# WORD OF LIFE: JANUARY 2019

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# DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN JANUARY 22, 2019

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

- Overview
- <u>Choices of Readings for Mass</u> (and additional resources)
- Sample Intercessions and Homily Helps (with suggested readings)

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## **Intercessions for Life**

January 1st

May every expectant mother encounter loving support as she awaits the birth of her child; *We pray to the Lord:* 

The Octave Day of Christmas; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

January 6th

For civic leaders, that by their words and actions, they might defend life and work to preserve respect for the life of every human being; We pray to the Lord: The Epiphany of the Lord

January 13th

For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God's love for every human life; We pray to the Lord: The Baptism of the Lord

January 20th

For all women with difficult pregnancies: Through the intercession of Our Lady, may they be lovingly supported in welcoming the mystery of life within them; We pray to the Lord: **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for mothers before and after birth; We pray to the Lord:

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 27th

For all who suffer from participation in abortion: May they find healing and peace in God's loving forgiveness; We pray to the Lord: **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

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## **Bulletin Quotes**

# January 6<sup>th</sup>

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

"Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit, February 3, 2001" © 2001, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



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## January 13th

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life," <a href="www.usccb.org/culture-of-life">www.usccb.org/culture-of-life</a>



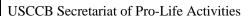


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#### January 20th

"We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10)."



"What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion", <a href="www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e">www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e</a> NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.





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### January 27th

"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 God's mercy at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy">www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy</a>.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,

"Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing", www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



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#### Sunday, January 13th, 2019

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