

# WORD OF LIFE: AUGUST 2015

## Intercessions for Life

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those facing unexpected pregnancies:  
May the Holy Spirit fill them with peace  
and assure them of the Father's loving care  
for both them and their children;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 9<sup>th</sup>                      Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who struggle to find meaning in their lives:  
May they find hope and reassurance in Christ  
and be filled with the strength of the Holy Spirit;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 16<sup>th</sup>                      Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For our Christian community:  
That, through the celebration of the Eucharist,  
we may be inspired to practice  
respect and to show gratitude for others;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>                      Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For married couples:  
that fervent love for God  
may continue to build and strengthen their marriage;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 30<sup>th</sup>                      Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all elected officials:  
May they create policies that protect life  
and the freedom to live out our faith;  
We pray to the Lord:

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## Bulletin Briefs

It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed.

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“It’s scary, and it knocks the breath out of you. It takes a long time to come to terms with a disease, especially a terminal illness. And then you start thinking, ‘Okay, this is the new me, this is the new normal, and I can still appreciate every moment.’”

— Maggie Karner in “Maggie’s Story,” a 3-minute video available at [www.bit.ly/MaggiesStory](http://www.bit.ly/MaggiesStory) (wife, mother of three, living with terminal illness)

“Dr. Stevens, if you had believed in physician-assisted suicide, I wouldn’t be here. You didn’t give up on me, and you didn’t abandon me, and that’s why I’m still here. ... These are the kind of doctors we need; they give you hope when your hope is gone.”

— Jeanette Hall in “Jeannette’s Story: 15 Years Later,” a 3-minute video available at [www.bit.ly/JeanettesStory](http://www.bit.ly/JeanettesStory) (sought assisted suicide, but was inspired by her doctor to consider treatment)

“Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
For Love is strong as Death.”

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“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

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“[K]eeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person.”

— Archbishop William E. Lori, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, on the “Freedom to Bear Witness” ([www.bit.ly/Freedom2Witness](http://www.bit.ly/Freedom2Witness))