



# *WORD OF LIFE*

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# Intercessions for Life

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## **April 2<sup>nd</sup> FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

For those for whom age has become a burden,  
that we might cherish them, learn from them,  
and protect and nurture them every day;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **April 9<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

For all who carry the cross with Christ:  
for the child killed through abortion,  
the old man with no one to love him,  
the sick woman we are ready to dispose of,  
and the child whom no one loves:  
that the mysteries of this Holy Week  
will give us the grace to love them:  
We pray to the Lord:

## **April 16<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

That the glory of this Easter morning  
will shatter the darkness of the Culture of Death,  
and transform the world with God's victorious light:  
We pray to the Lord:

## **April 23<sup>rd</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

That we might rejoice in the mercy of God,  
and pray for all who have sinned against life,  
that they might repent, God might forgive,  
and we might live with them in the joy of heaven:  
We pray to the Lord:

## **April 30<sup>th</sup> THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

For all who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and especially for those who languish on death rows:  
that they might turn from their sin,  
and trust in the justice and mercy of God;  
We pray to the Lord:



**“We can say that also in our time a 'no' is necessary to the prevailing culture of death, an anti-culture that manifests itself, for example, in the escape in drugs...Escape from reality in the illusory, in a false happiness that manifests itself in lies, in fraud, in injustice, in contempt for others, for solidarity, for responsibility vis-à-vis the poor and the suffering.”**

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the Baptism of the Lord, 2006

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