



WORD OF LIFE

May 2006

Intercessions for Life

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May 7th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That the joy of the risen Christ,
might draw us all into a love for the gift of life;
We pray to the Lord:

May 14th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For little children who are forgotten or abused:
that we might treasure them as a gift from God
and work to protect them each day of our lives;
We pray to the Lord:

May 21st SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all who have grown very old
and are overburdened with the weight of their years:
that we might not forget them,
but might rejoice in the gift they are
for our families and our lives;
We pray to the Lord:

**May 28th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (or ASCENSION
SUNDAY)**

For the gift of faith:
that all who are tempted to abortion, murder, or neglect
might receive the grace to love the forgotten ones
with the compassion of the Lord Jesus;
We pray to the Lord:



In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on [Christian love](#), I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other: the culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended and promoted.

Pope Benedict XVI
Audience Talk, February 5, 2006

Are we not convinced in our hearts, dear Friends, that peace in our society, peace of conscience for millions of women and men cannot prevail until justice is done for the unborn, until life is victorious? ... And so, America: If you want peace, work for justice. If you want justice, defend life. If you want life, embrace the truth—the truth revealed by God.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Homily for Pro-Life Mass, January 23, 2006

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President George W. Bush, State of the Union Address, January 31, 2006

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