

# WORD OF LIFE

*April 2014*

## **Intercessions for Life**

### **April 6th                      Fifth Sunday of Lent**

For all couples facing an unexpected pregnancy:  
May the Lord give them peace, hope and love for their child;  
We pray to the Lord:

### **April 13th                      Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

For those who work to promote a culture that welcomes and respects life:  
May the Lord continue to give them strength, courage, and wisdom;  
We pray to the Lord:

### **April 20<sup>th</sup>                      Resurrection of Our Lord**

In thanksgiving for the gift of human life:  
May we experience the joy of the Resurrection  
And praise our Lord for every human person;  
We pray to the Lord:

### **April 27th                      Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

For those who have worked against the culture of life:  
May they be touched by God's healing mercy  
And learn to welcome and respect all human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

For those who have suffered the loss of a child to abortion:  
May they be comforted in their grief and know that God's healing mercy is without limit;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Bulletin Briefs

“*God is the source of life*; thanks to his breath, man has life. God’s breath sustains the entire journey of our life on earth.”

— Pope Francis, Holy Mass for *Evangelium Vitae* Day, 2013

“The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships.”

— Blessed Mother Teresa, Letter to the U.S. Supreme Court, 1994

“The newborn child gives itself to its parents by the very fact of its coming into existence. Its existence is already a gift, the first gift of the Creator to the creature.”

— Blessed John Paul II, Letter to Families, 1994

“Know that you are not alone, separated, abandoned or useless. You have been called by Christ and are His living and transparent image.[...] You are the brothers of the suffering Christ, and with Him, if you wish, you are saving the world.”

— Pope Paul VI, *To the Poor, the Sick and the Suffering*, 1965

“Those who have suffered the tragedy of abortion are becoming the wounded healers of our society as they witness to God’s profound mercy and his unconditional love and to the dignity of every human person—born or unborn.”

— Dr. Joanne Angelo

“As persons with disabilities share their gifts and needs, they bring out the best in our mutual humanity. They challenge us to live the Gospel precepts of charity in the real world, to sacrifice some of our comfort for others, to take the time to enable them to be full members of society. They need to feel our solidarity with them, and to know their true dignity and worth as fellow sisters and brothers in Christ.”

— Excerpt from *Life Matters: Persons with Disabilities*

“Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. ...Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask.”

— Jesus’ words to St. Faustina as recorded in her Diary (1146)

## Pastoral Ministry Announcements

If you have lost a child to miscarriage, please consider contacting your parish priest for help. The Church has various rites and commendation ceremonies that seek to provide hope and consolation for parents and families.

Do you live with the pain of an abortion? Even though you may feel this could never be understood or forgiven, there is hope in Christ. For help, locate your nearest Project Rachel ministry at [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

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