

## Pro-Life Prayers

### THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

#### Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,  
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

*(Repeat 3 times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of  
Mercy for us, I trust in You!

#### Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

**For each of the five decades** *(On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)*

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our  
Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

*(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)*  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### Concluding prayer *(Repeat 3 times)*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly  
upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become  
despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy  
itself.

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## Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those  
helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking  
of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for  
eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and  
give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and  
Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

## READING:

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. (*John 15:5-9*)

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another. (*John 15:16-17*)

(PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER)

## LITANY TO MARY, MOTHER OF LIFE

*The Response is: Mary, pray for us.*

Mary, Mother of all Life,  
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception  
to the moment of natural death. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Compassion,  
You showed us how valuable a single life can be;  
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,  
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.  
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; **R.**

Mary, Mother Most Holy,  
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;  
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart;  
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. **R.**

Mary, Full of Grace,  
You had a choice in responding to God's call;  
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,  
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. **R.**

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,  
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's healing,  
Especially those involved in abortion;  
Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. **R.**

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,  
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society;  
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain;  
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives

And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

**All:**

**Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.**

### **Prayer to St. Francis for Life**

Gentle St. Francis, you were so devoted to the humanity of Christ. Your heart burst with appreciation toward God for taking on human life. You saw beauty and goodness in all living things - in birds that sing, the fish that fill our waters, and all that lives in nature. Help us to imitate your reverence for life wherever it may be. Especially, humble Francis of Assisi, help us to help others to see the worth of each living, unborn baby sheltered in its mother's womb.

May all people have the grace to understand that these tiny, budding lives have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

## **A Pro Life Prayer For Our President And Public Officials**

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: FAMILIES

### MOTHERS

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**For all mothers,**

particularly those who are with child:  
that they may be supported by loved ones  
and warm friends, and that they may  
be understood and blessed;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For young mothers everywhere,**

and especially those who are tempted to despair:  
that through the child they carry deep within,  
they might know hope and joy;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For all mothers,**

especially those who are young or alone:  
beaten or addicted;  
that God might heal their broken hearts  
and seal them with his love;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers,**

especially those wracked with fear:  
depression or despair,  
that the new life of their child  
may touch them with the eternal love of God;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For young mothers tempted to abort their child:**

that God's grace might give them  
the wisdom and fortitude  
to preserve the gift they carry within them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers tempted to abortion:**

that God might teach us how to love them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For expectant mothers:**

for the gifts of patient endurance and joyful hope;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For each mother who has miscarried:**

that her love for the child of her womb  
might deliver her from grief  
and join her to the hope of the Cross of Christ;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For pregnant teenagers:**

that we might provide examples for them

of holy and faithful married love;  
We pray to the Lord:

## FATHERS

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**For fathers,**  
especially those who are very young:  
that through the intercession of Saint Joseph,  
they might assume the great responsibility  
which God has given to them;  
We pray to the Lord:

## PARENTS

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**For all parents who struggle alone to raise their children:**  
that God will give them the strength of the children of God  
and the support of his holy Church;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For expectant mothers and the fathers of unborn children:**  
that they might rejoice in the noble vocation  
which God has given them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For every unwed father and mother,**  
and for their child:  
that, with God's grace,  
their love might bind them together  
and truth might preserve and protect them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For all homeless parents:**  
that God will teach us  
how to love and support them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers and fathers,**  
who await the birth of their child:  
that God might fill their hearts  
with an ever-deepening love each day;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For parents of all teen mothers:**  
that God might grant them  
a full portion of his merciful love;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For parents tempted to give up:**  
that God might give us the wisdom and determination  
to support and sustain them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers and fathers,**  
who for the first time hold a child in their arms:  
that they might be transformed by the wonder they embrace;  
We pray to the Lord:

## GRANDPARENTS

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**For Grandparents and uncles and aunts:**

that their expectant love,  
might nurture and preserve the life  
of every unborn child;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For parents who have grown very old:**

that through their prayers and example  
they might teach their grandchildren  
the wonders of the Gospel of Life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For grandparents who are raising their grandchildren:**

that God might sustain them and reward them  
for their goodness and faith;  
We pray to the Lord:

**FAMILIES**

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**For all expectant families at Mass today:**

that we might rejoice with them  
in the gift God brings us through their love;  
We pray to the Lord:

***The Rosary for Life -- Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)***

**The Apostle's Creed – For those who do not believe, I say:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

We offer this first Our Father for the intention of our Holy Father Pope Francis. *Our Father ...*

We offer these three Hail Marys for an increase in Faith, Hope and Love, in all people so that all people will always CHOOSE LIFE, and we also offer them in reparation for the suffering the Lord endures each time a pre-born baby is killed, each time someone is euthanized, and each time death overcomes life in this world.

