



Activity Guide

Caritas Internationalis

From Prayer to Action: A Celebration of the
World Day of the Poor & World Youth Day
13-21 November, 2021

'The poor you will always have with you.' (Mark 14:7)
'Stand up! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen.' (Acts 26:16)

OVERVIEW

Caritas Internationalis invites you to mark the 2021 World Day of the Poor (14 November) and World Youth Day (21 November) with us in an exciting and enriching global initiative that will last from 13 to 21 November. By joining us, you will:

1. Gain a deeper understanding of poverty through the lens of your faith
2. Understand how your life and work can be enriched by letting yourself be evangelized by the poor
3. Celebrate and learn about the work that Caritas Youth are doing to serve the poor
4. Share your own experiences and reflections, and connect with people around the world!

This initiative will be a combination of centrally organized events (online liturgies and webinars) and daily prayers and 'See, Judge, Act' prompts for you to reflect on each day, either individually or with your friends, family, or colleagues. You will keep track of the week's events and prompts using a calendar (either our interactive online version or a printable version). Join us on social media to see even more stories about Caritas Youth who are witnesses to the poor all over the world, and to share your progress throughout the week. We've even curated a special music playlist to inspire you every step of the way. ***So let's get started!***

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Anyone! This initiative and all accompanying resources have been developed by Caritas Internationalis and will be animated by Caritas Youth, but we welcome anyone and everyone to follow along. We hope that you will use this resource to connect with your wider community!

YOU WILL NEED

1. **An open mind and heart**
2. **Your Calendar:**

This calendar will be your main tool to keep track of all of the reflections, actions, and events throughout the week. There are two versions for you to choose from:

Online Calendar: Find at www.caritas.org/prayeraction2021

This interactive calendar includes all of the 'See, Judge, Act' prompts for each day, prayer videos created by Caritas Youth around the world, videos of our two online liturgical events, links to register for webinars and recordings of the webinars after they conclude, and a feed of our social media posts. Here you'll also find the link to our WDP/WYD playlist on Spotify, and links to download all printable resources. This web-based calendar is mobile friendly, so you can follow along on the go – on your commute, while you're going for a walk – anywhere! Please share this link widely, post it on social media, and remind your friends to check it every day.

Printable Calendar: Download your copy at www.caritas.org/prayeraction2021

This calendar can be printed and hung in your parish, office, or home. Make sure to hang it in a place where you will see it every day! It includes written versions of all of the prayers and 'See, Judge, Act' prompts, and a list of any online events happening each day. Print a copy and give it to your friends and family, or bring a copy to someone who could use a visit.

3. Liturgical Resources: Download your copies at www.caritas.org/prayeraction2021

Join us in prayer on the World Day of the Poor (14 November) and on World Youth Day (21 November) as we host two online liturgies. You are welcome to share the videos of these liturgies in your parish or community, watch with others around the world live on Facebook, or download a printable copy to hold your own liturgies in person. See 'Online Events' below for instructions about how to join us live, or find the printable copy of these liturgies annexed to this activity guide.

ONLINE EVENTS

Mark your calendars! We will come together at these key points during the week to reflect and learn together. Please note, all of the times listed below are in Central European Time (Rome time).

Saturday 13 November (8pm Facebook Live): World Day of the Poor Virtual Vigil

This Virtual Vigil was filmed in the chapel of the Caritas Internationalis General Secretariat, and we hope that you will use this time to reflect on Pope Francis' message for the 2021 World Day of the Poor, and unite yourself in prayer with the poor around the world.

The Vigil video will be available for viewing on the online calendar as of 8am (Rome time). You can also watch it with others around the world on Facebook Live at 8pm (on Caritas Internationalis' Facebook page). You may also organize your own vigil in person using the print resources available on the online calendar.

Sunday 14 November (10am Facebook Live): Online Mass for the World Day of the Poor

Join us as we celebrate Mass to mark the World Day of the Poor. This Mass is celebrated by Fr Mark Walker (Diocesan Youth Chaplain, Diocese of Westminster), and features contributions from Caritas Youth all over the world and a homily by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle. Watch the Mass at any time that is convenient for you, and feel free to show it in your parish! Join us on Caritas Internationalis' Facebook page at 10am (Rome time) to worship with others around the world. Or, hold your own Mass in person using the Mass Guide available on the online calendar.

Wednesday 17 November, 10-11am (Rome time): Learning and Sharing Webinar

'How to Make Space to Learn from the Poor'

In this webinar, Caritas Youth will share how we can truly make room for the voices of the poor and recognize the value of their input as we serve our communities. Register [here](#).

Friday 19 November, 2-3pm (Rome time): Learning and Sharing Webinar

'Caritas Youth Serving, Accompanying, and Defending the Poor'

In this webinar, three Caritas Youth will share their work with us, and will describe the 'See, Judge, Act' process that they went through to arrive at either serving, accompanying, or defending the poor – three concepts that are at the heart of Caritas' work. Register [here](#).

Sunday 21 November: Online Liturgy for World Youth Day

Join us for a Liturgical Reflection on Pope Francis' Message for the 2021 World Youth Day. This event will feature reflections and testimonies from Caritas Youth all over the world, who are witnesses to what it means to truly put ourselves at the service of the poor in our world today. Watch the Liturgy at any time that is convenient for you, or join us on Caritas Internationalis' Facebook page at 10am (Rome time) to watch with others around the world.

COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES

If you are active on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) we would love to connect with you throughout the week! Feel free to share photos and messages about your reflections and action responses to our 'See, Judge, Act' prompts, by tagging us at @CaritasYouth and @iamCARITAS and using the hashtag #CaritasYouth.

Be sure to follow our accounts and watch for the inspiring stories and reflections that we will share throughout the week.

RESOURCES

WDP Message 2021

WYD Message 2021

Printable Calendar

Printable Liturgical Resources (Vigil, World Day of the Poor Mass, World Youth Day Liturgy)