



DAY TWO

If you or someone you know is suffering from participation in abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit hopeafterabortion.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Prayer Vigil for Life can be viewed live on Thursday, January 20. Visit usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life for more information.

INTERCESSION

May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

PRAYERS

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECTION

Countless children's lives have been ended by abortion, and countless parents and family members suffer guilt, grief, and regret—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But his father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all His children who come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with contrite hearts, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

ACTS OF REPARATION *(choose one)*

- Abstain from meat today.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for today's intention (usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet).
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

If a friend confided in you that she had an abortion, would you be able to listen and respond in a way that brings her closer to forgiveness and healing? Learn how in *How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion* (usccb.org/friend-had-abortion).