*Hail Mary ...*

*Hail Mary ...*

*Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father ...*

*Oh My Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the powers of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.*

**Joyful Mysteries**

**The First Joyful Mystery - The Annunciation** - Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will. *Our Father ...*

1. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless each unborn child, with the abundance of your love. *Hail Mary ...*
2. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Nurture the unborn child and make him stronger each day. *Hail Mary ...*
3. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Protect the unborn child from all selfishness and sin. *Hail Mary ...*
4. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Embrace the unborn child, with the tenderness of your love. *Hail Mary ...*
5. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with a love for your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
6. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with the wonder of God's love. *Hail Mary ...*
7. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new fathers, whose hearts are afraid: make them strong. *Hail Mary ...*
8. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new mothers tempted by abortion. *Hail Mary ...*
9. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by grandparents of each child in the womb. *Hail Mary ...*
10. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Comfort those whose unborn child has died. *Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father . . .*

*Oh my Jesus . . .*

**The Second Joyful Mystery - The Visitation** - John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who "might" come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed. *Our Father ...*

1. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Lead all newly married couples to Jesus, your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
2. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire those who prepare for marriage with your faithful love. *Hail Mary ...*
3. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for all couples in the first year of their marriage. *Hail Mary ...*
4. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Rejoice with us in the gift of married love. *Hail Mary ...*
5. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be present with all the saints and angels at every wedding. *Hail Mary ...*
6. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with parents by the sick bed of their child. *Hail Mary ...*
7. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with each child on the day of First Communion. *Hail Mary ...*
8. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire each parent with your unselfish love. *Hail Mary ...*
9. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Help us to keep your words "do whatever he tells you". *Hail Mary ...*
10. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with all newly married couples. *Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father . . .*

*Oh my Jesus . . .*

**The Third Joyful Mystery - The Nativity** - God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion. *Our Father ...*

1. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new mothers in need of your example. *Hail Mary ...*
2. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new fathers, that they might be like Saint Joseph your spouse. *Hail Mary ...*
3. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by all godparents who seek to lead their children to your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
4. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire the Church to follow your example of holiness of life. *Hail Mary ...*
5. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire us that we might turn from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel. *Hail Mary ...*
6. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents who do not believe in your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
7. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each little baby in your loving embrace. *Hail Mary ...*
8. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil by the cribs of crying infants. *Hail Mary ...*
9. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents tempted by fear or despair. *Hail Mary ...*
10. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new parents confused or alone. *Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father . . .*  
*Oh my Jesus . . .*

**The Fourth Joyful Mystery - The Presentation** - The Child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government. They —and we—belong to God Himself. *Our Father ...*

1. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Show us the sacredness of newborn life in Jesus your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
2. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Brighten our hearts with the joy of those who see new life. *Hail Mary ...*
3. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Through the darkness of sin, lead an aching world to the light of your Son. *Hail Mary ...*
4. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be at the cradle of each newborn child. *Hail Mary ...*
5. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Guide the hands and hearts of obstetricians and those who help them. *Hail Mary ...*
6. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hear the cries of women in painful labor. *Hail Mary ...*
7. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand at the beds of all whose labor brings tears and pain. *Hail Mary ...*
8. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each stillborn child in your maternal tenderness. *Hail Mary ...*
9. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Weep with us at the wonder of new life. *Hail Mary ...*
10. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with every expecting father. *Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father . . .*  
*Oh my Jesus . . .*

**The Fifth Joyful Mystery - The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** - The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth. *Our Father ...*

1. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Give your courage to newly pregnant mothers. *Hail Mary ...*
2. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for those fearful of a child's impending birth. *Hail Mary ...*
3. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to pray for all expectant parents. *Hail Mary ...*
4. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by the relatives and friends of all expectant parents. *Hail Mary ...*
5. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember those forgotten by the world. *Hail Mary ...*
6. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless all who shelter pregnant mothers. *Hail Mary ...*
7. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Watch over children abandoned or uncared for. *Hail Mary ...*
8. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Look with compassion on single mothers who expect a child. *Hail Mary ...*
9. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be a model of expectant joy for all your children. *Hail Mary ...*
10. Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to proclaim the fruit of your womb to all peoples. *Hail Mary ...*

*Glory be to the Father . . .  
Oh my Jesus . . .*

**Hail, Holy Queen**, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. **Pray for us, o Holy Mother of God**, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**Let us pray.** O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** - Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host -by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **PSALM 139:13-17**

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!  
My very self you know.  
My bones are not hidden from you,  
When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth,  
Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down;  
My days were shaped, before one came to be.

