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Preaching for Life

Isaiah’s farmer friend, we heard, a few minutes ago, who started to plant a vineyard, is really God: our Heavenly Father who, out of his infinite love, creates a paradise for us, of love and truth and life. But what happens to this perfect vineyard? Isaiah tells us that it yields nothing but wild grapes and falls into ruin.

Who ruined the vineyard, Isaiah muses? Was it God, who did not take sufficient care of his precious vineyard? No, he tells us. No. The vineyard was ruined because his cherished plants answered justice with bloodshed and love with their selfish concern. “Hark!” Isaiah declares, “hear the outcry!”

“Hark!” we too might declare “hear the outcry of God”

I gave you the most wondrous sign of my love, and you took the unborn infant’s life.

I gave you my sons and daughters to nurture and cherish, and you threw them away.

I gave you the miracle of married love, and you twisted it to meet your own needs.

I gave you the dignity of life, and you manipulated it to fulfill your selfish desires.

I gave you the mind to decode the mysteries of life, and you used it for destruction.

I gave you the wisdom of old women and men, to guide and inspire you, and you let them die.

I gave you the heart to love even the stranger, and you sent him away.

I gave you the brilliance to create, and you made weapons to destroy.

I gave you a heart to love, and you sold it for senseless profit.
For you see, Isaiah’s vineyard is not far away. It is not make believe. It is as close as the home you return to after Mass. It is as close as the nearest nursing home, or clinic, or prison, or school. The vineyard God has made for us is here, and his choicest and most cherished plants are sitting all around you.

Will we heed the Gospel of Life and love them? Will we love the least and the most forgotten, the ones who are hardest to love or even to see? Or will we give in to a culture of death, which lays waste to the beauty that God has so wondrously created?

In the Gospel today Jesus takes Isaiah’s parable one step further, as he puts himself into the story. In Jesus’ version, the Son is sent to save the vineyard, to protect the most vulnerable plants from being trod under feet. But when the evil tenants saw the Son, “they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.”

God then warns us that a wretched death awaits those who have killed his Son. Unless they repent, eternal death awaits those who kill him in the unborn child, in the person with a disability denied treatment, in the old woman whom no one sees as useful anymore, and in the prisoner put to death without anyone to love him. Eternal death awaits such evil doers, hell.

But eternal life awaits those who embrace the Gospel of Life and seek to bring truth and life and beauty to the vineyard God has planted for us. That is why we celebrate this Respect Life Sunday each year. It’s to save our lives and the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Let us proclaim that life, preserve it, and devote ourselves to its protection.
INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

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 women and men
whose hearts are weighed down by the sin of abortion:
that our merciful Lord might bring them peace;
We pray to the Lord:

For all medical researchers:
that God might give them the grace
to use their talents and skills
to preserve and protect all human life
from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

For our legislators,
and especially for _________________:
that he/she might preserve the right of each of us
to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;
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:

For those who are weighed down by the burden of their years:
that God might teach us how to love and respect 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 the grandparents of every unborn child:
that through their prayers, wisdom, and example,
he or she might be nurtured and protected;
We pray to the Lord:

For a growing love of the weak and the 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:
Preaching for Life

Jesus calls the first of the Apostles in today’s Gospel with two simple words: “follow me.” So they dropped their nets, left their old life and followed him down the road.

Little did they know where that road would lead. Little did they know its final destination: the Cross and how their basic job description, like the job description of the Church, would be to proclaim that Cross and he who was crucified upon it for their salvation.

It’s the same job description given by God to Jonah: to proclaim the message God would give him, almost the same message which Jesus gives to his disciples: “Repent and believe! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!”

It’s the same message God gives to us. To repent. To turn away from all darkness, selfishness and sin and to cling only to the Light, Love, and Purity which we come to know in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

For there is much darkness, selfishness, and sin in our world. Just thirty-eight years ago today our country legalized the taking of innocent human life by abortion. Since that time, over fifty million children have lost their lives by abortion.

And so we join Jonah and Simon and Andrew in proclaiming to all who will listen: Repent and believe! Repent from the darkness which would see the life of another human being as but a disposable problem, repent from the selfishness that refuses to love the innocent and most vulnerable among us, repent from the sin of taking the life of that tiny child.

And believe! Believe that God will hold us responsible for our actions, believe that we will be judged on whether we have embraced the culture of death or the Gospel of Life, believe that Jesus meant it when he said “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.”

