



## **January 22, 2018: *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

For bishops and priests:  
Through their ministry,  
may those who are afraid  
be strengthened with the peace of God;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For our nation:  
May God unite us in peace  
and respect for each other  
and all human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For public servants:  
May God grant them the humility, wisdom,  
and courage to defend all human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

May the Lord grant to us  
understanding hearts,  
that we may treasure his gift of life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

May the merciful and gracious Spirit of God  
help us protect and care for  
each person's life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

May God grant us the wisdom and courage  
to lovingly protect his gift of human life  
at every stage, in sickness and in health;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those who feel alone in their grief  
following an abortion:  
May they deeply experience  
the Lord's mercy and healing;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those who have participated in  
abortion and long for reconciliation  
with God:  
May they find healing and peace through  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those suffering the loss of a child:  
May Christ comfort them  
with his everlasting love;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For parents who receive  
a difficult prenatal diagnosis:  
May they be strengthened by the  
assurance of God's loving plan for their  
child's life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For people with disabilities:  
May they be treated with the loving care  
and respect due to each person;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those facing unexpected pregnancies:  
May God provide for their every need  
in welcoming their child;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For those whose hearts ache  
for a child of their own:  
May they experience the Lord's presence  
and be filled with his peace;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

May friends and families of women  
who are unexpectedly pregnant  
provide loving, life-affirming support  
for both mother and child;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

For medical professionals:  
May respect for each person's life  
characterize their every action;  
*We pray to the Lord:*