

## INTERCESSIONS

These sample intercessions were written for use during Respect Life Month, but can be used (or adapted for use) at any time. Consider including one or more in the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass each weekend in October.

The intercessions can also be printed in the weekly bulletin, included during prayer at parish gatherings, featured in newsletters, shared on social media, or prayed during personal or family prayer times.

For all Catholics:

That on this Respect Life Sunday  
our resolve may be strengthened  
to uphold the dignity  
of every human life;

***We pray to the Lord:***

That during this Respect Life Month  
our resolve will be strengthened  
to cherish and protect  
the gift of every human life;

***We pray to the Lord:***

That the life of every human person,  
from conception to natural death,  
might be protected in our laws  
and cherished in our hearts;

***We pray to the Lord:***

For women and men suffering after abortion:  
May the Church's abortion healing ministry,  
Project Rachel, help them find peace  
and healing through Christ's endless mercy;

***We pray to the Lord:***

For those nearing the end of life:  
May they receive care that respects their dignity  
and protects their lives  
as they place their hope  
in the promise of eternal 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:***



## HOMILY HELPS

On the first Sunday of October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Sunday, and priests and deacons are encouraged to preach on the Church's teachings on human life. As Catholics, we believe that every human person is made in the image and likeness of God. Every human life is therefore sacred and inviolable and should be protected and cherished from conception until natural death. Practices such as abortion, assisted suicide, and capital punishment violate the dignity of the human person and must be rejected.

Each year, homily helps are provided to help priests and deacons preach on the sanctity of human life. Other ministry leaders can also use these notes during Bible studies, small groups, ministry gatherings, or other faith formation settings.

The Respect Life Month homily helps are available at [respectlife.org/respect-life-month](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-month).

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