

WORD OF LIFE

March 2015

Intercessions for Life

March 1st **Second Sunday of Lent**

For those who long for a child of their own:
may the Lord assure them of his loving care for their lives;
We pray to the Lord:

March 8th **Third Sunday of Lent**

For an end to the use of the death penalty in our country;
We pray to the Lord:

March 15th **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

For each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion:
may Christ console them in their grief and fill their heart with peace & hope;
We pray to the Lord:

March 22nd **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

For those who grieve the loss of a child
through miscarriage or any other reason:
may they rest in the assurance
of the Father's love for their little one;
We pray to the Lord:

March 29th **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

For those near the end of their lives:
may they be strengthened by God's love and grace,
and supported in their final days;
We pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

“[E]very child conceived by in vitro fertilization is truly deserving of respect and love: Each is a human person, regardless of the manner of conception. The problem is that the way they are brought into the world does not live up to their dignity.”

— “Life Matters: Reproductive Technologies”
Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(<http://bit.ly/ReproductiveTechnologies2011>)

“Our Lord calls us to imitate him more perfectly by witnessing to the inherent dignity of every human being, including those whose actions have been despicable. ...we are called to oppose the culture of death by witnessing to something greater and more perfect: a gospel of life, hope and mercy.”

— “Life Matters: A Catholic Response to the Death Penalty”
Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(<http://bit.ly/CatholicResponse>)

“Lord, you are good and forgiving,
most merciful to all who call on you.
LORD, hear my prayer;
listen to my cry for help.
On the day of my distress I call to you,
for you will answer me.”

— [Psalm 86: 5-7](#) (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

“[M]iscarriage includes emotional, relational and spiritual suffering that requires assistance from family, friends and church leaders.”

— “Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”
Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(<http://bit.ly/SolaceAndStrength>)

“Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief.”

— “Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future”
Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(<http://bit.ly/AdvanceMedicalDirectives>)

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