Repent, believe, and follow him. Follow him in his patient endurance, in his love even for his enemies, in his prayer from the cross: “Father forgive them, they don’t know what they’re doing!”

Follow him in proclaiming the truth in season and out. Follow him who stood up to the Pharisees, the Chief Priests, and Sadducees and all the leaders of his day and rendered unto God what was God’s. Follow him whom they crucified for the truth he lived in love. Follow him to the Cross and join your suffering to his that it might have meaning and give praise to Almighty God. “They will treat you as they treated me,” he reminded us. Let us rejoice in that truth!

For as we have followed him to the Cross, we will surely follow him to the Glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. There we will hope to see, face to face, all those tiny children who have died at the hands of our selfishness and sin. Let us work for Justice, defend those whom everyone else forgets about, and with the courage of Jonah, Simon and Andrew proclaim to all the world that the Kingdom of God is at hand!
In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373)

Preaching for Life

How blessed are they! The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for righteousness, and those insulted and persecuted for their love of the Gospel of Life!

How blessed are those who march for life when they are insulted, cursed and spat at: for God will reward them. How blessed are those who weep for the aborted child, for God will comfort them. How blest are those who long for the day when abortion will end, for the day will come. How blessed are all who seek to protect the life of the littlest and the most vulnerable, for God will hear their cry.

For Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. On that day, the Scriptures tell us, the lion will lie down with the lamb, and there will be peace upon the earth. We long for that day when “the desert will become an orchard and the orchard will become a forest of peace”; when all people, including the littlest and most defenseless among us, “will live in a peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.”

That day has not yet come. Not even a child in her mother’s womb is safe from the deadly forces of selfishness and sin. But that day will come and we must pray earnestly for its coming. In the earliest days of the Church, amidst martyrdom and persecution, a frequent Christian prayer was “Come, Lord Jesus!” It should be our prayer as well.

For in the end, the most important thing we can do to promote the Gospel of Life is to pray. To pray at Mass, to pray whenever we gather with others committed to preserving life, to pray in the quiet of our room.

As we long for the coming of the Kingdom and the end of sin and death, let us join our voice with that of our Holy Father as he prayed last year: “Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life. Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.”
For all children who await birth in their mother’s womb: that a loving family and a hopeful world might await them;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For President Obama, Chief Justice Roberts, and Senators _____ and _____: that God might implant in their hearts a love for all our citizens, especially for unborn children;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For all tempted to sin against the Gospel of Life, especially those who are poor or afraid;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those who march for life on this day: that through their sacrifices many hearts will be opened to the Gospel of Life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For (Arch)Bishop ______, and all our Bishops: that God might teach them how to promote the Gospel of Life, and protect the lives of all his children;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For all who perform or support abortions in our town: that God might convert them to the Gospel of Life by our witness and our love;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For all newly married couples, and for the first child whom they will hold in their arms: that the love they bear for each other may lead them in the ways of holiness and truth;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those preparing for a medical career, that they may be guided and inspired by a love for every human being from conception to natural death;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For the eternal rest of every aborted child, and for the repentance and healing of those who caused their death;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For all who pray for the unborn child, especially for those who are homebound: that God will bless them for their goodness;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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A Holy Hour for Life
Based Upon Reflections of Blessed John Paul II

Procession

After all have assembled, a priest or deacon, wearing cope and humeral veil, brings the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar, during which time a song may be sung. He may be accompanied by altar servers with candles.

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. The presiding minister then kneels before the altar and incenses the Blessed Sacrament. The opening song is concluded and a period of silent prayer follows.

Opening Prayer

The presiding minister then goes to the chair, where he prays the following opening prayer:

Lord,
you give us the body and blood of your Son
and renew our strength.
Fill us with the spirit of love
that we may work effectively to establish among men
Christ’s farewell gift of peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Throughout the hour the following five sets of readings and responses are prayed, interspersed by extended periods of silent prayer. One or more lectors may read the reflections to the assembly. The presider will lead the assembly in each prayer.

I
Life Seen in the Perspective of Eternity

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s “Letter to the Elderly”

There is an urgent need to recover a correct perspective on life as a whole. The correct perspective is that of eternity, for which life at every phase is a meaningful preparation. Old age too has a proper role to play in this process of gradual maturing along the path to eternity. And this process of maturing cannot but benefit the larger society of which the elderly person is a part.

