Pope Francis when he says: "The current financial crisis... originated in a profound human crisis: the denial of the primacy of the human person! We have created new idols. The worship of the ancient golden calf has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose." He also states: "There is a need for financial reform along ethical lines that would produce in its turn an economic reform to benefit everyone. Money has to serve, not to rule."

All that the Pope is praying for

Such a rare opportunity to welcome this wonderful Pope Francis to our country. I pray for social and economic justice within this country and around the world, adding my prayers to those of Pope Francis. Thank you for this chance to share with our Congressional leadership! In God's Love, Karan Neal Clarke, Devotee Self Realization Fellowship (Christian-Hindu) k.neal.clarke@gmail.com Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

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| Income inequality Climate change |
| I pray for an economy that serves the people rather than one in which the people serve the economy and the one per cent. |
| I pray that those who call themselves Christians will seek to be disciples of Jesus as does Pope Francis. |
| I am praying for peace, equality and social justice for all. We need to take responsibility for those in need and God (or the higher power in our midst) needs to turn the hearts of those in government to care for the impoverished. |
| That the world may listen to and implement the Pontiff's calls for peace and for truly equal treatment of all. |
| Love and respect for the earth and all of its life forms. All peoples equally loved and respected regardless of faith, color, sex or nation of origin. |
| Father of all creation: of all that exists on land, in the air and sea, and has called it "Good", We have often sinned through our neglect and sometimes willful destruction and abuse of your gracious gifts, our planet home and all that exists upon, above, and in it. We ask your forgiveness for our disregard of holy gifts. By your Holy Spirit, teach us wise and considerate stewardship of all that is, including serious care and respect for all humanity. When we forget, rekindle respect in each of us again. Through our Lord Jesus, who respected us enough to die for us, and who rose again that we might fully live. Amen! |
| Justice, equal rights. LGBT justice. income equality which includes a tax on asset increase. |
| I pray that each of our congress people learn and understand what daily life is like for many of our working families, that they prayerfully consider the consequences of leaving parents and children in circumstances that are anything but supportive to good physical and emotional strength. May they recognize that they are in a position to make very real changes in so many people's lives, and show their willingness to do so |

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I'm praying that the Pope's words which come from his faith and love of God and humanity may deeply affect the hearts of members of Congress, and awaken their own faith. I pray that they realize their responsibility to nourish and support the common good. I pray that they recognize the intrinsic value of the people of this country, of whatever religion, culture or ethnic background. We are all God's children. Amen.

That Pope Francis will continue to melt people's hearts.

World peace.

Justice

For the poor and the needy receive care and justice...for our hearts to be broken and filled with God's grace, for Christ's love to reign over hatred and indifference.

Please open the hearts and minds of the Congress of the United States. Give them the patience to listen to Pope Francis and the wisdom to understand his message.

I am praying for economic justice where all people earn enough to eat, have a safe home, and healthcare as opposed to unbridled capitalism where the wealthy live in over abundance and others live in abject poverty.

The strengthening of Unions through out the world, the support of the working poor, the end to Citizens United.

I pray that the Holy Spirit open the hearts and minds of our Congress to not only hear the message of Pope Francis, but understand and act upon the teachings of the Gospel.

I pray that the sense of the COMMON GOOD be a reality for our politicians that they deepen their concern for as regards the decisions they find so hard to compromise on and make in Congress.

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Lord of mercy, give us the death and rising of your son, so that our greed dies, and trust in your Son rises in our hearts. Help us to daily live in our trust of Jesus so that he is our goodness and the goodness of our lives. We thank you that you also bless us with food and shelter and education and health care and jobs. Let us not use such things for our benefit or riches, but to have enough. Then what is more than enough, we can give to others. When our pay is enough, we need not have three hundred times what others do, stealing from them their food and shelter and health. Help us to look to the good of others and not to profit. Help us to use business to serve people and not people serve corporations. Again, let greed die and your Son live in us. Amen.

I pray that Congress pass legislation that provides a path to citizenship for undocumented workers and allows our country to welcome the Syrian refugees.

Peace and controlling climate change

Justice for working people

I am praying in thanks for the many blessings of this life, and the potential to share them with others. I pray that we may become aware of the joy and blessings of living in community world wide, that we dispense with military, economic, religious and any other kind of one-up-man-ship, that we seek peace and justice for everyone regardless of faith, color, sexuality or other identity, and that we see in each other the gifts that we are to each other and creation. Amen.

Justice for the Palestinians and let peace gain a foothold all over the world especially in the middle east.

That people who work may receive an equitable wage to allow them to live without need of food, clothing, shelter, education and healthcare.

End of violence.

A prayer for the pope's ministry of truly caring fir the poor, the alien, and care for God's creation.

single payer health care

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I am praying for the safety of Pope Francis as he travels and works. I am praying for wisdom for him and all the leaders of the world as they meet and work together. I am praying for those who are hungry and underemployed and living in dangerous circumstances. I am praying thanks for the wonder and beauty of the world, and that all may enjoy where they live and what they are called to do. I am praying that people with resources will be moved to be incredibly generous, and people who need resources will be able to work for what they need in meaningful ways. And that those who cannot work will be cared for with compassion and respect. I am praying for God's grace for all.

We are praying for hearts that are open to the needs of the needy, the lost and the powerless, for those who have no work that supports their families and for those struggling on the edges of society to raise their families with dignity and enough resources to ensure the nourishment and safety of all people.

Peace for all the peoples of our world. Healing for Mother Earth from the hardships of climate change. I would pray that our world's terrorists can find peace in their souls so the violence can end and I and others can find understanding in their grievances so their concerns may be resolved.

Livable wage for workers and peace in the world.

That we may welcome immigrants from journeys long in suffering, may we become better stewards of our earth and her resources, may we become less wedded to money and greed and more committed to safeguarding the dreams and livelihood of the less fortunate. And finally that we work collectively to disavow the designs of war and serve to remove it from our world.

A healthy pontiff to fulfill all of his expectations at each location where he stops and with each individual he touches, verbally and/or physically.

My prayer is that congress will heed the Pope's call for worker justice and make meaningful and bipartisan reforms that allow workers to sustain a family and put an end to a "throwaway economy" that values profit over people and planet.

testing

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Praying for legislation and policies that assure all people have access to excellent education and health care, meaningful work and adequate income, safe and affordable housing, quality foods and full voting rights. Praying for the end of poverty, institutional racism and heterosexism, the abolition of solitary confinement, death penalties, life without parole, private prisons and our current criminal justice system. Praying for an end to violence and transformative vs retributive Justice. Praying for a world in which all children are held safe and loved well

Compassion and love for others who do not share our views

I'm praying for a moral movement that grows strong enough to change how we structure and regulate our economy so that all are cared for, all make a living wage, all our valued.

Fair pay and working conditions for all. More jobs for those seeking employment.

A renewed sense of compassion and the common good in the United States.

In the time of slavery we rationalized the oppression of black people by pretending they are not quite human. In modern times we often rationalize greed by pretending that false economic ideologies work for the benefit of the poor, when in fact they keep the poor down. Lord God, I ask that our political leaders and all our people repent of our crass rationalizations and repent of our narrow self-interest, that we may cease to indulge a politics of selfishness and instead pursue a politics that recognizes that we are all children of you, and hence sisters and brothers to one another. Amen.

That each wage earner on God's planet enjoy the dignity of earning enough to be economically self-sufficient.

I pray the Lord to give strength to the Pope's message on immigration and refugees!

I pray for a just and lasting peace in Palestine/Israel. I pray for an end to the Syrian civil war and a diplomatic solution. I pray for meaningful progress in switching to renewable energy sources. I pray for a living wage for America's workers. I pray for massive reform of our criminal justice system.

Those who do not earn enough to support themselves or their families. It's time for a more just and more fair society!

Praying the Rosary for immigrants and farmworkers and their families.

Fairness and justice

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As a Jewish humans and Buddhist, I wish for and work for greater concern and generosity toward humanity from all those who have even a modicum of power.

I am praying for those people who are being held captive because of human trafficking. Many of these women, children, and men are refugees just looking for a better life. I am also praying for the Syrian refugees who are escaping the horrors of war. I hope that the U.S. will do its part to open its doors to these suffering people.

Workers Rights to organize into unions

I pray that your hearts will open to the needs of the poor, of children, of workers and of the planet. That you will grasp that people are more important than profits

Justice for the poor and working class people of the world.

That the members of Congress may be open to the message Pope Francis brings to our Country. It would be a sign of true leadership that your concerns are with those suffering from wages that donot provide adequate means .

Peace in Colombia, better labor conditions for Colombian port and sugar cane workers and protection of all lives in Colombia and Latino America and USA, particularly of the Afro descendants and indigenous peoples. Eunice

Welcoming the stranger, meaning immigrants; feeding the poor; being kind to each other.

Mercy and justice. Is justice possible on stolen lands? My prayer is that this country honor all broken treaties, give back the land that was stolen, release political prisoners, and pay reparations. My prayer is that this country live up to the ideals upon which it was putatively founded. My prayer is that this country live out the message of Matthew 25:31-46. Peace

My hope is that you will listen openly to what Pope Francis says to you on Thursday. My prayer is that some of you will take what he says to heart.

all to listen carefully to what the Pope says and to try to see how each person can make a difference in family life, in the environment and in efforts for peade

For support for 'left-out', hard-working families & workers. For more justice & involvement for adult women, including religious. For encouragement for Catholics & OTHERS who are actively involved in promoting peace and justice.

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That Pope Francis strongly advocates for just wages and benefits that make family life possible.

I pray that our lawmakers will work to provide a decent wage for all workers, provide shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, and be welcoming to the alien. Deacon Jim Francois Truck stop chaplain in the Milwaukee and Chicago Archdioces

I pray that somehow each and everyone of us in America (including all our leaders) feel compassion for all human beings not only in our country but the world. Every adult human being needs work that in justice allows them to support their families. Every human being as a child of God, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

End income inequality; fair wages.

Learning the beauty of all cultures and traditions and forming friendships with people from them. Decent housing. Fair economic standards including living wage.

I am praying that congress and the country can hear Pope Francis speaking about justice, climate change, and how we need to be in this world to deal with these issues

I pray for Mother Earth to forgive and protect her children, to teach us how to live in peace with one another and in harmony with the ways of the Earth. I pray for humanity to understand and appreciate the beautiful gift of life. My faith tradition was not on the list, but the earth-centered religions stand with the Pope in his prayers.

