

# Hunger Observance Days

The Virginia Synod Hunger Committee wants to emphasize months or days during the year that have connections to hunger issues. Each month we will provide you with some important facts, prayer petitions, and an activity that your congregation can do to observe the event. The information will be posted monthly on our Virginia Synod Website. These events are highlighted in red on the calendar. Please feel free to share this information in your newsletters and or bulletins. Updated information and past observance days can be found at: <https://vasynod.org/resources/world—hunger/>

January	February	March
<p>Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> — Day for All People. Your opportunity to lobby the VA General Assembly.</p> <p><b>National Slavery &amp; Human Trafficking Prevention Month</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>	<p><b>Black History Month</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Saturday, February 4 — National Homemade Soup Day pairs well with Souper Day / Super Bowl Sunday February 12. Collect cans of soup for your local Food Pantry.</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 8 — International Woman's Day</p> <p>Wednesday, March 21 — Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> World Water Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Friday, March 24 — World Tuberculosis Day</p>
April	May	June
<p>Saturday, April 22 — Earth Day</p> <p>April 24 — 30 is World Immunization Week. This pairs well with World Malaria Day.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 25 — World Malaria Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>	<p>Saturday, May 7 — National Lemonade Day</p> <p>Friday, May 12 — International Day of Plant Health</p> <p>Saturday, May 13 — World Migratory Bird Day</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 20, World Bee Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>	<p>Monday, June 5 — World Environment Day</p> <p>Wednesday, June 7 — International Food Safety Day</p> <p>Saturday, June 17 — World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 20, World Refugee Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>
July	August	September
<p><b>Tuesday, July 11, World Population Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Friday, July 28 — World Hepatitis Day</p>	<p>August 1-7 — World Breast Feeding Week</p> <p>Wednesday, August 9 — Indigenous People Day</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 19, World Humanitarian Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>	<p>Friday, September 8 — International Literacy Day</p> <p>Monday, September 18 — International Equal Pay Day</p> <p><b>Friday, September 29, International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p>
October	November	December
<p>Sunday, October 1 — National Homemade Cookies Day</p> <p><b>Monday, October 16 — World Food Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Tuesday, October 17 — International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</p>	<p><b>Monday, November 13 — World Antibiotic Awareness Week</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Saturday, November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</p>	<p>Friday, December 1 — World AIDS Day</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 10 — Human Rights Day</b> — Facts, prayer petitions, &amp; suggested activities are available.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 27 — International Day of Epidemic Preparedness</p>