

# WORD OF LIFE: APRIL 2018

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## Intercessions for Life

### April 1<sup>st</sup>

May the Risen Christ  
grant us joy as we follow Him,  
embracing God's gift of life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### Easter Sunday

### April 8<sup>th</sup>

May the Holy Spirit move our hearts  
to recognize the intrinsic dignity  
of every person we encounter;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

### April 15<sup>th</sup>

For all who feel incapable of welcoming life:  
May the Lord fill their hearts with peace  
and strengthen them to receive this gift;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### Third Sunday of Easter

### April 22<sup>nd</sup>

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,  
inspire all hearts to care for  
the most vulnerable members of society;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

### April 29<sup>th</sup>

May Christ remain in us and we in him,  
so a culture that welcomes life takes root;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Bulletin Quotes

### April 1<sup>st</sup>

“Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, [www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid](http://www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid)



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### April 8<sup>th</sup>

“While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin.” Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
“Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing”

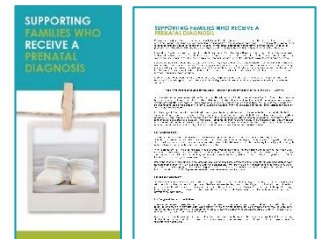


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### April 15<sup>th</sup>

“A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ it's a way of caring for both the baby and the baby's family before, as well as after, birth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
“Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis”  
[www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis](http://www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis)

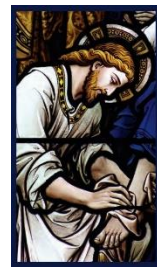


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### April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Heavenly Father...  
Give us love for all people,  
especially the most vulnerable,  
and help us bear witness to the  
truth that every life is worth living.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer Card, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living)



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### April 29<sup>th</sup>

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

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
“Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation”  
[www.bit.ly/serene-attentiveness](http://www.bit.ly/serene-attentiveness)



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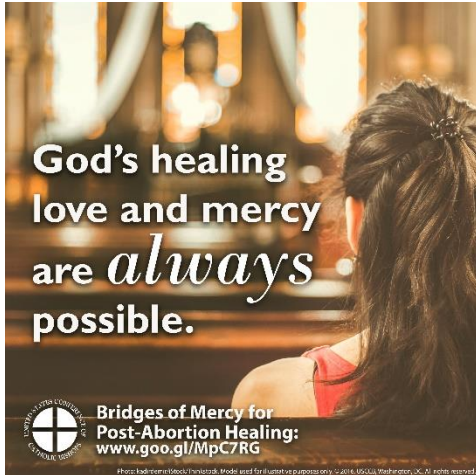
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**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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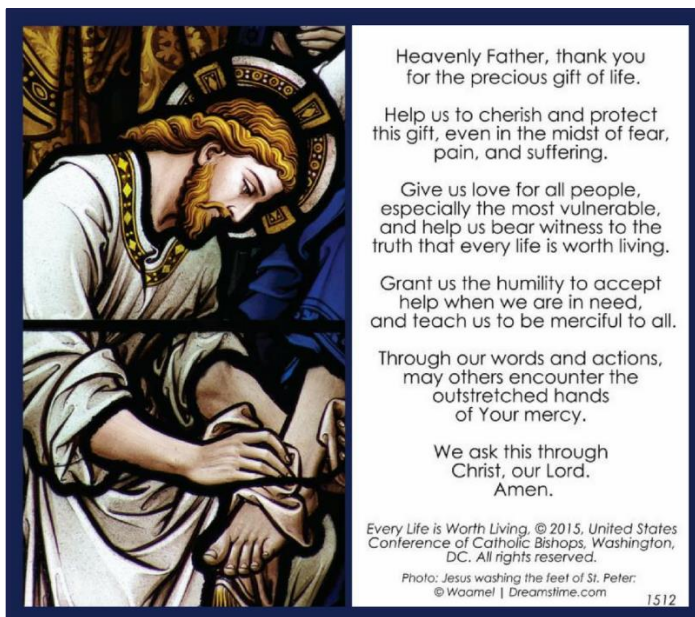
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