FATHER GOD WOULD TOUCH THE SPIRITS AND BRAIN CELLS OF EACH ONE OF THOSE CONGRESSMAN AND WOMEN (INCLUDING SENATORS) TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR HIS CHILDREN. WE WANT THEM TO HAVE THE SAME HEART THEY HAVE FOR THEIR PERSONAL FAMILIES AND NOT LOOK AT THE CONSTITUENTS THAT WE ARE ONLY GOOD AT ELECTION TIME. WE PRAY FOR PRESIDENT BARAK OBAMA, HIS FAMILY AND FOR THE POPE AND ALL OF THE DELEGATION WITH HIM. AMEN!

Justice for refugees. A living wage for all workers, safe working conditions for all workers.

For a just and fair world.

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I am praying for all people to become part of a solution in which there is a fair and just economic system for all people. I am praying for a peace that comes when there is justice and people no longer live with fear and ignorance. I am praying for people of all faiths to come together and see their commonalities. I am praying that religion is always used as a tool of liberation and not as an instrument of oppression.

To live out the Great Commandment - to love God with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our souls, and our neighbors as ourselves.

peace inclusion humane immigration reform

I pray that workers in the U.S. will finally receive a just and living wage, paid sick leave and paid maternity and paternity leave. That women will receive equal pay for equal work. That the greed of the CEO's and the ruling class will be recognized as such and called to order by law. The U.S. has a LONG way to go to catch up with the rest of the civilized world.

La justicia para todos los obreros, and a great multiplying of opportunity for nonviolent national service for our young people.

That our civic leaders be given the grace to articulate the dignity of each individual who works in order to live, who rents out her own labor, her hands, and mind, and strength, in order to provide for herself and her family and to contribute to the well being of society That each of us consider and value this dignity in our living and in our working ...

Safety for pope Francis

Congress providing a path to citizenship for undocumented people who have shown they contribute to our country

I pray that people will not vote for candidates supported by the Koch brothers.

Justice for all workers.

Congress have an open mind to seek the common good

I pray for a kinder, gentler Congress which is truly interested in the welfare of all its citizens, especially for those who are having a hard time meeting the basic needs of their families. We need to repent of our war-mongering and our cheating the poorest out of reasonable wages while others live like European nobility.

help for those in need

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That our u.s. legislators will have an open heart to truly hear the message of Pope Francis and be moved to actions that will end poverty in the U.S. That they will be called to act for justice and the common good of all and Earth.

Parent and Creator God, you are always making our world anew, always inviting us, your beloved children, to work and play with you and with each other. To make this world yours, so that all have voice and traction and the joy of making our our unique and precious contributions toward fruitfulness and grace and peace. Lord, where you are in the flows of sunshine and rain and wind, we try to halt and corral ourselves and each other, try to stack each other like lumber and tread our way up our brothers' and sisters' bodies. Open our hearts, I pray. Help us to want your wild grace, to dare to open to your word, to move to making this planet a garden and workplace, home and playground for all. Amen.

God, mother , father, you have created us all out of love. Help us to see and respect each other as brothers and sisters and become what you have called us to be...your gift to the world to spread your love. Amen

I pray that we respond to the poverty around us & help lift families out of poverty through just wages! The measure of our society is reflected by the least among us. Let us do the work we are called to do ~ to help each other & to respond with justice for all!

That everyone be paid fairly, at least \$15.00 per hour. That everyone be treated with respect and consideration and given proper time schedules and working hours. That everyone be given full benefits including health care, vacation time and family leave.

Heavenly Father, Your Son understood the value of work. Trained by a carpenter, he knows the dignity that work provides and the hardships workers suffer. May we who labor for the sake of your kingdom honor work and workers, to ensure that all people who work receive the means to live in the dignity they deserve. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

I pray for a holistic view of earth and its resources, including its people. May we see our way to wise use and fair distribution of the resources that are our heritage and our legacy.

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As a clergyman, I pray regularly for a government which attends to the needs of our people with greater alacrity and integrity. I am so sickened by the rampant corruption in Washington, DC, it poses a serious challenge to my Christianity.

Gracious God, soften and open the hearts of our leaders so that they will know deeply what God wants of them. Help them to understand the teachings of Jesus: that we must care for the least among us and that to do that is the most important work that we do. Help them to know that reaching out our hands to those in need is the best thing we can do to create peace in our world. Help them to be brave enough to act for peace in our world and to find ways other than military build-ups to deal with problems. Guide them in working to end injustice wherever it is found and to ensure that all people are treated with dignity. Help them to see, most of all, that it is not enough to say that they are Christian, they must act out of the love of God and not out of hatred, fear, or grasping for power. Amen

Prayer for Everyone, especially based on the 17 Global Goals built on the foundation of the Millennium Development Goals, world peace and respect for every life.

For a living wage; continuation of Social Security & Medicare

That the Pope's message will convert hearts both within and outside of congress

Dear Creator and Redeemer of us all, whom Jesus has enabled us to know as our Father, we pray your continued blessing for your gracious and courageous servant Pope Francis, Continue to strengthen him with your Spirit of shalom that his messages of peace and justice may resonate strongly in our society and especially in the halls of our congress. May the minds of our representatives be illumined and their political actions be inspired to bring justice to the neediest among us. Amen

great God, Please help our brothers and sisters in the Congress to drop their greedy ways and become human again. In the strong name of Jesus, Amen.

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I pray for an end to USA war-profiteering and war-making. I pray for an end to capital punishment and the militarization of the police in the USA. I pray that the USA war budget will be eliminated and the funds saved will go to social programs for the poor and disadvantaged, and for building a 'green' economy. And I pray that the USA becomes a true democracy based on cooperation, coordination, consensus-building and compassion for all. Amen.

And end to global warming Peace among all cultures and faith traditions Economic equality for all Equal rights for women Preservation of endangered species Healing the earth

I am not praying; I am working. Being a firm believer that "hands that work are better than lips that pray", I am organizing, writing, and generally doing what I can to diversify the course of human activity to a more manageable, less destructive path.

Dear Father: So many of my peers are underemployed and or working two or three min. wage jobs. They remain in poverty and at risk of being homeless. Please help them in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I pray that enough people from diverse faith traditions and backgrounds are able to come together and find the common ground and humanity to act together on those things that will make a difference in addressing the needs of those in poverty and in sustaining the earth in its many forms and facets. May it be so.

I pray that we continue to fight for the rights of vulnerable people, the marginalized, the elderly, and people of color around the world. I pray for wage equity and sustainable incomes for all people. And lastly I pray for humanity to walk and work together as brothers and sisters in love and humanity.

I pray that Pope Francis moves and inspires Congress to pass laws that recreate a strong and sustaining middle class and that assure that the poorest in our nation will never go without basic human needs- food, shelter, water, healthcare and equal education and employment opportunities; that through Pope Francis Congress really hears and understands the meaning of the gospel of Jesus and that regardless of your religious affiliation or if you have none, Jesus' message is about what it takes to be a good and compassionate human being. Peace

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All the working class through out the world.

Prayer to the Holy One, Grace-giving God, for a living wage for all workers, for mercy and courage for migrants seeking safety, and for deeper understanding on the part of owners and employers.

Please support a safer workplace in all industries, whether it be services or manufacturing. Please support a living wage, so people can feed and support their multigenerational families. Please support Healthcare and education for everyone.

I pray not only for workers who are denied a fair wage, but also for all members of Congress that they may be attentive to workers and their families who call for justice, both a faith value and an American value.

Dear Father in Heaven, Please bless your son, Francis, as he starts his mission to Cuba and our country. Open the hearts and spirits of all who hear his voice. Protect and guide him and accept our thanks for this dearly beloved person who brings hope and love to all.

I pray that all may be one in our love for all that is good. May we put aside greed and putting ourselves first. May we help to build up one another.

In the name of all that is Holy, I pray our nation's political leaders will listen with the integrity of honest hearts and minds, and likewise respond, to the call of Pope Francis for compassion and justice, in all their decion-making that impacts the daily economic lives and health of the least well-off of all God's people on earth, including their fellow Americans struggling in poverty.

May the leaders of our nation work toward greater equality in the workplace for all workers..for greater safety, a living wage, and respect for the jobs well done.

I pray that Pope Francis's visit will spur Congress to act on the need to address Climate Change and see that as a real human rights issue.

Dear God, our Loving Father, may Pope Francis' cry for justice for the earth, immigrants and refugees, and for all those who live in poverty will be heard in our Congress as well as in heaven that our elected leaders will act on what they hear so that we will have a more just society here and throughout the world. Amen.

Peace and justice for all people



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Justice and Peace for all people world wide.

Loving God, we pray that the message of Pope Francis to the U.S. Congress will penetrate their hearts and energize them to stand with His Holiness and all people of faith and good will: that they will be inspired to take action on behalf of the poor, the sick, the elderly, children, immigrants, the imprisoned, victims of discrimination and all forms of violence; that empty words will become concrete policies to lift up the neediest among us; that commitment to the common good will leave no room for arrogant self-interest or greedy indifference to the plight of others. Merciful God, may the divisions that plague Congress today, making it impotent, be replaced with cooperation, peace and justice-building. Amen.

I am praying that Congress will take action to support and protect workers. From stronger union and job site protections, to a higher minimum wage, I ask God that Congress take action to support the least of our sisters and brothers. I offer this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Dear Lord, please enlighten our minds to support our fellow brethren, to have their working dignity preserved by society valuing their work and supporting a living wage.

Health and respect for animals, plants and the natural world Economic, social and economic justice!

World peace

That we come together to find the will to create a society that works for all our people.

World peace and the willingness to do justice to support a peaceful world. We have a Pope with hope.

I pray for the wisdom and courage in each member of congress to realize, acknowledge and act from a mature understanding of the dignity of each person and the importance of human solidarity.

May you be blessed with eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart open to the love and hope of Pope Francis as he speaks to you. We hold you in our hearts and prayers. May you cherish this time. Peace, Barney and Jan

I am praying that the dignity of all workers will be respected and their rights will be safeguarded. I pray that the sharing of gifts, talents and skills especially those of the poor may receive just and fair compensation.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

That Richard Burr, Patrick Mc Henry, Mark Meadows and Tom Tillis will bless NC with a representation faithful to the message of peace and support of the Common Good.

comprehensive immigration reform

May there be justice, safety and dignity for all those who labor to put food on our tables and provide enough for their own tables. For those who bear the heat and the cold, who live far from family and home, may God keep in safety. May God give to those in positions of power a sense of justice and recognition of our interdependence and connectedness, with one another and with all creation.

I pray for an end to violence to one another, to Mother Earth and to all creation. I pray that we may learn to love one another and live in solidarity and peace. May justice roll down and cover the world.

