



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2018  
ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK  
(APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER)**

**JANUARY**

Evangelization: **Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

**FEBRUARY**

Universal: **Say "No" to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**MARCH**

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**APRIL**

Universal: **For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**MAY**

Evangelization: **The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

## **JUNE**

### **Universal: Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

## **JULY**

### **Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

## **AUGUST**

### **Universal: The treasure of Families**

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Universal: Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

## **OCTOBER**

### **Evangelization: The Mission of Religious**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Universal: In the Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

## **DECEMBER**

### **Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Vatican, 13 February 2017

Francis