



**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

Let us pray 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 brothers and sisters.

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