Elderly people help us to see human affairs with greater wisdom, because life’s vicissitudes have brought them knowledge and maturity. They are the guardians of our collective memory, and thus the privileged interpreters of that body of ideals and common values which support and guide life in society. To exclude the elderly is in a sense to deny the past, in which the present is firmly rooted, in the name of a modernity without memory. Precisely because of their mature experience, the elderly are able to offer young people precious advice and guidance.

In view of all this, the signs of human frailty which are clearly connected with advanced age become a summons to the mutual dependence and indispensable solidarity which link the different generations, inasmuch as every person needs others and draws enrichment from the gifts and charisms of all.

Prayer

God of all creation,
through Jesus, your Son,
You created man
in your own image and likeness,
to live and love as the crown of your creation.
Move our hearts to cherish the precious gift of life
at every stage and in every condition,
and especially when it is most vulnerable in the autumn of life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Extended silent prayer)

1Roman Missal, Mass for Peace and Justice.
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II
Defending the Lives of the Elderly

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia in America

Concern must be shown for the elderly, who are often neglected and left to fend for themselves. They must be respected as persons; it is important to care for them and to help them in ways which will promote their rights and ensure their greatest possible physical and spiritual well-being. [They] must be protected from situations or pressures which could drive them to suicide; ... they must be helped nowadays to resist the temptation of assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You willed that families would be created as the schools of love
where generations would learn to cherish and protect each other.
Give us the words to speak and the actions to take
that we might witness to your tender love for the elderly of our families
and strive always to serve their needs and defend their lives.
We ask this though Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Extended silent prayer)

III
Euthanasia is Always an Intrinsically Evil Act

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s Letter “To the Elderly”

Unfortunately, in recent years the idea of euthanasia has lost for many people the sense of horror which it naturally awakens in those who have a sense of respect for life. Certainly it can happen that, when grave illness involves unbearable suffering, the sick are tempted to despair and their loved ones or those responsible for their care feel compelled by a misguided compassion to consider the solution of “an easy death” as something reasonable. ... But euthanasia, understood as directly causing death, is another thing entirely. Regardless of intentions and circumstances, euthanasia is always an intrinsically evil act, a violation of God’s law and an offense against the dignity of the human person.

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s Encyclical Letter The Gospel of Life

Even when not motivated by a selfish refusal to be burdened with the life of someone who is suffering, euthanasia must be called a false mercy, and indeed a disturbing “perversion” of mercy. True “compassion” leads to sharing another’s pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. Moreover, the act of euthanasia appears all the more perverse if it is carried out by those, like relatives, who are supposed to treat a family member with patience and love.

Prayer

Author of all beauty,
and source of all human dignity,
we give you thanks for the wonders of your creation:
for the beauty of the love of parents for their children,
which forges a bond that is stronger than death.
May this love be reciprocated in the hearts of all children.
May it strengthen their will to make the sacrifices necessary
to care for and comfort their parents in old age,
until that last day, when we shall see you face to face,
and know the splendor of your light for all eternity.
For you are Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Extended silent prayer)
IV
The Father’s Love for His Most Vulnerable Sons and Daughters

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s “Address before the International Congress on Life-sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State”

I feel the duty to reaffirm strongly that the intrinsic value and personal dignity of every human being do not change, no matter what the concrete circumstances of his or her life. A man, even if seriously ill or disabled in exercise of his highest functions, is and always will be a man, and he will never become a “vegetable” or an “animal.”... The loving gaze of God the Father continues to fall upon them, acknowledging them as his sons and daughters, especially in need of help.

Prayer

Father of Mercies,
look upon us in our weakness and make us strong.
For in the face of death and destruction,
selfishness, sin, and the darkness of the culture of death,
our fear threatens to keep us from doing your will.
Give us the grace to trust in your power.
Make us rely on you alone, the God through whom all things were made,
and give us a passion for the gift of life with which you have endowed us,
and the Gospel of Life which is the foundation of our being.
Through the dying and rising of your Son,
give us strength and courage and joy in your name.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Extended silent prayer)

V
A Civilization Worthy of Man’s Dignity

A Reflection from Blessed John Paul II’s Letter “To the Elderly”

Honoring older people involves a threefold duty: welcoming them, helping them and making good use of their qualities. ... There must be a growing conviction that a fully human civilization shows respect and love for the elderly, so that despite their diminishing strength they feel a vital part of society. ... “The burden of age is lighter for those who feel respected and loved by the young.”

