

# 9 Days for Life

***Your prayers matter. Your sacrifices make a difference.***

**What:** *9 Days for Life* is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage. Marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy), this novena has as its overarching intention the end to abortion.

However, as Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of every person in every circumstance and at every stage of life—from conception to death. In addition to the topic of abortion, this novena highlights many other ways we are called to bear witness to and defend the immeasurable worth of each person and his or her life.

*9 Days for Life* is an opportunity to:

- Pray for the respect and protection of each person and his or her life.
- Reflect upon God, our relationship with him, and our role in his loving plan.
- Make reparation for “violations to the dignity of the human person” (GIRM, no. 373).
- Inform ourselves about life issues that affect daily life in this country.
- Build up a culture of life through prayer and other concrete actions.

This initiative includes different intercessions, reflections, actions, and resources for each day of the novena.

**When:** January 16-24, 2016

**Who:** Leaders in local parishes, schools, dioceses, ministries, and other organizations are encouraged to incorporate *9 Days for Life* into their regular programming and/or to host special, related events during this time.

Catholics throughout the country, as well as anyone else who wants to join, are invited to participate in both the nationwide novena, as well as local programming.

**How:**

- *Nationwide novena (available in both English and Spanish):* Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Print versions of each day’s content are also available to download.
- *Leader Resources:* Visit [www.goo.gl/JzZak6](http://www.goo.gl/JzZak6)\* for promotional, prayer, and programmatic resources: social media kit; pulpit and bulletin announcements; promotional flyer, graphics, and articles for redistribution; youth/young adult ministry guide; pro-life Rosary prayer intentions; Holy Hour template; and more! (Most resources are available in both English and Spanish.)



\* Full URL: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-resources-for-leaders.cfm>