

WORD OF LIFE

February 2015

Intercessions for Life

February 1st

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For women and men who are suffering in the aftermath of an abortion:
that they may find healing, consolation and strength
through the sacraments and prayer;
We pray to the Lord:

February 8th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the elderly and those who are sick:
that their lives may be protected by those surrounding them,
including their families, nurses and doctors;
We pray to the Lord:

February 15th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For married couples:
that fervent love for God
may continue to build and strengthen their marriage;
We pray to the Lord:

February 22nd

First Sunday of Lent

For the courage and grace to love as Christ loves,
and by bearing witness to the Truth,
may others may come to know and see Christ in our world;
We pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

“It is not only a personal but a social concern which we must all foster: a concern to make unconditional respect for human life the foundation of a renewed society.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, no. 77)
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“See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you...”

— Is 49:16 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

“The challenge is to *make the Church’s “yes” to Life concrete and effective*. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, August 15, 1993
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“Catholics hold that marriage is a vocation, a “call.” It is a way of life that offers continual opportunities to be in loving service to the other.”

— [Life Matters: Marriage, the Sanctuary of Life](#),
2012 USCCB Respect Life Program

“Every Christian is called to work for the common good and against the evils and injustices of their day. We all are called to witness to life in whatever job and setting God places us.”

— [Life Matters: Call to Greatness](#)
2012 USCCB Respect Life Program

“Our culture ... has become hardened to many who cry out. We idolize the strong and beautiful and tend to disregard the weak and imperfect. In our own lives, have we been programmed not to call for help ourselves or to look past those who do?”

— [Learning to Cry](#), Life Issues Forum, December 19, 2014, Tom Grenchik
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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