



WORD OF LIFE

January 2005

2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

That the powers of darkness might be parted,
by the blinding light of Christ's eternal love,
and that the child in the Virgin Mother's arms,
might preserve the life of every little child;
We pray to the Lord:



9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

For every little child,
that as we celebrate the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan,
they might be led through the waters of Baptism
to a life of holiness and love through him;
We pray to the Lord:

16 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For President George W. Bush,
that by his words and his actions,
he might defend the Gospel of life
and work to preserve the life and the liberty
of every human being;
We pray to the Lord:

23 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the members of our Supreme Court,
that as we observe the anniversary of the legalization of abortion,
God might move their hearts with love for the unborn child,
for parents whose souls have been wounded by abortion,
and for a culture corrupted by evil and sin;
We pray to the Lord:

30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who have grown very old,
that we might cherish them for their wisdom,
and guard them as the infinite treasures they are;
We pray to the Lord:

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A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life (January 22, 2005)

Intercessions for Life

For an end to all laws
which legalize the taking of a human life,
that our nation might embrace truth and justice;
We pray to the Lord:

For little children
who await the birth of a brother or sister:
that they may learn to cherish
the child in her mother's womb;
We pray to the Lord:

For doctors,
who in their practice abort unborn children:
that God might give them the grace
to turn from sin and remember the Gospel;
We pray to the Lord:

For all who work in abortions clinics:
that through the intercession of the Mother of God,
they might come to love the unborn child;
We pray to the Lord: