**Word of Life: April 2018**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Intercessions for Life**

**April 1st Easter Sunday**

May the Risen Christ

grant us joy as we follow Him,

embracing God’s gift of life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 8th Sunday of Divine Mercy**

May the Holy Spirit move our hearts

to recognize the intrinsic dignity

of every person we encounter;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 15th Third Sunday of Easter**

For all who feel incapable of welcoming life:

May the Lord fill their hearts with peace

and strengthen them to receive this gift;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 22nd Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

inspire all hearts to care for  
the most vulnerable members of society;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May Christ remain in us and we in him,

so a culture that welcomes life takes root;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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**Bulletin Quotes**

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| **April 1st**  “Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, [www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid](http://www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid) | [RLP 2017](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2017/2017-18-respect-life-reflection.cfm) [Order](http://store.usccb.org/2017-2018-Respect-Life-Program-Reflection-Flyer-p/c1706.htm) [Download](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2017/2017-18-respect-life-reflection.cfm) |
| **April 8th**  “While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin.” Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  “Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing” | Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion HealingBridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing: www.usccb.org/respectlife [Order](http://store.usccb.org/Bridges-of-Mercy-for-Post-Abortion-Healing-p/c1641.htm) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/upload/rlp-16-flyer-bridges-of-mercy-for-post-abortion-healing.pdf) |
| **April 15th**  “A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ it's a way of caring for both the baby and the baby's family before, as well as after, birth.”  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  “Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis”  [www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis](http://www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis) | [Order](http://store.usccb.org/Supporting-Families-Who-Receive-a-Prenatal-Diagnos-p/c1545.htm) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis) |
| **April 22nd**  Heavenly Father…  Give us love for all people,  especially the most vulnerable,  and help us bear witness to the  truth that every life is worth living.  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  “Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer Card, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living) | [Order](http://store.usccb.org/product-p/c1512.htm) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/Prayer-Card-RLP-2015-Eng.pdf) |
| **April 29th**  “If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom.”  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  “Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation”  [www.bit.ly/serene-attentiveness](http://www.bit.ly/serene-attentiveness) | [Order](http://store.usccb.org/Serene-Attentiveness-to-God-s-Creation-p/c1645.htm) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/serene-attentiveness-to-gods-creation.cfm) |

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**Sunday, April 8th, 2018  
Featuring “**[**Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing**](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/bridges-of-mercy-for-post-abortion-healing.cfm)**”**

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**Sunday, April 22nd, 2018**

**Featuring “Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer Card**

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