



PRAYERS
TO PROTECT
human life

A PRO-LIFE PRAYER BOOK

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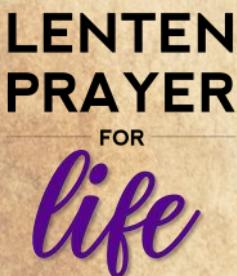
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Human life must be respected and protected
absolutely from the moment of conception.

From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be
recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable
right of every innocent being to LIFE.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2270



This pro-life prayer booklet has been
compiled to aid the faithful in praying in
reparation for abortion during the
Lenten Prayer for Life.

However, it is a useful resource for prayer
throughout the year and the reader is
encouraged to continue praying
unceasingly for these intentions.

LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE

INTENTIONS

For pregnant mothers
and their pre-born children.

For the healing of those
wounded by abortion: mothers, fathers,
siblings and other family members.

For the conversion of all those
who participate in, or promote, abortion.

For a new culture of life to be
established that respects and protects
all human life from conception
through to natural death.

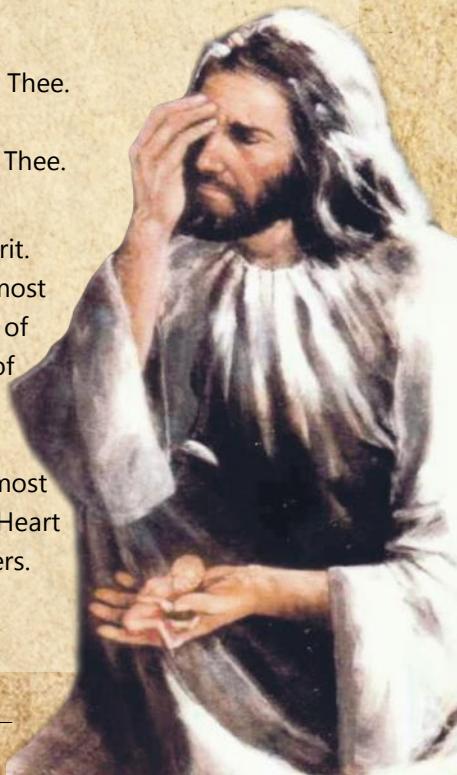
FATIMA PRAYERS

PARDON PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee.
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

THE ANGEL'S PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most
precious body and blood, soul and divinity of
Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of
the world in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifferences by which He is
offended and by the infinite merits of the most
Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart
of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.
Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls into Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God whose only begotten Son by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, Grant we beseech Thee that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

A ROSARY FOR LIFE

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY:

THE ANNUNCIATION

God sent the Angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary with the message that she was to be the Mother of God.

Let us Pray: for mothers considering abortion, that they may learn from Mary's humility and courage, to say yes to life for their children.



SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE VISITATION

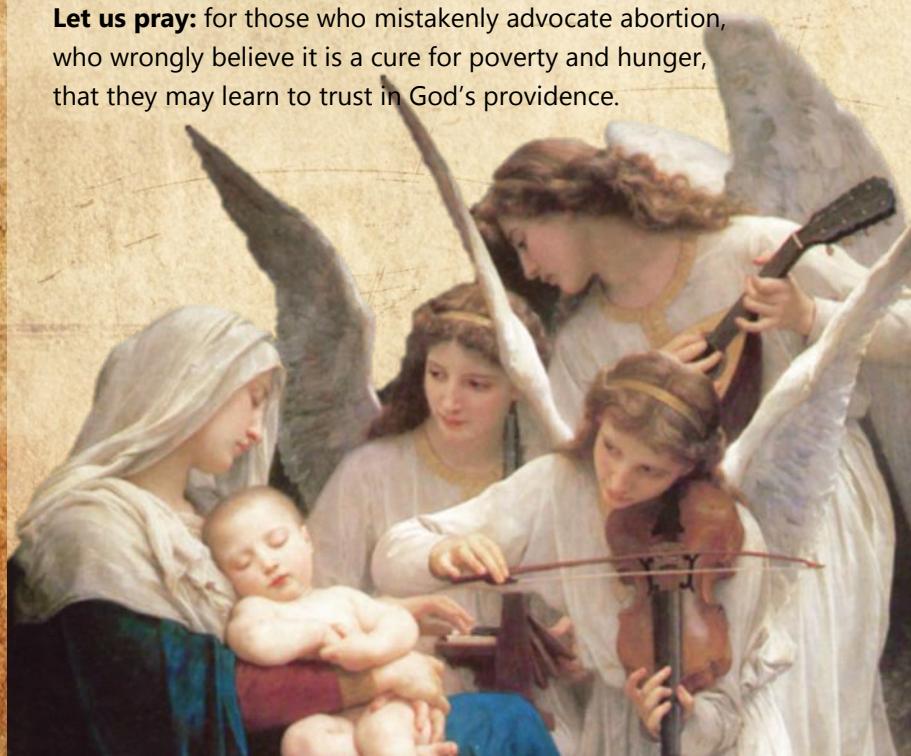
Now in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town of Judah. And she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe in her womb leapt. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, saying: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb!"

