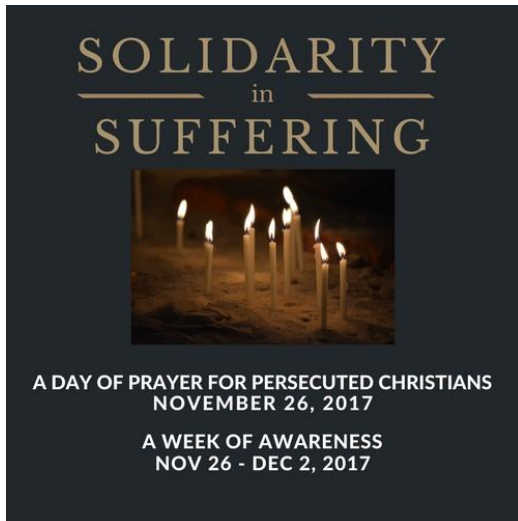


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*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*



## Week of Awareness for Persecuted Christians

*November 26-December 2, 2017*

Participate in a Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians on November 26, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and a Week of Awareness continuing through December 2.

Use #SolidarityInSuffering, and visit our website for these and [other resources](#):

- [Homily Notes](#)
- [Intercessions](#)
- [Logos for Local Use](#)



## In the Spotlight...

**Pray for Life:** [Website](#) / [Subscribe](#)

*Monthly messages with pro-life prayer intentions, short reflections, suggested actions, and more!*

**Intercession:** May we help each other on our earthly pilgrimage to heaven.

**Reflection:** The annual observances of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) remind us that "death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life." ([more](#))



## Upcoming...

**9 Days for Life: January 18-January 26, 2018**

*An annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)*

*"[One Night of Prayer, Penance, and Pilgrimage](#)" is a short guide suggesting ideas for introducing 9 Days for Life with a special event or as part of regular programming. Although developed for youth and young adult ministers, the suggestions are adaptable for other age groups.*

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## **Intercessions for Life**

### **November 1st**

For all Christians:  
May we look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead  
by preparing now, in hope,  
for our passage from this life into eternal life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **Solemnity of All Saints**

### **November 5<sup>th</sup>**

For married couples considering adoption:  
May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,  
grant them peace, and bring to fruition his holy will;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **November 12<sup>th</sup>**

For all Catholics:  
May the real presence of Jesus  
in the Eucharist strengthen us  
in welcoming and protecting each human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **November 19<sup>th</sup>**

For our parish community:  
May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us  
how we are called to share  
the Gospel of life with joy;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **November 26<sup>th</sup>**

For all our brothers and sisters  
fleeing persecution and war  
in the Middle East and around the world:  
May they find safe haven and protection;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

## Bulletin Briefs

### November 1<sup>st</sup>

“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing,” [www.goo.gl/MyKAp7](http://www.goo.gl/MyKAp7)



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### November 5<sup>th</sup>

“Heavenly Father... If it be your will, bless those who are pursuing adoption, ...and send them a child to love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“[Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption](#)”

(Originally published in the 2016-17 Respect Life Resource Guide)



Resource Guide

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### November 12<sup>th</sup>

“Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful. ...As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that *all* human life has invaluable dignity and worth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A,” <https://goo.gl/U7EYgz>



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### November 19<sup>th</sup>

“Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative—it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives.”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chair

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

2017 Respect Life Month Statement, <https://goo.gl/NSMjxT>



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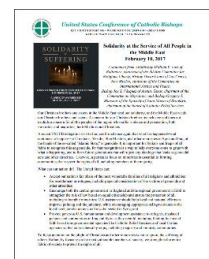
### November 26<sup>th</sup>

“By focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all.”

Archbishop William E. Lori, Chair

Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

“Solidarity at the Service of All People in the Middle East,” <https://goo.gl/nAUXNQ>



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### Sunday, November 5, 2017

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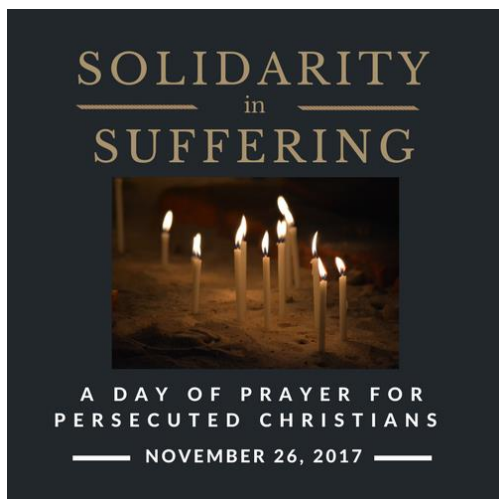
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### Sunday, November 26, 2017

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