

# WORD OF LIFE

*May 2015*

## **Intercessions for Life**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>                                      Fifth Sunday of Easter**

For families facing a serious illness:  
May the Lord provide for their needs  
and inspire those around them  
to serve and support them in love;  
We pray to the Lord:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>                                      Sixth Sunday of Easter**

For mothers:  
That they may be strengthened in bringing  
the life-giving love of Christ  
to their children and to the world;  
We pray to the Lord:

**May 17<sup>th</sup>                                      Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord/  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

For the most vulnerable among us—  
the unborn, persons with disabilities, the poor, the sick, and those near death:  
May their unique gifts be recognized,  
and may we treat them as the gifts that they are;  
We pray to the Lord:

**May 24<sup>th</sup>                                      Pentecost Sunday**

For all people:  
May the Holy Spirit lead us to a deeper  
understanding and appreciation for the gift of every person's life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**May 31<sup>st</sup>                                      The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

For married couples:  
May their love for each other reflect the love of God  
and inspire those around them to love selflessly;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Bulletin Briefs

“If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?”

— [1 John 3:17](#) (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— [John 15:13](#) (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

“When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe.”

— 2014-15 Respect Life Program flyer,  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (<http://bit.ly/2014Flyer>)

“Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these”—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. We are loved.”

— 2014 Respect Life Month statement, Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley,  
O.F.M. Cap., Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
(<http://bit.ly/2014RLP>)

“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’”

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