I pray for goodness to win out over selfishness and fear. I pray for our elected officials to hear the better voices of the people and not the hate. I pray for continued support for the disadvantaged and the marginalized, especially for the migrants and women facing difficult choices.. most of all I pray for positive change to eliminate the causes of injustice, inequality, and need. In God's name I pray.

prayer for non-partisan, good for constituents, honest debate when considering any and all proposed legislation. prayer for discernment on issues. prayer for good health to deal with the demands of office.

I pray for love. We do not treat our fellow human beings with love. God wants us to be like Him. To know His attributes and practice goodly deeds.

I am praying for world peace. I pray for justice for all, for a world where people are paid a living wage, where all children are offered a good education, where there is no more hunger, and where all people enjoy a basic level of health care. I pray that those who have plenty will share generously, and that the greatest good takes precedence over individuals' wealth. I pray for systemic change to sustain justice. God, please help us and our leaders. Amen

That governing officials will use their power to promote and effect justice for the poor- insuring human rights and just wages.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

Lord grant our leaders open hearts to see the least among us the way you see them... as fully human and precious in your sight.

That our congress will be moved by the humanity of their working brothers and sisters and heed the admonition to Enhance human dignity "whatsoever you do to the least among you you do to me"

I pray that the leaders of this world step outside the box and create a "think tank" in order begin the healing of this planet and its people especially those people who are struggling to stay alive. May the God of Wisdom be in their hearts and in their resolutions to bring peace and good will to all.

I pray for a just distribution of the world's wealth; not 22% held by the wealthiest 80 individuals.

I think both parties, should fight for those who are workers congress, should fight for them to have a living wage!!!

I PRAY FOR PEACE AROUND THE WORLD, THE LOVE AND COMPASSION OF JESUS CHRIST, NO MORE RACISM JUST LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD. I PRAY THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL EARTH AND ANIMALS OUR PRECIOUS LORD GAVE TO US. LETS LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES, FEED AND CARE FOR THE NEEDY AND MOST OF ALL PUT GOD FIRST AND THE LOVE OF JESUS AND THE WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO EVERY MOMENT OF OUR LIFE. GOD HELP US BE AS HE WOULD WANT US TO BE. AMEN

Compassion, mercy, love, and justice for the poor, the homeless, and the immigrant. An end to racism, and true reconciliation among all people.

I pray for peace and equality, respect for all people. An end to war and strife; leaders who respect and listen to those they lead, an end to big money graft and corruption in politics at all levels of every government in the world. I pray that companies and people will start to care for the world in which they live and that we will finally take care of the world of which God made us caretakers. I pray that all people may come to know God as their Loving and Caring Parent. And I pray that God will continue to lead the Pope and all our religious leaders to be outspoken in all matters politic so that this world will see that religion is not meaningless and uncaring but vibrant and caring for all people.

May we be moved by the spirit to work together for PEACE in our world and for preserving our planet or futue generations.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

I pray that we all lose our irrational fear of Muslims.

Fairness in an economy that works for everyone, not just the few.

Most Holy Father, please pray to our heavenly Father to give us strength, fortitude, honor and humility in conducting our work as union leaders.

Social justice, peace and compassion.

God bless the pope for pouring love and hope all over our universe!

As a Hindu and A Sikh, the essence of our interconnectedness in this world is vital in how we must collaborate and support one another. As I have the honor to see Pope Francis at the Capitol building. I will make myself clear with a sign that says #WeAreBetterTogether ! I pray that he is not the only person willing to be our brother's keeper; that we all can help each other to sustain ourselves and each other.

that ears and hearts in congress as well as at the UN will be open and then take action from Pope Francis' message

Jobs with dignity for all.

Lord God, We pray for the common good of all people near and far. For the oppressed and downtrodden, may they be lifted up in dignity and given rightful opportunities to fulfill their vocations. For those with influence and plenty, may they apply their privilege to do justice. For the migrants and the sojourners, bring them a place to call home. Move each and every heart with your deep compassion so that we cannot help but act. Mindful of the many names by which your children cry out to you, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

Removal from the Congress of the self centered, righteous, wealthy partisans. May there be a new surge of public involvement to assure that the political powers reflect the values Pope Francis is promoting. And may our precious Pope, as he visits America, have his eyes opened to the equal place of women in running the world - including the Church. For these gifts of God's blessings, I truly pray.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

I pray for more tolerance among people claiming to have belief in Christianity to be able to learn or relearn the trueness of the teachings of Jesus: to live & love among the poor, vulnerable and disenfranchised. As Jesus said to live by the sword is to die by the sword, therefore, end the expansive military budgets for weapons of war. To be able to follow God's primary 'rule': Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you -- In ALL things.

I pray that: all of our Congressional Leaders will seize this opportune occasion to lay aside all "politics as usual," their divisive political and selfish agendas, and all political posturing, in order to implement suggestions to be reiterated by Pope Francis to do what is right and desperately needed by the citizens of this Nation, as well as for the current and future benefit of all the people who live on this Planet. This is a last-chance opportunity for them before this Congressional Term soon ends, to become an "Acting Congress," rather than for their legacy to remain as a "Do Nothing Congress." As the Bible reminds us: "We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us!" AMEN [thank you!] - Edwin D. Michael

World Peace and the end of refugee crises all over the world.

Orenda, Maker of Life, please open their hearts, soften their hearts, so they can hear Pope Francis' words, and respond accordingly. Thank you, Great Spirit.

peace.

I pray that you will take the Pope's petitions to heart and vote accordingly in the future. He is taking Christ's messages to us in the pure form in which it was meant.

World peace!

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

I am praying that through Jesus Christ, God continues to Bless all his people!!! God be with Pope Francis for his visit to the US, while coming, during and returning home for his visit!!! Pope Francis implores us to do better for the poor, for the infirm, for workers, and for our planet. It is my hope that when the Pope speaks to Congress, they will listen and they will act and that Congress not boycott the Pope!!! We have a long way to go in this country to realize Pope Francis' vision. But with the faith that hard work and good organizing will bear fruit, I'm confident we will continue to make strides to bring more dignity and respect to all workers. Today, we call for prayers and persuasion to send a message to the U.S. Congress to heed Pope Francis' words and embrace justice for all; to protect workers from unscrupulous corporations that force too many people to labor in unsafe conditions for less than a living wage or no wage at all. Lord we ask that you remove the Conservative allegiance to the Koch Brothers and ALEC and that they return to their Congressional "Oaths of Office." Amen!!!

I pray that the hearts of our legislators are softened so that they see and care about the poor among us, and that they see the reality of Global Warming and our human responsibility for it. I pray that they recognize that there are things to do to stop it and that they choose to act on that.

Please help the poor, the aged, the suffering. Do not look away. Instead, change things right now.

Father God, who reveal yourself to us often more as Mother God, I think your middle name can be Mercy. You love us as your children, and the more we need You, the more You seem to love us. Those of us who have the least seem to need you the most, and the more you bend down to them in love. When we have more, it is easier to forget our need for You...perhaps a temptation to play God or think that we are gods. You love us all as Your family, so help to Be a family more and more, to follow your inspirations and to share more what we have and reflect your loving care for all of us. We make our prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

For Congress to understand that what Pope Francis states on climate change is real and not a fake.

May Congress listen to Pope Francis on climate change, and successfully address it.

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That the Teabaggers can look beyond the Koch brothers who contribute to their campaigns, & see the bigger picture, with all the suffering that is going on in our country, & stand up & pass meaningful policies that will help the POOR & MIDDLE Classes, & not just the rich!

That a few Republicans are so moved by the Pope's message that it touches their hearts to be more compassionate towards the elderly, sick, disabled, and poor Americans that suffer from bad government policies that favor corporate America and the 1%. Also, that our veterans can get the help they need. I also pray that his message of being good stewards of the earth will move a few more Republicans towards eliminating subsidies for big oil and opting for subsidies for clean energy. I also pray that Republican hawks will be moved to try diplomacy instead of trying to involve us in yet another war with Iran or sending boots on the ground to fight ISIS.

I pray for everyone to have enough money to provide for their families.

I pray that the Pope Francis will be successful at opening eyes and hearts to the needs of the planet and all of its people.

I pray that we all follow the Lord's commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

That people be open to what Francis is saying here in the U.S.

Our Father, shine your light on our Pope Francis so that he may prevail in his love for our Mother Earth, all her inhabitants and life giving resources that are your gifts Father, so that we all may survive to live and spread your Holy word throughout all Your nations. Amen

Our continued, growing recognition that we are indeed our brothers' keepers.

I'm praying that the leaders of our country, who are mostly for sale, take note of this Pope. He is a scientist, an economist, and an amazing Pope. He is more qualified than all of Congress to run this country. His words need to be heeded, as the plan the world is working on is clearly not working.

I pray that Congress will heed what Pope Francis says and that they will take the appropriate actions.

an equal distribution of wealth amongst all of god's people

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

That we protect the environment and stop corporations from harming people, animals, and our environment with poisons and GMOs For a return to true democracy in the USA by undoing Citizens United legislatively and passing a new Voting Rights Act For protection and support for unions and the passage of a minimum wage that is a living wage

Peace and justice

zero poverty,no deforestation,clean energy

For blessings on the Pope and equality for all.

Peace.

I pray that they listen to Pope Francis to do better for the poor in the working class and our planet. Is someone that suffers from an operable cancer I can tell you The burden of paying the medical bills on my family is more than I can say. In this day and time one should not have to pray for their family and their friends in case of their death Do not able to keep up with the medical treatment Pope Francis is the peoples pope of all the faiths.

I pray that the world, especially the United States will heed your words and start living with care and thoughts of other people, rather than just of themselves. God wants us to take care of the Earth. This includes air and water pollution reduction, the reduction of solid waste pollution and making changes in anything that is linked to global m warming. I pray that the Pope will have good health and safe travels as he seeks to do God's will.

Peace

We will follow the lead of Christ and help poor and underprivileged people live up to their potential by providing them with the resources to accomplish this.

Father God please open the hearts and ears of your servants that can effect massive changes in our world to the benefit of all. Amen

An end to global hunger, an end to violence, the reduction of risk that has been foisted upon families as the government has privatized certain services in response to the pressure of libertarians.

Justice for all; justicia para todos!

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For shared concern for our brothers and sisters of all faith, all color, all nationalities. That we should live in a world of peace and love. A world ruled by a small percent of greedy people who do not consider that some of us are weak, or ill or are incapable is living in our small selves lacking of compassion. May we all see the light.

lift up the hungry...lift up the stranger...speak good news to the prisoner

Let us remember we are all from the same family. Let us work together for good instead of selfishness.

