



WORD OF LIFE

May 2004

Intercessions for Life

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May 2nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That this season of newborn life
may move the hearts of all who dwell in the shadow of the culture of death;
We pray to the Lord:

May 9th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That the power of the resurrection
may fill all expectant parents with a growing joy in anticipation of
the birth of their child;
We pray to the Lord:

May 16th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all who are close to death,
that we might treasure the gift they are
to the Church and to the world;
We pray to the Lord:

May 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For every newborn child:
that they might be treasured
as a proof of the everlasting love of God;
We pray to the Lord:

May 30th PENTECOST SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit will enkindle
in the hearts of all Christians
a great zeal to defend God's precious gift of human life;
We pray to the Lord:



In our time, great progress has been made in the scientific understanding of life, a fundamental gift of God of which we are the administrators. Life is to be welcomed, respected and defended from its beginning until its natural end; the family, cradle of each newborn life, must be protected with it.
-Pope John Paul II (World Day of the Sick, 2003)

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— Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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