



WORD OF LIFE

September 2006

Intercessions for Life

SEPTEMBER 2006

September 3rd TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For every man and woman who sits on death row:
that they may have the courage of repentance,
and that God might give us the wisdom to preserve the life
of every human being;

We pray to the Lord:

September 10th TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who have grown very old:
that we might cherish their wisdom,
give thanks for their presence,
and remind them daily of how much we need them;

We pray to the Lord:

September 17th TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who suffer from the effects of abortion:
for mothers, fathers, children, and friends:
that God might wipe the tears from their eyes
and heal their broken hearts;

We pray to the Lord:

September 24th TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That ever ready for the coming of Christ in glory,
we might work to preserve all human life,
from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord:



Certainly we come from our parents and we are their children, but we also come from God who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on The Occasion of The Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

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Benedict XVI, "The Human Embryo in the Preimplantation Phase", February 27, 2006

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