Let us pray: that like Mary, we may go quickly to support pregnant women.

THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled and she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Let us pray: for those who mistakenly advocate abortion, who wrongly believe it is a cure for poverty and hunger, that they may learn to trust in God's providence.



FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

Simeon came by inspiration of the Spirit into the temple and when His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also received Him into his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now Thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for Thy people Israel."

Let us pray: that all children be allowed to be born, baptised and dedicated to the Lord.

FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Let us pray: that our spiritual and political leaders will be fearless in proclaiming the primacy of the Laws of God.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Jesus' sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the ground. "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will, but as Thou willest."

Let us pray: for those who assist pregnant women and girls in their time of fear and loneliness.

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

I gave back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked at my beard; my face I did not hide from shame and spitting.

Let us pray: for parents who welcome new life in spite of hardship.

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

They clothed Jesus in purple, and making a crown of thorns, they put it upon Him. They kept striking Him on the head with a reed and spitting upon Him.

Let us pray: for people who are suffering from the trauma of abortion.

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Bearing the cross for Himself, He went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Let us pray: for parents who love and care for God's exceptional children, sick and handicapped babies.



FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE CRUCIFIXION

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots for them to see what each should take. Bowing His head, He gave up His Spirit. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Let us pray: for the souls of our pre-born brothers and sisters who have died and will die by abortion.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him, as He told you."

Let us pray: that the doctors and nurses who use their skill to kill instead of heal will repent and return to the service of the sick.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASCENSION

Now He led them out towards Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass as He blessed them, that He parted from them and was carried up into Heaven. And they worshipped Him.

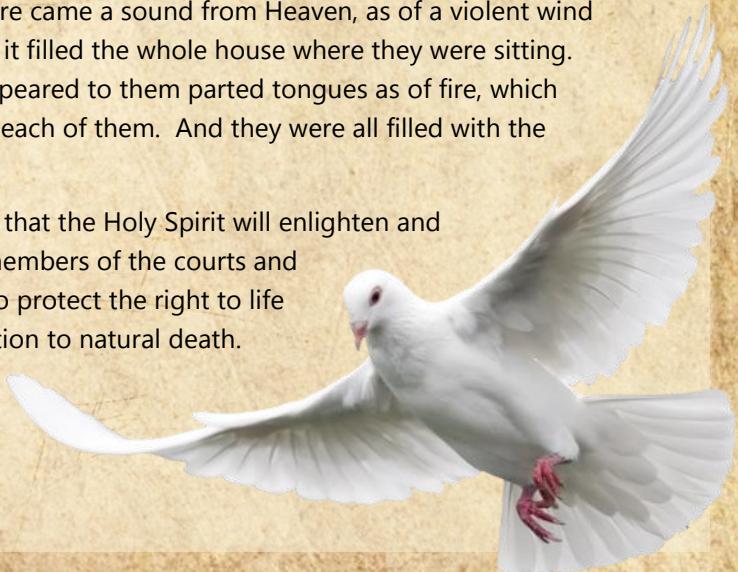
Let us pray: that the efforts of all those involved in pro-life activities may be pleasing to God.

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY:

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen members of the courts and legislatures to protect the right to life from conception to natural death.



FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO HEAVEN

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

Let us pray: that mothers, fathers and families will accept responsibility towards their precious infants and each other.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE CORONATION OF MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Blessed are you, My daughter, beyond all the women on Earth in the sight of the Most High God, and blessed is the Lord God, Who created the Heavens and the Earth.

Let us pray: that the right to life of all human beings be respected so that all may attain the heavenly goals for which they were created.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

FIRST LUMINOUS MYSTERY: THE BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN

As Christ descends into the water, the innocent one who became 'sin' for our sake, the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son, while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.

Let us pray: that each of us will take up the mission of Christ, particularly in the protection of the unborn.

SECOND LUMINOUS MYSTERY: THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

The first of the signs, given at Cana, when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers.

Let us pray: that we will always faithfully follow Mary's words: "Do whatever he tells you" and we will thus walk in Jesus' path.

THIRD LUMINOUS MYSTERY: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

The preaching of Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion and forgives the sins of all who draw near to Him in humble trust: the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the sacrament of reconciliation which he has entrusted to His Church.

Let us pray: that the call to conversion by Jesus will be heard by all mothers and fathers who have aborted any of their children or are contemplating aborting their child. Also, we pray for the conversion of the abortionists and their staffs. May they repent of their wrongdoing and be open to the merciful forgiveness of Jesus.

FOURTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY: THE TRANSFIGURATION

On Mount Tabor, the glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished apostles to 'listen to him' and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: that we will listen to Jesus and allow His words to transform our lives so that we too may ultimately enjoy the resurrection.

FIFTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY: THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Christ offers His body and blood as food under the appearance of bread and wine and testifies to the end his love for humanity, for whose salvation He will offer himself in sacrifice.

Let us pray: that all the unborn children will be allowed to be born and to share with all of God's people the sacrificial banquet of the Lord.

The Meditations and prayers for this Rosary for Life are taken from the Helper's of God's Precious Infants Prayer Book.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

IN REPARATION FOR SINS AGAINST LIFE

PRAYER BEFORE COMMENCING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You entered our world that we may have life and have it to the full. By the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your sacred Passion and Death was the means by which our sins would be forgiven. We ask You to pardon our offences, free us from every evil and to allow us to accompany You on Your sorrowful journey to Calvary. In this journey, we wish to make reparation for the sins against life and to make up what is still lacking in Your sufferings for the good of Your Body, the Church. O Good Jesus, You have died for love of us, may we live and die always united to You. Amen.

FOR EACH STATION:

Announce the station then pray the following:

- V.** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You
R. Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Read the meditation for the station then pray:

O my Jesus, I love You with my whole heart; I repent for ever having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what You will.

Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be

Conclude the station with this prayer:

- V.** Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.
R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed,
R. Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



1ST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Jesus is innocent. Nonetheless, by an abuse of power, the State condemned Him to death. In like manner, though innocent, our brothers and sisters in the womb have been condemned to death by an abuse of power. Their humanity, with its rights and dignity, is not recognised. In this, they bear a special likeness to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



2ND STATION: JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS

The agony of the Cross was the heavy price Christ, in His love, paid for the salvation of the world. As He lovingly embraced His Cross, so let us resolve to rejoice in our sufferings that others may live. Let us also be prepared to joyfully pay the price for standing up to defend our pre-born brothers and sisters from abortion and our sick, elderly and disabled from euthanasia.



3RD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Although His state was Divine, Christ Jesus, by assuming our human condition, chose to be like us. In so doing, He exchanged power for weakness, wealth for poverty, glory for a disgraceful death, as He immersed Himself in a world of suffering. Let us pray that the privileges, benefits and advantages we enjoy in life, may neither choke our compassion nor deaden our active concern for our defenceless and innocent brothers and sisters.



4TH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

There is no deeper relationship than that which exists between mother and child. They belong together. When one suffers, the other suffers too. To love and defend one means to love and defend the other as well. To be pro-life means to serve both the child and the mother. It means asking our society, "Why can't we love them both?"



5TH STATION: SIMON HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS

Many people watched our Lord suffer. Some indifferently, some compassionately, some self-righteously. Simon the Cyrenian alone helped alleviate that suffering. Many lament abortion and euthanasia. Some actually get involved to help stop it. Let us pray and work to make our society a compassionate one where everyone takes an active role in protecting all innocent human life.



