



# *Word of Life*

*March 2009*

# Intercessions for Life March 2009

## **March 1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

For those whose selfishness  
leads them to sin against life:  
that the grace of God  
might turn their hearts  
from the ways of darkness and death  
and make them disciples of the Gospel of Life;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 8<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent**

For those who await death in prisons, hospitals, and at home:  
that we might remember them in prayer,  
beg God's mercy for their sins,  
and love them as Christ loved us;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**

For those who are old and sick and in pain:  
that they might seek solace in the cross of Christ,  
and trust every day in our love and respect  
for the great gift which they are to us;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent**

For all who teach young children:  
that by their lives and by their words  
they might teach the beauty and value of life  
from conception to natural death;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 29<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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:

## A Pro-Life Prayer for Our President and Public Officials

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the value of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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If you judge people you have no time to love them.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The desire to uphold the common good is founded on the belief that man comes into the world as a gift of the Creator. It is from God that all men and women—made in his image—receive their common inviolable dignity and their summons to responsibility.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to New Zealand's Ambassador to the Holy See, June 16, 2005

The human being is created in the image of God, and God himself is love. It is therefore the vocation to love that makes the human person an authentic image of God: man and woman come to resemble God to the extent that they become loving people.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Ecclesial Diocesan Convention of Rome, June 6, 2005

The family is ... a school which enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity. The experience of being loved by their parents helps children to become aware of their dignity as children.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address at the Vigil of Prayer, Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 8, 2006