I pray for peace among the nations and for the leaders of this country. I pray they will be given wisdom, courage, strength to work together to do what is best for the people of this country, especially those who are poor, weak, and persecuted in any way, I pray for justice for every member of our society. Thank you God

Peace!

I am praying for everyone to learn tolerance and respect for each other. Underneath our skin, our clothes, our education, our jobs, and our beliefs, we are all the same. Knowing we are all the same under superficial differences allows us to realize that we are all part of one big family—the family of humanity. When we honor each other, we grow and blossom. We form a net of love and respect that is strong enough to hold the world!

I pray that we might all realize that happiness is not in material possessions. Happiness is in knowing that everyone has good health care, nutritious food, safe living conditions, excellent schools, freedom to vote and practice the faith of their choice, freedom to marry whomever they choose, and freedom for women to have control over their own bodies.

the earth

PEACE!

Justice, compassion ,love ,and forgivness

Sanity to return to our government And world peace under God. For it all means not without God

His continuing strength to speak the gospel.

I'm not praying. I am a non-believer. I will sign your petition,however.

PEACE

For Congress to listen to what Pope Francis has to say

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Open ears, open hearts, open minds

I pray for peace in the world as well as justice for all. I am concerned about the Morals of our country and wish to lift us all in prayer for unity, peace and justice for all in God's Holy Name, Amen

I am holding you in the light, Francis.

Equal justice for everyone , regardless of social status, religion & race. Greatest care about our environment to eliminate pollution, so all may breathe pure air, drink pure water & eat crops uncontaminated by toxic herbi- & pesticides.Using our intelligence to promote renewable energy. A government seeking peace , not bolstered by the war machine. No nuclear weapons.Absolutely no torture. No one should be homeless, no one should suffer hunger. All children need to have a happy childhood & a good education. If people would stop coveting more money & ^ would look around to help each other, the angels would smile.

Just wages for all

Peace and equality for all.

Praying for healing for the souls of this country. I believe that as part of the human family, we have to do better collectively. I pray that we have more compassion for one another! We need more love, because if we could truly "love" one another, we will heal this planet.

Working families

I am praying for those in power to take climate change & it's devastating effects seriously & work to stop it's progress. I pray for more jobs with fair pay & safe working conditions. I pray for good health care for all. I pray for our leaders to care more about those they serve than they do about themselves. I pray for kind humane treatment for all animals.

While I do not subscribe to the Catholic faith, I am moved by the kindness, fairness and love this Pope shows for his fellow man. I think our Country can learn a lot from him and his positions on equality and inclusiveness. We must all look to the Lord and ask ourselves, ' How would God want us to handle these matters? '.

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I pray for the farm workers, documented and undocumented, who labor in our fields and make our food, for the long-suffering frycooks who prepare it, and for the servers that deliver it, and those who tend our lawns and gardens and care for our children, the sex workers who risk their lives in a line of work everybody shuns them for, by Ostara, they deserve safe working conditions and a living wage. I pray for the refugees who seek work and shelter here, for the migrants who travel to follow the most unpleasant tasks, for the minority workers who rebuild town after town in the wake of hurricanes and other disasters, by Shhsh the Spirit of the night wind, they deserve safe working conditions and a living wage. I pray for the starving artists, the creative souls, the brewers and cocktail waitresses waiting for a big chance that may never come, for elder care workers who look after our parents and grandparents in their twilight years but have no retirement fund or hope for their own future, by Dionysus they deserve safe working conditions and a living wage. I don't agree with everything Pope Francis says, but when he speaks of human dignity, migration, and worker justice, he is speaking for me and my faith too.

Dear lord please open the eyes, ears and hearts of our Congress, our President and our people to the words, spirit and heart of Pope Francis. Grant Us Peace. Hear Our Prayer. Amen

I pray that our congress people will reverse the course of destruction we are on and stop the allegiance to corporate America and return it to the people.

Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for providing Pope Francis to lead us closer in our walk with you. Please help him open the eyes and hearts of those who fear, exploit or deny those who struggle an opportunity for a living wage, advancement opportunities and a peaceful relationship within their communities. Thank you Lord for your grace to endure the i justices our brothers and sisters endure and energy to bring us together in a good life that celebrates all you provide. I pray these things in all that is holy and for all your children. Amen

Blessed be to all. Where is Wiccan and Humanist?

Give workers a living wage

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Lately the words of Amos to Israel (echoed by Isaiah to Judah) from the Hebrew Original Testament have been ringing clear: "Woe to you who turn justice to vinegar and stomp righteousness into the mud. Do you realize where you are? . . . People hate this kind of talk. Raw truth is never popular. But here it is, bluntly spoken: Because you run roughshod over the poor and take the bread right out of their mouths, you're never going to move into the luxury homes you have built. You're never going to drink wine from the expensive vineyards you've planted. . . . Justice is a lost cause. Evil is epidemic. Decent people throw up their hands. Protest and rebuke are useless, a waste of breath. . . . Hate evil and love good, then work it out in the public square. . . . Go out into the streets and lament loudly! Fill the malls and shops with cries of doom! Weep loudly, 'Not me! Not us! Not now!' Empty offices, stores, factories, workplaces. Enlist everyone in the general lament. . . . I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making. . . . Do you know what I want? I want justice - oceans of it. I want fairness - rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want."

May God open your heart to hear the message of Pope Francis and the "hear the cry of the poor" in your legislative priorities and actions. May God bless you

Peace and Justice throughout the United States and the world.

Peace around the World. Displaying respect for others and taking care of the homeless, jobless and the poor. Most of all, I am praying for the Pope's health and safety. Stay blessed.

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Creator and Cherisher of worlds, I pray for the poor, for workers, for the infirm, and for children (particularly those in difficult or dangerous circumstances). I beg you to protect, support and encourage these, and all the anawim; to comfort them and to give them hope in your love. And I pray for all of us who should be protecting, empowering and uplifting the anawim, and, indeed the very earth. Give us hearts of flesh, O God, to learn to listen to their cries and to respond in love. Give us the courage to stand against the powers that would grind them down, for the illicit gain of wealth and power. Teach us to live justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

God please help Pope Francis and give him wisdom. Also god help the United States to listen and to hear the Pope.

For all the migrants (for economic or political/war reason) so that they are welcome in Europe as well as in the US or Australia.

I pray for the continuation of this wonderful man as Pope. He is making such a difference. May his visit have an impact on the rigid Catholics in Congress and may he know that so many of us, of so many different faiths or non-faiths, find great hope in his intelligence, courage, and grace.

I pray for the rights of workers and that they earn a living wage.

Indigent people, abused children, mothers

That mankind as a whole moves forward to embrace the idea of oneness, and that our consciousness expands into the realization that it is impossible to hurt another without hurting one's self, and it is also impossible to help another without helping one's self. In this realization may we enter a new level of peace and prosperity for all.

Equality and healthcare for all people, women and men.

Clarity on how to create a kinder more humane world.

That Congress will raise the minimum wage. That someday soon the politicians in this country will stop valuing money over everything else.

I wish workers all over the world could make enough to live a good life

Having the Pope have a safe visit and peace in the world. that refugees are safe and are able to start new lives.

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For everyone on the planet to have the ability to empathize with the people they hate. In that way, we become the other and learn that their pain is also our pain and that we are truly one.

May America become a nation where the dignity of adequate compensation of workforce is valued as much as the dignity of adequate compensation for entrepreneurs and managers. May the stability of our communities be built upon this two-fold dignity.

I pray you take heed of the Pope's message. To do what is best for people and country and planet. That you stop the worship of the "Golden Calf" and come to your senses. When the planet goes all the money in the world will not save you. God Bless you.

I am praying for true equanimity and equality in every person's heart, in relation to their fellow travelers, their community, the World's communities and the World itself.

I'm praying for America to wake up, feed its poor, house its homeless, educate its youth, provide mental and physical health care & real equality for all, and to come back to honest Christian values, to stop worshipping money, and start loving one another, regardless of gender orientation, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, age, religion, shape or size. I'm praying for God's mercy on us all, for how poorly we've treated one another, and His grace to get us through this time of tumult. I'm praying for spiritual healing for all of us - individually and as a whole.

I pray that you would find it in your hearts to pass legislation that would help the working class, poor, and homeless. That you would expand social services such as medicare, medicaid, social security, and food stamps. I also pray that you would increase the minimum wage for ALL workers and make choices that make the economy friendly towards the ninety-nine per cent.

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Dear Lord, Please bring economic justice to the world. Many are suffering from inadequate housing food insecurity and are not clothed properly. Please bless those who are struggling with poverty. One in five children in the US deal with poverty on a daily basis. Human trafficking I know is an abomination to you, oh Lord. Help us iradicate from the face of the earth. Help us all understand that we must be good stewards of the earth for future generations. Give us peace in the world, in our country, in our cities, in our families and in our hearts. Bless the Lord OH my soul with all that is in me, bless the Lord. Amen.

May compassion link our hearts as one.

Praying for Peace, Prosperity for all on Earth!

Peace in the world

For the poor and disenfranchised to have a voice and be heard. For the planet and that its' inhabitants will be kind to her. For women and their right to choose what to do with their own body. For everyone to be able to make the choice to marry whomever they love.

Income equality, help the poor, climate change action, an end to war.

Soften our hearts, that we may feel the loving desperation of those who labor too long for too little to sustain and secure themselves and their families. Let us give them time to be with their families, unburdened by the necessity to maintain life by working too many hours, too many days, too many jobs. Let us no longer feel the shame of being the richest country with the lowest percentage of vacation time in the industrial world. May our powerful ones show mercy for the rest of us.

A living wage, work for all who want to work, rewarding work to fill our hearts, healthy food for all who are hungry, a roof over every person on earth, health and freedom from pain, clean air and water, and a loving, compassionate family and friendship for everyone.

Peace and equity for all human kind

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I love the pope, he is such a wonderful spiritual leader and a good person. Full of love and tolerance. Guide his words with Gods help so that congress will open their hearts and listen. We all want the same thing to live on a healthy earth, that isn't dying because of pollution, in peace with each other and acceptance with our differences and focusing on how we are alike. Loving one another and working together.

The laborer is worthy of his hire.

O Lord, Touch the hearts of our President, legislators, Supreme Court, and other policy makers, to work for the welfare of all citizens of our nation and of the world instead of for their own welfare and welfare of their big dollar supporters. Let your spirit enter their minds, hearts, and souls and turn their care to the conservation of our suffering people and earth. You are the one who makes all things new. Renew the depths of all hearts and the face of the earth. Thank you for your great mercy and love always with us. Amen.

