

WORD OF LIFE: OCTOBER 2016

Respect Life Month



Intercessions for Life

October 2nd

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time /
Suggested observance of Respect Life Sunday**

For Christians worldwide:
May God's mercy move our hearts
to respond with love and concern
for those whose lives are most vulnerable;
We pray to the Lord:

For Catholics nationwide:
That we renew our commitment
this Respect Life Month
to protecting human life
regardless of capabilities or age;
We pray to the Lord:

For our nation:
May our witness during this
Respect Life Month move hearts
to extend merciful protection
for every person's life;
We pray to the Lord:

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Intercessions for Life (continued)

October 9th

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those suffering after abortion:
May the Church's post-abortion healing ministry
help them find peace in God's limitless mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

October 16th

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For our world and its people:
May we turn from the "throwaway culture"
that treats people as disposable,
and instead embrace a culture
of encounter and solidarity.
We pray to the Lord:

October 23rd

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those nearing the end of life:
May God strengthen their faith
and comfort them through
others' loving support;
We pray to the Lord:

October 30th

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

For parents placing their children
for adoption:
May they encounter the Father's love
through our words and actions;
We pray to the Lord:

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Bulletin Briefs

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Sunday, October 2, 2016

“We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.”

- Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, www.goo.gl/uwk5e4
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Sunday, October 9, 2016

“If you know someone...who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God’s unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness.” www.HopeAfterAbortion.org

- “Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing,” www.goo.gl/MpC7RG
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Sunday, October 16, 2016

“Pope Francis stresses, ‘We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next’ (LS 226).”

- “Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation,” www.goo.gl/xdm378
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Sunday, October 23, 2016

“The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection.”

- “Caring for Loved One’s at Life’s End,” www.goo.gl/fvSEYp
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Sunday, October 30, 2016

“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya* says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’” (*Name changed for privacy.)

- “Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption,”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, www.goo.gl/srj6L3

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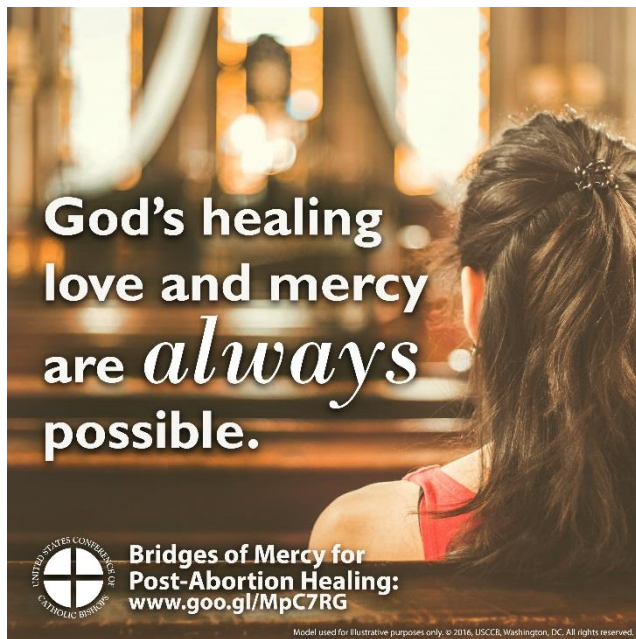
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