6TH STATION: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Veronica's compassion broke through the mockery of the crowd to offer a little relief to the suffering Christ. The courage of the many doctors and nurses who recognise the humanity of their patients and treat them with compassion and dignity, and sometimes even risk and jeopardise their own careers, reflects that of Veronica. Let us pray for the conversion, repentance and the renewal of the medical profession, that the skills and tools of healing may never more be used for killing.



7TH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

Despite Simon's practical help and Veronica's tender compassion, the exhausted Redeemer falls a second time. In the work of defending life, little progress seems to be made, and often many setbacks and obstacles are encountered.

We are beset by despondency and are often tempted to give up, but, by imitating Jesus who rose from His second fall, we come to know the meaning and the strength of the Cross and of Christ whose power reaches perfection in weakness. Let us not, therefore, look to our own strengths or depend on our own talents, but let us trust rather in Christ, whose strength alone can sustain us.



8TH STATION: JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Although suffering greatly, the Lord Jesus told the women to weep not for Him but for themselves and for their children. Victims of injustice do not want tears, even those of compassion. Rather, their need is for justice and their yearning is for the recognition of their human dignity and rights. Additionally, the suffering innocent are not to be pitied as much as the perpetrators of injustice and violence and the society that condones the killing of the innocent. May all who believe in Christ the Innocent Victim of sin, stand up for the rights of innocent and defenceless victims of injustice and violence.





9TH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

The Saviour's energy is spent. He is exhausted and falls a third time, but rises once again because He is on a mission of love, which nothing can stop and only He can fulfil. In this, He shows that love is stronger than death and more powerful than hell. If love is not the animating principle of the pro-life movement, then pro-life activism is nothing at all. Without love, the pro-life movement itself is nothing at all. Animated and driven by love however, it is redemptive and nothing can stop it. Let us pray that all pro-life activists will be motivated and act with an all-consuming love.



10TH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

The Lord Jesus is stripped of all His possessions, but He continues "to love those who were His own in the world." Those stronger than we may strip us of our possessions - our liberty, our reputation, our popularity, our friendships and even our influence and power, but they cannot strip us of our love. They have no power to stop us loving our pre-born, our sick, our disabled, our elderly, and indeed, all our brothers and sisters who are at risk. Let us therefore pray for the gift of grace that we might continue to love our pre-born brothers and sisters with the same kind of love with which Christ loves us.





11TH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

The powers of this world crucified the God who made this world. Although all power and authority comes from God, the creature rose up, and with an abuse of power, condemned its Creator to death. All who exercise power will have to give an account of their use of it before the throne of God. Let us

pray for those exercising power in the Legislature and the Judiciary, that they will use their power to protect and defend all innocent human life and especially that of the most vulnerable among us.



12TH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus Christ our Lord and God died on the Cross, the Victim of human injustice. So many of His children have died with Him. Since He considers whatever is done to the least person as being done to Him, He relives His Passion in every abortion. While we can only imagine the horror of Christ's Crucifixion, we know in part the horror of a single act of abortion on the child, on its mother and in the sight of God. May all our brothers and sisters killed by abortion and euthanasia rest in Christ's peace and may those responsible for their deaths be saved by His Blood shed on the Cross.



18TH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Eve, perhaps only came to fully appreciate the consequences of her disobedience when she stumbled across the dead body of her son Abel. Mary, the new Eve, experienced pain immeasurable when the Body of her dead Son was placed in Her arms. So many mothers grieve after their abortions. May Our Lady the Comforter of the afflicted, help

them face up to the truth about abortion, console them in their grief and lead them to seek forgiveness and healing from Christ who died that we might have life and have it abundantly.



14TH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

A tomb is a memorial to help us remember the one who can no longer speak. Aborted children have no memorial and are forgotten. May we always remember the humanity of the babies who cannot speak and, by speaking in their defence, convince our society to acknowledge their dignity and respect their rights. Let us also remember Our Lord's Resurrection and His promise to share His victory over death with His disciples. He has already conquered the Culture of Death, because He has conquered death itself. Let us pray and work to bring His victory and His life-giving message to every part of our world.