That Bishop of Rome Francis survives the hatred heading his way.

I'm praying that people of good faith will come together and do what's right for our country. We need to elect good people like President Obama who will work hard to keep us out of war and do all the other good things we need done in this country. We need to help the poor, have good jobs for hardworking people, help the sick and do something about the high cost of getting sick in this country. So much work to be done and we can't accom anything because people refuse to compromise! That's what made this country great to grow up in and why so many want to live here.

My prayer is that All men will recognize and act upon what Faith Traditions agree on as far as terms of Living conditions and wages.

I pray that the American Congress will realize that many people in our very rich country are suffering a great deal and what we need is genorosity for the poor, safety nets for the elderly and middle class, and justice for racial and ethnic minorities and immigrants.

Racial injustices and income equality,care for the poor

End of slavery and war in our world peace and freedom for all

Justice.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

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| The environment and peace. |
| Be still and know that I am God. |
| I pray for love and respect for all living creatures. I pray for the end of war and violence. By giving to others, we shall receive peace and joy. |
| I prayer that God will protect our world we live in and the animals that live in it with us. May the world leaders come to their senses and stop global warming by not continuing to use fossil. Please Lord help the people of the world to realize that we are the stewards of the Earth and it animals and we must protect them both. Amen |
| I am praying that everyone in this world has a decent wage to cover all of their needs. |
| Open hearts and ears, and safety yor the pope. |
| I pray for our leaders to hearPope Francis' words on social justice and the environment. The time to act is now. May the Holy Father move their hearts and minds towards truth and justice. |
| World peace |
| A living wage and support for job training and education. |
| Peace, always |
| do the right thing |
| I pray that his visit sparks more discussion about the country's obligation to treat all people with kindness, dignity, and respect, and that climate discussions become serious. |
| The courage to be open-hearted and empathetic regardless of party or creed; the wonder and the gratitude toward all forms of life that allows for compassion-driven policy. |
| Por que vuelva la Justicia Laboral porque haya un Mundo Mejor de Paz y Equidad. Que cese la usura y la avaricia que nos quiere volver esclavos y arrastrar a la Tercera Guerra Mundial sin saber que pueden Destruir le Humanidad o crear tantos daños a la Naturaleza que la vida en el Planeta podria ser terrible y caotica. |
| I pray for peace. |

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Gracious God, help us, we pray, to find ways to meaningfully provide help for the least of these our brothers and sisters, not only around the world, but even here in the United States of America. Give us a vision of our world, as You would have it be, and give us no rest or discharge until we have wrought this work of compassion to the less fortunate so that generations yet unborn may yet praise Thy Name and those who seek to follow the path that Jesus taught us. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Peace and comfort for all mankind.

Peace instead of war; understanding instead of hate; love; justice & freedom; enough of this world's food, housing, financial equity for all the citizens of our world. We are experiencing some extraordinary effects from climate change, some of which we caused by being greedy, pray that we share our water and truly be observant of what we do so that we do not lose our resources.

For open minds and hearts that allow the Holy Spirit to direct thoughts and action.

Fairness in not only workers conditions and wages but for the environment, that the governmental officials will back off of fracking and all other policies that threaten our entire world.

I am an individualist. I pray out loud. So I am always praying to politicians. I'm not being sarcastic nor even funny. Politics is a dialogue and my experience is that this Pope prays out loud quite often with thoughts that I can identify with. I am supportive of his visit and maybe he can talk sense with the US super-Conservative Catholic community. Frankly I don't need Catholic Republicans but in a Democracy there is room for all views. I simply disagree with the Catholic aristocracy in the US.

That the Catholic church may be one---not conservative and progressives, etc. Peace in the world. Economic justice. Help for the environment.

I pray that those who are greedy will realize it is only through sharing the earth's resources that we all will be able to live in peace and harmony. That those who are poor will be comforted and will receive the gifts of the earth that they need to live a happy life. I also pray for the safety of Pope Francis and foreign and to the end of the gun insanity has gripped the United States.

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Peace for all of God's children be they Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or a refugee from Central America, North Africa, or the Middle East. I pray for compassion, mercy, and forgiveness.

I pray that Pope Francis will succeed where others have failed to get Congress to accept climate change is a problem that we all need to address and poor people are not moochers but valuable human beings who need a little help to be successful.

That the Congress and the world will listen to Pope Francis. I pray for his safety and health.

I pray that we all may live by the Golden Rule~Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

May all live in harmony!

I pray for the safety and health of the displaced children who are without a home country and are many times in vulnerable situations. Give them hope and the light of God to lead them to a safe harbor.

More caring about others, global warming, cutting energy use.

Peace on earth. Justice for all living things. Understanding of one another with compassion for all.

Lord: I pray for tolerance, I pray for love, I pray for your Grace and mercy to open the hearts of our politicians and fellow American so that everyone can enjoy freedom, respect and joy.

Pope Francis has spoken out about wealth concentration amid rampant poverty. This is the result of policies made by "elected" officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other reform of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any reform to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.

I pray that Congress listen with their hearts to the Pope.

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feed the hungry. house the homeless. comfort the afflicted. afflict the comfortable. help us all to do what we can.

Heavenly Father, please open the hearts, minds, & souls of our leaders as they are addressed by our Holy Father. Let your Holy Spirit work through Pope Francis to stir in to being the change in the course and direction of our nation - which is so desperately. Because your Blessed Mother is the Empress of the Americas, I beg you to honor her pleas and intercession for the conversion of America and save us from ourselves. In Jesus name, I pray. Thank you my God - I love you.

For all the working people and for our planet.

I pray that you put the common good of us Americans and the world first rather than believing and acting as if catering to multinational organizations will further your career.

For peace in the world and the end of ISIS immediately. That our soldiers will come home SOON. For the safety of Pope Francis in his USA visit. That I will gain more energy and initiative to do my housework. Also that I will cease the habit of constantly picking the dry skin off my fingers. Last but not least, for financial security.

God is the one divine Mind and we are all his children. We can hear the thoughts he is thinking for us to follow and we can and will do what is right and just. We can expect to see God's goodness to his children reflected in the laws of our land. God has infinite resources with which to bless all his children.

Dear God, I pray the hearts of Congress and candidates for office will be awakened to the love You provide us all. Help them, and all of us, to see the pain involved in uprooting your family and traveling without the things that have long meant so much. How scary and awful to have nothing, and to have to rely on the goodness of strangers, for our very lives. Help those who are seeking a better life to find acceptance and help in these most trying times. In the name of your Son Jesus, I pray, Amen

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World Peace. Help for people in poverty. Good environmental practices. A big improvement in immigration laws. Safety for Pope Francis as he visits the United States. That Congress listen to what the Pope has to say on many issues. That all the people that travel to see the Pope will have safety traveling. That the U.S. enact some decent gun laws so that we are not seeing and hearing about fun deaths of so many, including children. That media report accurately, not making crime sensational. That people respect each other and each their property. That we help others who experience natural disasters.

My prayer is for those hard working individuals who face adversity and injustice when they have done what is right and good in/for the world.

LOVE in our world. Love of nature and love of people. Love of education, equality, and all that is good for the planet and all of her inhabitants.

Beauty, balance, harmony, healing, and love to all of Creation!

I pray for pope Francis journey in Cuba and United States. I pray for all they will ear pope Francis and understand well and share his will for a better world of justice, respect toward creation, non-violence, disarmament... Jean Molénat.

I pray that the members of Congress will open their ears, minds and hearts to really hear and consider what Pope Francis is saying rather than thinking about what they want to say in the media the next day. It is time to look beyond your narrow goals of fundraising and reelection and think about the good you could do for everyone in this country (not just the few with money) and the positive impact it could have on the world.

For the hypocrisy of our government to come to light, to those who need to see it. For alternatives to war. For compassion, for all. For idolatry of money to end, in our Churches and governments.

My prayer is for world peace, an end to all wars, an end to poverty and the intelligence to save our planet from climate change caused by man.

I'm praying for the betterment of this world by whatever means it takes to do this.

Let love prevail, Lat all of humanity love

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| Peace, Love for humans and all of Gods creatures, healing of the earth |
| Loving God, help us to build a just social order in which the rights and dignity of every person are secured. Help us to build a society driven by love for one another. |
| That our congressional leaders and government officials would repent from our addiction to the power of violence, and, repent from their worship and service of money and power so that they would serve the needs of the people of this nation. |
| End the war making machine. |
| Economic justice for all people. |
| I am praying that the Pope mentions the need for a US Dept. o Peacebuilding to provide a comprehensive approach to prevent and reduce violence in the US and abroad. Using best practice policies and programs to promote a "Culture of Peace." Visit: www.thepeacealliance.org for information about HR 1111-- The US. Dept. of Peacebuilding Act of 2015 |
| Father of us all, Help us to be worthy stewards of your creation and to return our nation to the values that made us great: commitment to equality, peace, and justice. Amen |
| Lord, help our Congress to be filled with your Spirit of love and care for the people they are elected to serve, especially the marginalized, the vulnerable, the very young, the very old, the immigrant, the refugee and the poor among us. Inspire Congress to carry out its sacred responsibility to all the people and not just special interests. Open their hearts and minds to what the Pope has to say and the holy values he stands for. Empower the Congress to act according to higher values than they have shown in recent years, values encapsulated in the Golden Rule. Amen |
| I pray that God gives America's Congress and all its elected officials the wisdom and humility to understand Jesus's teaching that "when you feed or clothe or give water to the least of them you do that for me." This mandate goes back to Moses' time in the desert. We are stronger as a people where every person, including children, the elderly and the sick, are provided with the necessities of life. |
| For justice to triumph - unlikely, I know. For Nature to be respected - ditto. For a fairer distribution of wealth and resources - as above. |
| peace and justice |

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Concern for the poor as shown by actions.

May Peace Be With All

Lord, please open the minds of the people that Pope Francis will be addressing. Help them to understand the reality of climate change. In Jesus name I ask this. Amen

I am praying for justice and morality. I am also praying that we stop worshipping the Golden Calf as is stated in the Bible. Too much money is going to the 1% in this country and the working middle class families are getting poorer and poorer because the uber rich millionaires and billionaires are taking more and more from the middle class and poor working families. My prayer is that the U.S. Congress of the United States will wake up to the fact along with Wall Street and the rest of the uber conservative millionaires that we need a country that is run by the people NOT by the wealthy. Stop worshipping the Golden Calf as Moses pointed out in the Old Testament of the Bible. We are living in Sodom and Gomorrah in the United States, not in a country that looks after the poor and afflicted. We need to STOP this insatiable greed for money--as I call it the greed creed "All for me and not one cent for you". The Golden Rule from Matthew is one that the U.S. Congress needs to practice along with Wall Street. Finally, justice and morality need to return to the United States and stop worshipping the golden calf-- "Money is the root of all evil".

