

# WORD OF LIFE: SEPTEMBER 2015

## Intercessions for Life

**September 6<sup>th</sup>                      Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the most vulnerable among us:  
May the Lord protect their lives  
and bring healing to hearts  
wounded by disregard and disrespect;  
We pray to the Lord:

**September 13<sup>th</sup>                      Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all people:  
May the Lord motivate and inspire our actions,  
that we might contribute to building up a culture  
that cherishes each person's life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**September 20<sup>th</sup>                      Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all those whose lives are in danger:  
May God uphold their lives  
and continue to keep and protect them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**September 27<sup>th</sup>                      Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For our president and political leaders:  
that they may use their influence  
to protect religious freedom  
and those who are most  
vulnerable in our country;  
We pray to the Lord:

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## Bulletin Briefs

“Do not fear: I am with you;  
do not be anxious: I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

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“Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

— *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*  
A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops  
[www.goo.gl/oABHUy](http://www.goo.gl/oABHUy)



“Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 2  
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“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

— Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of  
Miscarriage  
2014-15 Respect Life Program, USCCB  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
[www.goo.gl/1BM5HC](http://www.goo.gl/1BM5HC)



“[L]ife on earth ... remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.

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