



WORD OF LIFE

July 2006

Intercessions for Life

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July 2nd **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For all parents frustrated by their poverty:
That they might generously bestow on their children
The invaluable gifts of love, patience, and understanding;
We pray to the Lord:

July 9th **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For researchers and scientists:
That God might plant within their hearts
A love for life at every moment of its miraculous existence;
We pray to the Lord:

July 16th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For young mothers who are afraid or alone:
That the blessed Virgin of Nazareth
Might strengthen them through her example
And intercede for them with her prayers;
We pray to the Lord:



July 23rd **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For mothers and children who are abused or beaten:
That God might give them the courage
To escape from the cycles of violence
Which threaten their lives and their souls;
We pray to the Lord:

July 30th **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For everyone haunted by the memories of abortion:
That God might give them the grace
To seek his sure healing mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

“We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. ... Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”

Pope Benedict XVI, First Homily as Pope, 2005

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Benedict XVI, Address on "The Human Embryo in the Preimplantation Phase" Feb. 27, 2006

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John Paul II, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, January 10, 2005

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