



WORD OF LIFE

April 2007

Intercessions for Life

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April 1st PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

For all who are burdened with weakness and old age
that we might rejoice in their wisdom
and treasure the gift of their lives;
We pray to the Lord:

April 8th EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

That through our love and care,
all who are forgotten or lost,
might know the joy of the Risen Lord;
We pray to the Lord:

April 15th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

For all who suffer from the memories of abortion:
that the mercy of God might bring peace
to all who have turned from their sins;
We pray to the Lord:

April 22nd THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

For young parents tempted to abort their children:
that God might teach us how to love and care for them;
We pray to the Lord:

April 29th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For the safety of every little child:
that love of every mother for her unborn child
may grow and deepen each day;
We pray to the Lord:



Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment.

Pope Benedict XVI, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 2007

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-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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