## January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Intercessions for Life

For Pope Francis, all bishops, clergy and laity: that everything we say and do will witness to God's merciful love

for every human being; We pray to the Lord:

For leaders in government, and especially for Governor\_\_\_\_: that he (she) might work to protect the lives of all human beings, both before and after birth;

We pray to the Lord:

For every unborn child and for his or her mother and father: that God might teach us how to love and support them;

We pray to the Lord:

For every woman whose heart is broken by the sin of abortion: for the courage to accept God's mercy, he

for the courage to accept God's mercy, healing, and peace;

We pray to the Lord:

For all whose hearts ache from the loss of a child by abortion:

that God will heal them with the balm of his mercy; *We pray to the Lord:* 

For couples who are experiencing difficulty in conceiving a child:

May the Holy Spirit fill them with trust in God's loving plan;

We pray to the Lord:

For children awaiting adoption:

May the Lord inspire loving families to welcome and nurture them;

We pray to the Lord:

For those tempted to take their own lives: that at the moment they are most in need of God's grace

he might strengthen them to endure;

We pray to the Lord:

For a growing love of the weak and vulnerable: that in the model of Christ Jesus, our Lord, we might work to sustain and protect the lives of all who are in need;

We pray to the Lord:

For those who are poor, sick, unborn and elderly: that they may know the Father's great love and find acceptance and help through the care of our Christian community; *We pray to the Lord:* 

For medical researchers and scientists: that the work they do may ever be guided by God and made holy; We pray to the Lord:

For the families of those condemned to die: that their hope in the Resurrection might strengthen them in their time of sorrow; *We pray to the Lord:* 

For the terminally ill and their families: that they may be given comfort and support in their time of need; We pray to the Lord:

For all who are near death: that God will gently guide them home to himself; *We pray to the Lord:* 