I'm not religious and I don't pray, but I do like and respect Pope Francis, and I hope you will listen to his ideas and support them. He truly practices what he preaches.

I pray for an end to the persecution of the Palestinians. I pray for the siege of Gaza to end. I pray for all refugees. I pray for the the end of mass incarceration. I pray for an end to the persecution of African-Americans. I pray for an end to the persecution of women. I pray for all who have been abused sexually and endure the damage this has done them. I pray for accountability of bishops, and for democracy in all churches. I pray for love stronger than death.

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Glory to You God Almighty Father. In the name of your most holy Son Jesus Christ I beg you to reach into the hearts of all of the rich and powerful people in America and fill them with Your holy and infinite love, and lead them to love You and to love all people, including the poor, the prisoners, and all of the marginalized, and to manifest this love in deeds as well as words. Amen.

Mercy on my country. Care for the population of the world. Care for the planet. Help to do my part.

May there be higher wages for workers.

Rezo para que el ser humano proteja a todas las criaturas del planeta -vegetales o animales como él mismo- en lugar de destruirlos y de destruir así su propio hogar. Rezo para que el ser humano despierte de una vez y se dé cuenta de que economía=ecología y de que "el pan de hoy para unos pocos será el hambre de mañana para todos" si no cambia su estilo de vida.

Friends family and an end to abortion. God Bless

I am an atheist and I pray for politicians to start actually working for the people not their corporate sponsors.

that the world powers will unite and help solve the climate change crisis

The Our Father/Lord's Prayer says it all.

I pry their hearts and minds will be open to the truth.

Dear God, please enfold every member of Congress into Your loving heart and most tender part of Your mind and may Your love caress them and help them see with loving eyes and merciful hearts.

Peace and Justice.

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Praying for Congress and all our leaders to have strength to act for humanity, not self interest. Praying for Congress to see how wasteful it is to not work together. Our planet will not survive if this self interest continues. Stop and look at the big picture of how we are killing our planet, and our food. All other issues will seem small when we realize how much damage we have already done. I pray that the leaders stop hiding their heads in the sand of self interest and wealth and take care of the earth. Let us all focus on that. I pray they see greed is short lived if our planet is in ruination. I pray for world peace and for Pope Francis to be the one of the voices to speak to this and actually have people listen and act. Be Well

I pray that we will all listen to the message of every religion "Love you neighbor as yourself" Do unto others as you would have them do unto to you". I pray that we will learn to love ourselves and to accept each and every individual as our neighbor.

Courage for us to bring peace to the world and the earth.

Social justice

I pray for world peace.

world peace, improving environmental, closing inequality gap

I am praying for less greed in our society- this includes more equitable pay structures and profit sharing for all workers- living wages. In addition to equal pay for women, and an overhaul of the business side of our health care system to set national standards of appropriate practice (starting with- pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, hospitals) so that people can afford to get treatment when they or their family members are ill.

That young children working in factories in the U.S. and the world over be given fair wages, good working conditions, rest periods, meals and shorter work days, in the name of the Lord.

pray for peace, the end of income inequality, treat animals with dignity and people to do something about climate change

My prayer is that Pope Francis' words and intentions regarding the people of this earth, and this earth, be heard, recognized as truth and acted upon to improve the lives of all the people, fauna and flora of this earth.

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I pray for the end of corporate greed and acknowledging corporations as equal to human beings. May we treat others with respect so that we live the golden commandment of treating others as we would have others treat us.

Social Justice and Peace.

economic justice for all and the tools to attain that. That means supporting quality education for all from pre-kindergarten through college or vocational training.

Please open the ears and hearts of the Christians in Congress so they might hear Pope Francis and realize his words align with Jesus's while despoiling the planet and exploiting workers is against everything Jesus preached.

peace and livable wage for working people

World peace and much better health conditions for all the earth's creatures--and that more people start caring more about both!

For humanity that there will be PEACE & COEXISTANCE regardless of creed, race & culture and also for ALL animals too, that ALL humans respect and not to put profits before the LIVES OF ANIMALS ALIKE.

That all workers receive a living wage that enables them to sustain life for themselves and loved ones in a comfortable way. That all those who receive salaries way above a living wage will question what their true needs are so that others less prosperous might have life more abundantly. That all may have access to affordable competent health insurance, adequate food, water and shelter. AMEN

Justice for All, against the injustice of income inequality, the acceptance of all human beings regardless of race, gender, homosexual, lesbian or transgender. And very dear to my heart that Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother Mary and all the Saints keep our Pope Francis healthy and safe from all harm. He is my Hero.

Each morning I pray for "God's blessings to President Obama, V.P. Joe Biden, U. S. Congressional Members, Members of the Supreme Court, environmental, spiritual, political, world and local leaders and all committed to peaceful solutions and healthy solutions to heal our planet and peoples." I close with the Lord's Prayer.

World peace

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I pray that the members of Congress would actually represent the wishes of the majority of the American people instead of the narrow special interests that shower campaign contributions to buy ideological laws and policies which disregard the will of the people.

God open our eyes and ears to the voices of the poor and the planet. Give us courage to make the necessary changes. Amen!

I pray that our leaders and representatives will put aside their concern for profits, political power, and material prestige, and instead embrace the protection of nature, animals, peace, economic equality, and human rights as the highest priorities.

More awareness on our part as blessed people to share more with the people of the world. We all need to be taxed at 50% to ensure that all people have food, shelter, and health care. Annriette Stolte

World peace, no more hunger throughout the world, health for all I love and throughout the world, a cure for cancer and many other diseases, jobs and homes for our veterans and our homeless. I pray for the Pope because he carries the weight of billions on his shoulders.

Heavenly Father, please help all that are fighting for economic justice.

Dear G-d, please help Congress to be open and receptive to the Pope's message. Please help them to recognize the importance of taking care of our world act to help repair the damage. Please open their eyes to the needs of the poor and the workers and act to make life better for them. Amen.

That people in government at all levels create good living conditions and dignity for everyone, regardless of income. We are all equal under God and all equally deserving.

My wish is that people listen to the pope and learn from both his words and his actions. The world changes and people need to adapt - the pope is telling us messages based in our current reality that we need to heed if we want to save our planet and continue to strive to be the best that we can be - I hope that we can all try to follow the golden rule of doing unto others, and the planet, as we would want them to do unto us. Peace on earth and goodwill to all living things.

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World Peace, people living in their own country with all of their rights, food and medicines available, education for all, and friendship among all peoples and countries. Less guns, more respect for God and each other.

for justice, peace, support and a healthy planet for all

To stop racism around the world, but specifically in the United States which is suppose to be a land of the free. Peace in the Middle East and having more countries in the Middle East accept refugees. The need for concrete ways to deal with Climate change nationally in the United States and world wide. How it affects nations specifically in third world countries. Addressing poverty around the globe.

I pray that as a world we can do more for those who are suffering on a daily basis with little hope for a brighter future.

I am praying for sanity, as gained through the infinite wisdom contained in the Word of God, the Gospel if you will, which is THE Ultimate Truth which has sustained untold generations of people all over the world, who adhered to it faithfully and impacted our world for much good. It is our only hope for happiness in this life and to endure the struggles inherent.

I pray for the openheartedness of the people in Congress to understand the gravity of the world situation with regard to climate and poverty and to be willing to set aside their greed and baloney and finally see the LIGHT to repair the damage that has been done to our planet and the people of the world.

I pray your hearts open to receive Pope Francis' words into your being. I pray you are inspired to direct the power we grant you to make his words manifest. So be it. So it is. It is done.

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I pray that all of us--but especially those in political or economic power--will do our best to build an economy that treats others as we would like to be treated. We all want meaningful work that uses our God-given talents. We all want to earn a living and support our families. We all want reasonable work hours that leave us time for family, for spiritual life, for friendship, for involvement in our community, for enjoying God's gifts. We all want to know that if we become too ill or too old to work, we will be able to retire without impoverishing our families. And what we want for ourselves, we should want for all God's children, our brothers and sisters in creation. I pray for a world where no one is overworked, abused at work, forced to work for starvation wages, or living in constant fear of what will happen if they lose their job. I pray that all workers will have their bread and roses too.

I'm praying that our leaders make wise, compassionate, courageous choices on behalf of all the people.

Congress will do more to help the poor and working class people.

Heavenly Father, I ask you to bless our Holy Father with safety during his travels to and from the United States of America as well as during his visit on our land. I pray that all who hear his message of God's love, respect and concern for ALL mankind and ALL creation. May we heed his call to each do what we can to preserve the balance of nature and ecology as we tread lightly on this earth. Amen. Sister Kay Cota, PBVM Sister of the Presentation Dubuque, Iowa

I pray that senators and representatives will remember the people and the planet in all that they do. I ask that they realize that people deserve to be paid a wage that allows them to live and raise a family and that it is our responsibility to take care of the planet we live on instead of destroying everything in the name of profits for a few.

That our leaders submit their hearts and minds to God's will and make just plans for constituents.

My prayer is that congress heeds the Pope's call for compassion on the poor and especially for the working poor. May there be a raise in the minimum wage and a cap on how much the highest paid in a corporation can make over the lowest paid,

tolerance and peace

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I pray that Pope Francis message to Care for our Common Home be heeded. He knows what he is talking about. I pray for Peace and Justice for ALL of Creation.

I'm praying that people will use the tools of their faith to build people up, not put anyone down.

Honorable Members of Congress, I pray that the message Pope Francis brings is taken to heart, causing changes that benefit the working poor, the environment and all the things that benefit mankind.

Peace & justice for all.

Praying that after decades Congress wakes up and realizes the country has gone to hell.

I pray that the U.S. Government will act on behalf of those who, along with their families, have been marginalized by the U.S. Criminal Justice System regarding their economic well being. Please help us to turn away from policies of vengeance to those of compassion and rehabilitation. Let our government end private prisons, and ban the box on job applications which prevent those who have done their time from the opportunity to be considered for decent jobs. I pray President Obama will use his executive privilege to end these destructive practice and if necessary mandate the Federal Government to become the employer of last resort. I pray our country discontinue the barbaric practice of capital punishment which has taken the lives of prisoners who were later found to be innocent, if for no other reason. I pray that our country turns away from unbridled capitalism, which is destroying our democracy, and war as a means of solving conflicts if for no other reason than the fact that innocent non combatants continue to be killed in alarming numbers. I pray that we will honor our international agreements such as the Geneva Accords and lastly act immediately and courageously to face the impact of climate change on the world at large. For me the "Our Father" sums up my prayer. Bail ó Dia ar an obair! (literally Mouth of God on the work!...May God bless the work!)