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
May our love for one another be like your love upon the Cross:
sacrificial and total, and faithful until the end.
May our love for one another be like your rising from the dead:
life giving and glorious and reflective of your love for us.
Bless all families, Lord,
and bless the parents and grandparents who sacrificed so much
to provide a better life for their children and grandchildren.
May they live to see their children’s children
and glory with them in the wonders of your love.
For you are Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Extended silent prayer)
The Lord's Prayer

At the conclusion of the final period of extended silence, the presiding minister then sings or says:

Now let us offer together the prayer our Lord Jesus Christ taught us:

All: Our Father...

Benediction

At the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, the presiding minister goes to the altar, genuflects, and then kneels. As he kneels, “Tantum ergo” or another suitable Eucharistic song is sung, and he incenses the Blessed Sacrament. After the hymn is finished, he rises and sings or says:

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

After the prayer, the presiding minister puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. He makes the sign of the cross with the monstrance over those gathered, in silence.

Reposition

After the blessing, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the monstrance and brought to the place of reservation. Meanwhile, the presiding minister may lead those assembled in the Divine Praises. Each acclamation is repeated by all together.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

After the Divine Praises are finished, an appropriate hymn is sung, and the presiding minister and the servers bow to the altar and leave.

2 Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass, 98.
A Nuptial Rosary
Based Upon the Nuptial Blessing from the Rite of Marriage

Recite The Apostles’ Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Marys, and one Glory Be. Begin and end each decade with the Our Father and the Glory Be. The following intercessory prayers are read before each Hail Mary in the five decades of the rosary.

The First Decade: God, the Creator of the Universe

1. God, by his mighty power, created all things. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

2. God created all things out of nothing. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

3. God set in place the workings of all things. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

4. God made man and woman in his own image. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

5. God made woman as an inseparable helpmate to the man. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

6. God made them to no longer be two, but one flesh. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

7. God was pleased by what he made. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

8. God taught that what he made one must never be divided. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

9. God is the author of love. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...

10. God is the author of life. Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life! Hail Mary, full of grace ...
I came so that all might have **life** and have it to the full

**The Second Decade: God Created the Bond of Marriage**

1. God created the bond of Marriage.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

2. God made Marriage a holy mystery, a Sacrament of grace.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

3. God made Marriage a covenant of love.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

4. In Marriage, God foreshadowed the love of Christ.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

5. Marriage teaches us the love of Christ for his Church.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

6. In Marriage God joins woman to man.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

7. In marriage men and women find companionship.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

8. Marriage is the one blessing not lost by original sin.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

9. Marriage is the one blessing not lost by the flood.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

10. In marriage God’s love continues to bless us.  
    Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
    and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
    Hail Mary, full of grace ...

**The Third Decade: God Consecrated Married Love**

1. In Marriage, God blesses men and women.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

2. God looks with love on husbands and wives.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

3. God’s care for husbands and wives is constant.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

4. Each day, God’s love consecrates and preserves married couples.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

5. God’s love keeps men and women faithful to their marriage vows.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

6. God strengthens husbands and wives by his faithful love.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

7. God sanctifies married couples with the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

8. God pours his love into the hearts of those joined in Marriage.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

9. God helps married couples to remain faithful to each other.  
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
   and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

10. God preserves the covenant they have sworn before him.  
    Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives,  
    and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!  
    Hail Mary, full of grace ...
The Fourth Decade: God Blesses Husbands and Wives

1. God blesses husbands and wives with his love.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

2. God blesses husbands and wives with his peace.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

3. God looks upon brides as his daughters.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

4. God calls brides to follow the example of the holy women of the Scriptures.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

5. God calls all brides to entrust their hearts to their husbands.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

6. God calls husbands to entrust their hearts to their wives.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

7. God made husbands and wives equal partners.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

8. God calls husbands and wives to lives of grace.
   Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
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9. God calls husbands to cherish and honor their wives.
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10. God calls all husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church.
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1. God makes husbands and wives faithful to himself.
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2. God helps them to keep his commandments.
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3. God makes them one in the flesh.
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4. God calls them to be blameless in all they do.
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5. God gives them the strength that comes from the Gospel.
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6. God makes them witnesses to life.
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7. God blesses them with children.
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8. God makes them virtuous parents.
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   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

9. God lets them see their children’s children.
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   Hail Mary, full of grace ...

10. God leads them home to the Kingdom of heaven.
    Holy Mary, intercede for all husbands and wives, and fill their hearts with a love for the Gospel of Life!
    Hail Mary, full of grace ...