



# *WORD OF LIFE*

*September 2005*

# Intercessions for Life

SEPTEMBER 2005

## Sept 4<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For every little child:  
that God might preserve them and keep them safe,  
and that they might ever remind us  
of the wonder of the gift of life;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Sept 11<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For mothers who are children themselves:  
that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
God might give them the faith and the strength  
to grow in wisdom, grace, and maternal love;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Sept 18<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those whose desperation tempts them with death,  
and especially men and women contemplating suicide:  
that God might teach us to bring them his hope;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Sept 25<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all prisoners,  
and especially those condemned to die:  
that faith might sustain them and give them hope;  
We pray to the Lord:



“Parents are the first evangelizers of children, a precious gift from the Creator (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, n. 50), and begin by teaching them to say their first prayers. In this way a moral universe is built up, rooted in the will of God, where the child grows in the human and Christian values that give life its full meaning.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Letter to Participants in the Fifth World Meeting of Families  
May 17, 2005

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