

# Word of Life: February 2016

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## Intercessions for Life

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all people:  
May we repent for the times we did  
not cherish God's gift of life,  
and may we be inspired to seek his forgiveness without fear;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**First Sunday of Lent**

For all Christians:  
May God grant us courage to embrace  
the precious gift of life,  
even in the most difficult of circumstances;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

For people with disabilities;  
May they be treated with the loving care  
and respect due to each person;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

For young people:  
May they discover the freedom and peace that  
comes from following Jesus's call to purity;  
We pray to the Lord:

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#### February 7<sup>th</sup> (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

“In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him.”

— “God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation”, USCCB  
[www.goo.gl/oXNDBj](http://www.goo.gl/oXNDBj)



#### February 14<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Lent)

“Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.”

— 2015-16 Respect Life Program Flyer  
[www.goo.gl/sYADTw](http://www.goo.gl/sYADTw)  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



#### February 21<sup>st</sup> (Second Sunday of Lent)

“Our son Charlie was born with Down syndrome in 2007. ...Labels could not describe how [his] smile lit up a room, or how the sweetness of his soul had captured our hearts so completely.”

— “A Perfect Gift” ([www.goo.gl/Ub6GVf](http://www.goo.gl/Ub6GVf))  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



#### February 28<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday of Lent)

“Chastity also includes much more than just waiting until marriage to have sex. ...It means loving the way we're created to love—respecting our sexuality and living it out as we're meant to.”

— “10 Surprising Tips For Love The Culture Won’t Tell You” ([www.goo.gl/PAIjMD](http://www.goo.gl/PAIjMD))  
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