15TH STATION: JEUS RISES FROM THE DEAD

Christ our Lord never spoke of His Passion and Death without immediately mentioning His Resurrection on the Third Day. We live this Third Day whenever we recall His Resurrection. He has conquered all that leads to death and even death itself. Let us pray His victory over death may be manifest in our lives and in our world, and that we may possess the abundant and eternal life that He offers us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father in heaven, You have given Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the life of the world. Accept our act of reparation for the sins committed against life and send on us the gift of Your Life-giving Spirit that He may renew the face of the earth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Meditations and Prayers from the Station of the Cross in Reparation for Sins Against Life by Father Linus Clovis.

DAILY PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living, to you do we
entrust the cause of life: Look down,
O Mother, upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made
difficult, of men and women who
are victims of brutal violence, of
the elderly and the sick killed by
indifference or out of misguided
mercy. Grant that all who believe
in your Son may proclaim the
Gospel of life with honesty and
love to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace to
accept that Gospel as a gift ever
new, the joy of celebrating it with
gratitude throughout their lives and
the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build, together
with all people of good will, the
civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God, the
Creator and lover of life. Amen.



SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle; be our
safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God
rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly
host, by the power of God, cast down into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits who wander now throughout the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

OPENING PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

PRAYERS OF THE CHAPLET

Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

On each "Our Father" bead of an ordinary rosary pray:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each "Hail Mary" bead pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

At the conclusion of five decades pray the following 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of
Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion -
inexhaustible, look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we
might not despair nor become
despondent, but with great
confidence submit ourselves
to Your holy will, which is Love
and Mercy itself.

PRO-LIFE SCRIPTURES

Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not requite man according to his work?

Proverbs 24:11-12

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you.

Jeremiah 1:5

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:9-12

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19

SEE ALSO:

Old Testament:

Genesis 1:26-28, Exodus 20:13

Joshua 1:9, 2 Kings 16:2-4

Proverbs 6:16-19, Isaiah 49:15

New Testament:

Matthew 18:10, Luke 1:39-45

1 Corinthians 13

Colossians 1:13-14, 1 John 1:9

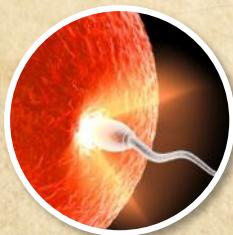
FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God. How vast is the sum of them!

Psalm 139:13-17



Conception

At fertilization, a new unrepeatable human being was created with its own separate DNA.



3 weeks

My heart began beating at 21 days.



5-6 weeks

My arms and legs start to grow. Brainwaves can be detected.

8 weeks

I can turn my head and suck my thumb and yawn. I can stretch and sigh.

My face, palms of hands and soles of feet are all sensitive to touch. 90% of all the body parts found in an adult are now present.

Now, I just need time to grow...



12 weeks



20 weeks

newborn



SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS AND WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD AN ABORTION

Women who consider abortion do so for many reasons. Often, their personal situation is such that they cannot see how they could bring a baby into the world and care for him or her. Sometimes, parents are very excited to welcome a new baby, but discover through pre-natal testing that their child may have a disability or a life-limiting condition. They may be encouraged to have an abortion.

WE MUST BE THERE FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS IN THEIR GREATEST HOUR OF NEED.

Family Life International NZ walks with pregnant mothers and fathers discussing options and working through difficulties via our specialised service - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support.

We offer:

- Free pregnancy tests
- Confidential advice about pregnancy options
- Support after an adverse prenatal diagnosis
- Free pregnancy confirming ultrasound
- Practical help and support
- Adoption information (and advocacy if needed)
- Post abortion recovery programmes (information and referrals)
- Life skills and parenting programmes.

If you are aware of anyone that needs assistance in any of these areas please let them know that they are not alone.

For assistance or to help please contact our friendly and confidential team.



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pregnancyoptions.org.nz

A great prayer for life is urgently needed,
a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.
Through special initiatives and in daily prayer,
may an impassioned plea rise to God,
the Creator and lover of life,
from every Christian community,
from every group and association,
from every family
and from the heart of every believer.

Saint John Paul II

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