



# *WORD OF LIFE*

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# Intercessions for Life

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**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all little children,  
and especially for those taking their first steps:  
that by their beauty and innocence,  
they may remind us of the infinite value  
of the gift of life;  
We pray to the Lord:



**Sept 9<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all whose life is in danger,  
and especially for those for whom  
hunger and disease is a constant threat:  
that we might cherish their lives  
and seek to save them;  
We pray to the Lord:



**Sept 16<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For those whose lives are demeaned  
by abuse, prostitution, or human trafficking:  
that the Gospel of Life  
might impel us to rescue them;  
We pray to the Lord:



**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all physicians who will perform abortions this week:  
that their hearts might be moved to know the evil  
of the destruction of human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all candidates for President of the United States:  
that they might seek to preserve, protect and defend  
the inalienable right to life of every human being;  
We pray to the Lord:

“Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.”

Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Academy of Life (February, 2007)

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The Catholic Church teaches that every human being is composed of body and soul. It is the union of the body and the immortal soul, with its intellect and free will, that defines each person, who is unique and an expression of God's love.

Pope John Paul II, Address in Japan (1981)

Just as a mother or father dedicates a disproportionate amount of time and energy to a child who is sick, without for that reason loving their other children any less, Christians are called to focus their efforts preferentially toward the most needy and defenseless among us.

Thomas D. Williams, L.C., "Abortion and Catholic Social Teaching," *Respect Life Program* (2007)

It's hard to have a future "for our children and our children's children" without children, and in practice, Planned Parenthood specializes in the business of preventing them. Even more troubling is Planned Parenthood's long involvement in abortion "rights" and the lethal services associated with them. Helping women kill their unborn children abuses the real well-being of women. It also violates the dignity of unborn children in a brutally intimate and permanent way.

Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, column, Jan. 17, 2007

*Life is the primary good we have received from God, the foundation of all the others. Guaranteeing the right to life - for everyone and in the same way for everyone - is a duty upon which the future of humanity depends.*

Pope Benedict XVI, "Christian conscience in support of the right to life," Message to the 13th general assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (February 24, 2007)

**When leading experts who favor emergency contraceptive (EC) programs recently summarized 23 studies gauging the effect of such programs, they had to admit that *not one* of the 23 found a reduction in unintended pregnancies of abortions.**

Richard M. Doerflinger, "The Prevention Deception: How Not to Reduce Abortions," *Respect Life Program* (2007)