



# NINE DAYS OF PRAYER, PENANCE, & PILGRIMAGE

January 19-27, 2013

*Marking the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade*



## Day 8: Saturday, January 26, 2013

### Intercession:

For an end to legal abortion in our nation and for the conversion of all hearts, so that the inherent rights of every human being—especially those most at risk of abuse and rejection—will be upheld.

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

### Acts of Reparation (choose one):

- Read about a Church teaching you don't understand in the [Catechism](#).
- Make an honest assessment of your "giving finances" – are you giving too little? Make a resolution to give a set weekly or monthly donation to your parish or favorite local charity.
- Do you love your cup of tea or coffee in the morning? Fast from caffeine today or try your coffee black.

### Reflection:

On this memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, we hear St. Paul's words to them: "do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord." These words ring true for us today, especially as we speak the truth that life is worth living, and that every person, without exception, deserves the chance to live his or her life, and experience its beauty and goodness. Blessed John Paul II reminds us that our first step in giving our testimony is to have an outlook of wonder on the beauty of life, "discovering in all things the reflection of the Creator and seeing in every person his living image" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 83).

### Did you know?

In 1995, Pope John Paul II wrote a great encyclical called the [Gospel of Life \(Evangelium Vitae\)](#). He describes how when a culture accepts the killing of one group of people (unborn children, for example) it's not long before other people are seen as expendable. Today, doctor-assisted suicide is legal in two states. Many have come to accept euthanasia of the elderly or dying by refusing to provide them with food and water. Many Americans support embryonic stem cell research in the search for cures for diseases and conditions that had been thought incurable, even though such research entails destroying these embryos. Persons with disabilities and their families often have to fight to receive life-saving treatments that routinely would be given to patients who do not have a disability. Where will it end?

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