Praise and thanks to God for ending poverty, for protecting our environment for all species, for learning to understand and honor all people regardless of faith or ways of living and for offering education (affordable education) and affordable health care for all.

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That your visit will inspire a change of heart in those who are untouched by the suffering of the poor and the stranger.

For Pope Francis to live for many more years and continue on the path he is on. As a recovering Catholic, he is the first thing to happen with the Catholic Church that I have seen as positive in my 66 years.

I am praying for peace,equality,and the environment.

I pray that Congress will hear and listen to the message of Pope Frances. I pray that Congress will agree to legislation that will create a better life for the poor, for the infirm, and for workers. I pray that they will finally acknowledge that climate change is real and pass legislation that will improve the state of our planet. I pray that they will recognize the damage that fossil fuels are doing to the earth and will pass legislation that will conserve energy and encourage the use of green energy. Finally, I pray that they will acknowledge the damage that corporate greed has done to the people of the U.S. and the world, and will pass legislation that remedies the inequality of the rich over the poor and middle class. Amen.

World peace, love and equity

Social justice, peace in the world, and the GOP to come to their senses and get rid of Koch Brothers money and campaign finance reform.

I pray for peace in the environment and among the earth's people's.

Civility.

That Congress would turn their hearts to care for those in need, whether it is for job creation or sustaining those who are in need, such as children, older people and disabled veterans. That they would see the importance of dealing with climate change (maybe it can't be stopped, but it can be curbed, and we need a plan in place to deal with the consequences. THAT they would support efforts to make peace, not war.

Justice for all

PEACE AND CARE FOR THE UNFORUNATE

A world that works for all!

For all of us. For Congress to act on climate change and income inequality. For Congress to remove big money from politics.

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| Workers in the South who want to form a branch of the UAW where they work. Workers in the North who want to reorganize and strengthen their unions, including the UAW. The UAW leadership everywhere; Coffee workers in Ethiopia and elsewhere; |
| Congressional action on climate change |
| Protect our world from Climate change. Freedom from war. Elevating the poor and to fair pay and representation. |
| Peace |
| I pray that Congress will heed the call of Pope Francis for worker justice and make meaningful and bipartisan reforms that allow workers to sustain a family and put an end to a "throwaway economy" that values profit over people and planet |
| I am praying that Congress will show more respect and caring for the middle and lower income levels of people. |
| Rational, humane behavior to return to Congress. |
| For peace in the Middle East. |
| Ainsley recovery |
| I pray that the Republican leadership in our Congress will stop the partisan politics and serve the better interests of the American people. I pray for the expansion of the ACA Medicaid component in all of our 50 States. I pray for action to strengthen the Voting rights for all Americans. I pray for gun control. I pray legislation that will create jobs, economic opportunity and equity for all Americans. I pray for immigration reform. I pray for an increase in the minimum wage. I pray that the Republican leadership will stop fighting President Obama on every issue and stop threats to shut down the government every time they don't win legislatively. I pray that we would learn to trust one another and live in true American fellowship and brotherhood. Thank you. |
| working class |
| A better life for my children because what parents generation and my boss have done and what my boss is doing is evil. Greed is destroying our world. |
| That people will be open to the wisdom of Pope Francis' words |
| Syria and Syrians. |
| For Humanity to return to loving Gods Creation |

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That the ears and hearts of Congress will be open to receive what Pope Francis has to say to them. That they will receive his message and act upon it.

In conjunction with Pope Francis's visit to the U.S., I pray that the U.S. Congress and corporate leaders will listen to his message and stop their greed and selfishness. They need to put the problems of the poor and the environment and the ordinary American people first, not the interests of the rich and powerful.

My God, I believe. I adore, I hope and I love you. I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love YOU.

I pray that all religious people learn to mind their own business and not intrude on my right to privacy with regard to religion. I should not be subjected to someone else's religion or be held accountable to someone else's religious views or morality. Every religious person should respect the other person and the other person's religion---REGARDLESS. AMEN

I pray for the Enlightenment of all involved to help bring about World Peace. I ask for protection for Pope Francis on his visit. I know his visit here will make a big difference, and is a major step in the path to Peace on Earth. I ask that the Republicans in Congress, and all those in the world who are blocking this path open their hearts and their minds, and let the Light shine in on them and the Love of God embrace them. Where they are, God is, and the Light is right there for them to embrace, and to let it in. I pray for protection for all those who encounter hatred, abuse and derision, and that they are kept safe from harm. Let There Be Peace on Earth. And So It Is.

Please strengthen OSHA regulations and enforcement, and bring back the 40 hour work week, with a 15%-20% higher Federal minimum wage. Please institute higher fines for those companies compromising worker safety.

That our government leaders listen to the Pope's message with open hearts and minds and take action in the best interest of our country and the world.

Good job opportunities for this generation

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For leaders to come to their senses and reflect on what are the "right" things to do that will benefit the world community, the environment and peaceful cooperation, now and for future generations.

I pray for each meeting Pope Francis has. I pray that this Pope who listens so well, will continue to listen to the many who need his attention. I also pray that his visits with leaders are successful.

Justice for the federal employees who serve the Congress and others in Washington DC. I'm also praying that healthcare justice in America will be served by considering and passing a national health insurance program to give everyone in our country access to healthcare. Please consider HR 676-Improved and Expanded Medicare for All. Low wage workers need this protection also. Arthur Sutherland, M.D. Memphis Tennessee

Peace with Justice

For the people who needs the lie to have a life!

That all the people can see through their greed, to show humanity to those less fortunate than themselves.

Humane treatment and compassion for all living creatures. Peace for all.

That people will realize that there IS climate change! That there are too many Americans living in poverty, too many wealthy not paying their fair share of taxes (like hiding their wealth in small countries to avoid paying taxes.) That the poor need not only food, but free health care, and a higher income.

I am praying for a healing in my mother left breast and that all treatments go well as she has been diagnosed with cancer in her breast are. I want the almighty father to heal her and give her a speedy recovery in future medical treatments and her upcoming appointment on 9/23/15. I am also praying for protection over my mom, myself, children and love ones.

Justice for all workers and peacemakers.

I pray to Jesus for civility and opportunity for the less fortunate, whatever their ethnicity and the end to perpetual wars of aggression and domination over the weak, destitute and downtrodden peoples and nations.

I pray that the Congress will act to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00/hour soon.

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| Peace |
| That justice will prevail in our country and around the world. |
| An end to war, esp. in Syria, human trafficking, and abortion. Also for our governments to address the needs of the working poor, the homeless, and the elderly. May the Lord continue to bless Pope Francis and keep him safe. |
| I pray that Pope Francis can persuade the President and this Congress to care about what the people of this country want and not their own secret agendas. Congress no longer represents the majority of this countries citizens. They represent the rich who become richer and the rest of us become poorer. Thank you Pope Francis for coming to our country. May God bless your visit. |
| My husband John Muzquiz that he finds healing in his heart. My families the Mac Murray's and the Morales, Ortiz, Dela'O,Rubi Ramos, Elliot and Contreras may we continue to receiving the Lord's blessings and healing of our hearts and souls. So that whatever is stopping us from becoming one so we can become whole again and united. |
| Care for the planet and all living beings. |
| PEACE & justice |
| That the leaders of this world work together for the peace and happiness for all through the belief in our Lord, Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us. Amen. |
| For fairness and justice in support of workers who, oftentimes, receive such an inadequate salary for the work that they do in order to support their families. Many who work have to work at multiple jobs in order to support their families, pay their bills, pay rent, feed, clothe their children, especially, and provide necessary medicine for their family members. |
| More wages and benefits for the low income workers in our country Better protection for our planet and the many species that are on the verge of extinction |
| I pray for Mother Earth and Father Moon. I pray for humans and all the animals. I also prey for peace! |

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A healthier relationship with the Earth. Recognizing our responsibility for global warming, and therefore our obligation to ameliorate it. A more just community in which workers are paid a living wage so that they might live with dignity. A more just community in which the police do not use violence inappropriately, in which unarmed black and brown men and women are not killed at such alarming rates. A world in which all love—gay, straight, transgender—is seen as love and blessed by the religious.

More equal pay for women of all backgrounds and better working conditions for migrants

Lord Jesus, please may our senate heed the cry of the poor in their own country and in foreign lands. May the rich be mindful of the poor, make just laws and agreements that will bring equality for all. In the name of Jesus we ask God to bless each senator or representative with a loving heart. Amen.

May our hearts be full of peace. May we accept the challenge of mindfulness for all peoples.

I pray for justice for immigrants and care of the earth and children. I pray for world peace!

I pray for safety for the Pope, with our poor gun laws, and I pray for our nation to stand for what is right, not what is popular.

Country - leaders - Gods will be done ...

Peace

I pray that the members of congress who come from a faith tradition, or consider themselves people of good will, can listen to, and act from, the spiritual wisdom that implores us to take care of the most vulnerable. I pray that they remain mindful of the dignity of every human being when making decisions and policies that affect society. Lastly, I pray that the message of a world leader like Pope Francis will stir their consciences to act on behalf of those whose voices are least heard in our culture.

Please help us to bring people together for the good of the world.

PRAYERS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS POVERTY

I am praying for an end to inequality in all its forms, but particularly economic inequality. I pray for a living wage for all workers; just working conditions and respect; and an entirely different economic system in which people receive a government stipend and contribute to society in the ways they best can, using their unique talents and skills. I also pray for environmental justice, for a realization of the interconnectedness of all life.

I pray for the dignity of all humanity. Especially I pray that our leaders see the damage they are doing to our nation's poor, by not addressing their needs with a livable minimum wage, social supports, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, jobs, healthcare, planned parenthood, and many other such things. It is time for our leaders to lead this country back to greatness, not by cutting taxes for the rich, but by fulfilling it's promise to the majority of the country's population by fixing the things mentioned before. I pray that we fix immigration, not be a wall, but by recognizing that all people have a right to be safe, earn a living, and not live in fear of retaliation from "Big Brother." May our country take the lead in the crisis in the Middle East by accepting refugees from the crisis we had a hand in creating by going to war in Iraq and Afghanistan, destabilizing a fragile region. May our leaders, once and for all stop pandering to the rich, and work to rebuild the middle class. There is so much wrong with our country right now. May we learn to look at the whole picture, and not just the special interests that keep us all in a state of constant crisis.

