

WORD OF LIFE: APRIL 2017

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Intercessions for Life

April 2nd

For those nearing the end of life:
May the grace of God shine through the care
of medical professionals, family, and friends;
We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 9th

For those who help women
facing unexpected pregnancies:
May God's grace enable them
to bring hope & help to the women they serve;
We pray to the Lord:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13th

For Catholics worldwide:
May our love for the most vulnerable
be strengthened by the grace of the Eucharist;
We pray to the Lord:

Holy Thursday

April 16th

For those who struggle to find meaning in life:
Through the grace of the Resurrection,
may Christ fill them with hope
and the assurance their lives are worth living;
We pray to the Lord:

Easter Sunday

April 23rd

For men and women afraid to confess
their participation in abortion:
May the assurance of God's everlasting love
give them courage to seek forgiveness;
We pray to the Lord:

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 30rd

For the Church:
May the living and enduring Word of God
unite the faithful in heartfelt care for all human life.
We pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday of Easter

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April 2nd

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.” Visit www.goo.gl/fvSEYp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life’s end.



[*Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End*](#)

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April 9th

“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.” Find out more in *10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting*: www.goo.gl/MkBfb9.



[*10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting*](#)

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April 16th

“Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help ... [and] is often associated with a potentially treatable mental disorder such as depression or anxiety.”



[*Every Suicide is Tragic*](#)

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April 23rd

“Be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that ‘you can with sure hope entrust your child’ to the Father and his mercy (EV 99).”



[*Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing*](#)

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April 30th

“If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom.”



[*Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation*](#)

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