

WORD OF LIFE

April 2015

Intercessions for Life

April 5th

Easter Sunday

For those who suffer:
may they find their strength
in the hope of the Resurrection;
We pray to the Lord:

April 12th

Divine Mercy Sunday

For those who feel alone in their grief following an abortion:
may they come to understand and experience
the Lord's mercy and healing;
We pray to the Lord:

April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

That the Holy Spirit may continually inspire
our words and actions to build up of a culture of life;
We pray to the Lord:

April 26th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For all people:
may we realize our own God-given dignity,
as well as the dignity of others;
We pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

“Every child, at every age of development, *brings us God’s smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.*”

— 2009-10 Respect Life Program Flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“I pray that at every level a general commitment to support the family will reappear and be strengthened, so that today too—even amid so many difficulties and serious threats—the family will always remain, in accordance with God’s plan, the ‘sanctuary of life.’”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, no. 6
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“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 2270
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“[T]he pro-life position is often misunderstood as neither showing compassion to mothers nor caring about the children after they are born. This is unfortunate. ... Those who see a lack of compassion from pro-lifers may not be aware of the many resources and compassionate care available to women facing unplanned pregnancies. ... [Crisis pregnancy] centers exist to provide warm and caring environments for mothers and families who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy.”

— Life Issues Forum: Racing Toward a Culture of Life
(www.bit.ly/RacingToward)
Mary Prentis, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father.” (Diary, 1486)

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