Lord, look upon your people with kindness, fairness mercy. Each day we do your work. We are a humble people Lord and ask only that our work be respected and that we can raise our families in dignity. Instill in all employerd a since of recognition that we work hard and should be rewarded with fair wages, health care and pensions. Lord, you know that not one of us is greater than all of us. We praise you as we do our daily work in your name. Amen

In Jesus' Name, I pray that his eminence's words, influence and spirit of hope, love & peace will lead or leaders listen and act to make for a community of equality, care for the poor, under-privileged and under paid. In Jesus Name AMEN

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I hope that all Minimum Wages will be raised, and that there will be less poor people in the U.S.A., Also I am praying that THERE WILL BE NO CUTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY. And NO CUTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY IN GENERAL!

Fairness and dignity for low-wage workers

Understanding and Compassion

God of peace and justice, Hear our prayer for our country. Open our hearts and our ears to the words and acts of justice among us. Hear our prayer for Zpope Francis and his time among us. Help us to heed his words and and imitate his actions for the poor and suffering among us. Make us a nation of compassionate leaders who care for our people with justice and mercy. Bend our hearts to hear a new word among us. Take away our self absorption and our obsession with wealth. Lead us in the ways where all people can have life abundant without fear of persecution or violence. These things we pray with our heart, O God of love. Amen.

I pray for our political leaders to see the need for fair wages for all workers and the families they support

Prayers for the moving of the Holy Spirit for unity of purpose and love for all God's people.

Worker justice

Gracious and loving God, I pray you hear the suffering of the poor, especially the working poor who work hard and still don't have enough to live in dignity. We pray that our leadership will face up to the power of the business community and do what's right and what's right, Lord, is raising the minimum wage to a wage that lifts workers out of poverty, and what's right Lord, is that workers should be able to work a full 40 hour work week if that's what they need and what's right Lord is that employers provide workers with pay stubs so they can be certain they are not being robbed of their wages and what's right Lord is that workers be allowed to unionize so they can bring strength to the bargaining table. We ask these things in your name Jesus. Amen.

Charity Faith and Love.

I pray for justice and inclusion for all--for safe housing, for enough food, for medical care, for freedom from violence in the home and from the police, for education, for respect and dignity regardless of race, religion, class, gender, and education.

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I pray that the Labor Movement recognizes the supremacy of our Lord God creator in our fight to improve the lives of America's working families. May we never become a " godless" movement. John Samuelson

That scales fall from eyes and cold hearts be warmed. Pope Francis is a brave and generous man.
peace, justice, church reunification

Dear Father in Heaven At this time of turbulence and uncertainty in our world, grant that through the many servants in your Kingdom, one of whom is Pope Francis, that the words of wisdom in dialog will open hearts and ears for the betterment of ALL your children. Grant also we beseech you that we as humans can unify to the glory of God for workers justice , global respect and cessation of war. Give us strength to do Thy will and hear thy servant Pope Francis In the name of your Son Jesus, Amen

Pleads for justices om+

For a living wage for all who labor.

Oh god please have mercy on those who are struggling to make a fair living wage. Grant them blessing of prosperity and abundance. Amen

Peace and Justice

Peace, understanding, relief for the poor, safety for the refugees, an end to all wars, international cooperation on the issues that affect us all like climate change, education, health care.

Justice and peace for the planet and, especially, for LGBT folks.

Lord, I thank you for making it possible for all of us to participate in a world community that is designed to espouse peace. Give us the will and the strength to work for peace, these days especially with our Muslim brethren, so that all war will be avoided.

Peace and love.

Lord, Place the importance of the poor, those who's minds are confused, the homeless, and children on the hearts of our elected officers. Give them a love and open heart for these your most precise. Heal our politicians of the divisive nature of their heart and have them to seek you out your will and commands. In Christ name, Amen

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I pray that the leaders of business and government will listen to and understand the call that we are all on this planet together and that we need to work as brothers and sisters to respond to the needs of all. I also pray that these leaders and all decision makers will be able to understand that labor is not a commodity to be "purchased", but that labor represents an important part of human life and human dignity. In Jesus' name.

Respect and justice for all

Peace and the poor!

understanding that this is a systemic problem and action to meet this reality

For the gospel of Jesus Christ to be heard anew; for its implications for the salvation of the whole person - here and now - to capture the heart of our leaders. For the leaders of the world to affirm the place of faith AND reason in confronting the issues of our day. For the Peace of Christ to reign over all things.

Amen

I am praying that the people who sit in the U.S. Congress take the intention to open their hearts and minds to the Devine, whose loving mercy is always available. I pray that they wait expectantly, inviting the Devine presence into places of conflicts of interest and other disorder and to ask, "What is my part to do here?" Then Lord I pray that they will have the courage, humility and trust in you to act as you would have them act, though they might not be able to see any result other than disruption of their human-made plans and expectations. In this way, I pray that we will hear voices for selflessness, generosity and genuine care for "the least of these" raised and these people will love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with their God.

May the words of Pope Francis and compassion in your heart inspire you to truly help people who want to work with living wages and dignified labor.

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I pray for your safety and for your protection and that hearts will be open to hear your message of fair distribution of resources to the poor and the people on the fringes. I pray that as a country of immigrants that we will open our hearts and our resources to the poor who come here for a better life and that we will not be splitting up families by sending home parents who have children here in the US. You give me great hope for the Catholic Church, and I hope that one day Women will be able to be ordained. I became an Episcopalean so that I could answer the call to ordination.

I pray for just legislation for workers -- just wages and just working conditions. Our legislators have good salaries and benefits. May they ensure that all workers have living wages and benefits. We need a holistic economy that considers the rights of all workers and the rights of our planet. We need an economy that supports the whole community of life. May we move forward considering the whole, knowing ourselves to be only one strand in the web of life.

In the days ahead of Pope Francis's address to you, the representatives of the people of these United States, I pledge to pray for you for the gifts of courage, wisdom, right judgment and moral strength to heed the Holy Father's message and act to protect the well being of those in our country who are hungry, who live in poverty, who work more than full-time hours and still do not earn a living wage. I pray that God will open your hearts and minds to follow Francis's call to justice, and implore you to act accordingly

Praying that our leaders heed Pope Francis' calls for peace, reconciliation, solidarity, equality, and love.

Peace.progress and stability

Peace The Peace that comes with justice for workers The Peace that comes when no person is judged by their appearance, their culture or their faith The Peace that comes when we care for the earth The Peace that comes when brothers and sisters refuse to take up arms against brothers and sisters The Peace of the Holy One

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Almighty God soften the hearts of all of us who call on your name that we might stand with the most vulnerable among us: the children, single mothers (and fathers), seniors, the handicapped, and the working poor. May our hearts be broken with those who suffer hunger and homelessness that we would no longer be able to be apathetic or place the responsibility to act on someone other than ourselves. Then give us strength and wisdom as we commit ourselves to action. Amen, Amen, and Amen

God of Justice and Lover of all people, We pray as Jesus prayed, "Your Kingdom come!" Lift up the lowly, oh God who favors the poor. Humble the mighty and powerful in our government that they would do justice with a living wage for all people. We sing with Hannah and Mary, "look with favor on the lowliness of your servants, scatter the proud in the thoughts of their hearts, bring down the powerful from their thrones and lift up the lowly, for you fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away empty." With Isaiah and Jesus we cry good news to the poor, may this be the year of Your favor. In the name of the One who lived and died and lives again, we pray. Amen.

Living wage for all workers and no discrimination for race or religion or ethnic tradition.

I will be praying tomorrow for the Peace in Ukraine and in the whole world, for the health of my Mother, my Son, my Aunt, my relatives and all the good people of the World, for the success of everyone, for the souls of the deceased, for the good will, for the Unification of all Christians. Amen, archdeacon UCL

May the Lord guide congress to act on the Pope's value-oriented policy prescriptions and stand up for working people, implement The Pope's ideas about ecology of the earth and the poor. May peace be in our hearts, lives, and actions.

I pray that our leaders will consider their role to protect "the least" amongst us.

Kindness is the highest wisdom, from the Talmud

For elected leadership, that they would serve all people in their need, and turn from the ungodly narrowness of moneyed interest.

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I am not praying; I am working. Being a firm believer that “hands that work are better than lips that pray”, I am organizing, writing, and generally doing what I can to diversify the course of human activity to a more manageable, less destructive path.

greater unity among all persons.

I'm praying first that Pope Francis will have a safe trip That we can help the immigrants get to a safe place and have food for the homeless.. That all the fighting and gang war stops.

Dear Congress, I pray you will listen to Pope Francis and hear his words of compassion for all those living in our country, and work to protect them from corporations who, through greed, force many workers to work in conditions which are not safe and force people to work for too little money, or no wage at all. I pray your heart opens to consider having compassion and love for all humans. We are all one family. My family holds you in our hearts as you work hard to make the right decisions each day. Thank-you for your service.

I am praying for world peace and help for all of us who are suffering from some disability. Please keep our children safe and pray for those who are trying to destroy us. God bless you on your journey and keep you safely in his arms.

Peace and justice in the world, Sibling forgiveness , Peace, acceptance of time, age

I pray for my husband to open his heart to let the Lord into his life and help him realize we need our Savior Jesus Christ in our daily life to help us be better people. I also pray the Lord will help my husband continue on his journey of trying to become sober, it has been a constant struggle for him and I know he wants it and that is why I feel if he turns his life and will over to God he will lead him down the right path. Please Lord I pray for you to help guide him in the way you see fit. Amen

Fair and just treatment of all the laborers in our country.

I'm praying that the congress will listen to Pope Francis with open hearts and open minds and do what is necessary to make our world a better place for everyone.

I pray that you are vulnerable to God's message for you and let it enact change in your heart. Focus first on your heart, then use your power to enact the change necessary for a more just world.

Justice, Peace, Love

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I pray that we gain more world peace and respect in the work place and also from our younger generation towards each other

Better wages and benefits (free healthcare, defined benefit pensions, and improving current social security benefits), social justice, peace and more love is what the world needs NOW. I ask it all in the name of Jesus. Praise God!

Understanding and peace, income equality, use of renewable energy and other help for climate change.

My prayers is for our representatives to receive Pope Francis' call to welcome the and care for the migrant. May we as a nation come to recognize the humanity of the migrant who comes to the United States seeking the opportunity, freedom and security. May we find a resolution to our broken immigration system and dispel the fear of the migrant.

That the working class have a living wage and the disabled population does not live in poverty.

The power and necessity of public education, affordable and safe housing, rehabilitation, and access to safe water and healthy food for all.