How precious to me are your designs, O God;  
how vast the sum of them!

**(PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER)**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: CHILDREN - BORN AND UNBORN**

**For orphaned children throughout the world,**  
and especially those  
who are abused or neglected:  
that we might work to save them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For children who are unwanted by their parents:**  
that God's grace might send others to love  
and care for them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For the children of our country,**  
especially those who are forgotten or neglected:  
that their presence might remind us  
of the infinite value of human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For every little child:**  
That we might accept and preserve each one  
as a sign of the infinite love of God for us;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For all unborn children:**  
that our love for them may keep them safe  
until the joyous day of their birth;  
We pray to the Lord:

**That the Lord,**  
who rescues the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked,  
might send an angel to guard and protect  
all unborn children;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For every little child,**  
and especially for those who  
live in their mother's womb:  
that they might grow  
in the image and likeness of  
the God who made them;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For the littlest child in her mother's womb:**  
that in her life we may see the infinite love of God;  
We pray to the Lord:

**That through the intercession of Saint Vincent**  
who spilled his blood for the defense of the Gospel,  
the lives of unborn children may be spared;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For all children who have died from abortion:**  
that God might cradle them in his arms  
and grant them eternal peace with him;

We pray to the Lord:

**For every child who lives in the womb:**

that God might send an angel to guard and protect  
the innocent and defenseless;

We pray to the Lord:

**For all unborn children,**

and especially for the babies of unmarried mothers:  
that God might send an angel to protect them;

We pray to the Lord:

**For the children who have died from abortion in our nation,**

and for their mothers and fathers:

for mercy, peace and the loving embrace of Christ;

We pray to the Lord:

**For little children,**

who await the birth of a brother or sister:

that they may learn to cherish  
the child in her mother's womb;

We pray to the Lord:

**For all little children,**

and especially for toddlers:

that we might lead them to what is holy and true;

We pray to the Lord:

**For children who have been abandoned or abused:**

that God might teach us how to heal and protect them;

We pray to Lord:

**For all children born today:**

that we might receive them as a sign of hope  
and of God's never-ending care;

We pray to the Lord:

## **LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**God our Father in heaven**

**God the Son,**

**Redeemer of the world**

**God the Holy Spirit**

**Holy Trinity, one God**

**Jesus, Son of the living God**

**Jesus, splendor of the Father**

**Jesus, brightness of everlasting light**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

have mercy on us



<b>By your birth</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your childhood</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your hidden life</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your public ministry</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your agony and crucifixion</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your abandonment</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your grief and sorrow</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your death and burial</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your rising to new life</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your return in glory to the Father</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your gift of the holy Eucharist</b>	Jesus, save your people
<b>By your joy and glory</b>	Jesus, save your-people
<b>Christ, hear us</b>	Christ, hear us
<b>Lord Jesus, hear our prayer</b>	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
<b>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world</b>	have mercy on us
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<b>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world</b>	have mercy on us

**Let us pray.**

Lord, may we who honor the holy name of Jesus enjoy his friendship in this life and be filled with eternal joy in the kingdom where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Prayer for Those who have Lost a Child to Abortion**

by Fr. Frank Pavone

Lord of all Life, You have entrusted us to the care of one another, And called us to be one Body in Christ. You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep.

Hear our prayer today for our brothers and sisters who have lost children to abortion. Help us to understand the pain that is in their hearts, and to be a living sign to them of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.

Help them to undergo with courage the process of grief and the journey of healing. Never allow them to feel alone; always refresh them with the presence of Your Spirit and of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Console them with the sure hope that you love and care for their children. Give them new strength, that even while they grieve what they have lost, they may look forward to all the good that you still have in store for them.

Lord of healing and hope, give us all the forgiveness of our sins, and the joy of your salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Giver of Life

Come Holy Spirit, Creator of all things...You who breathed over the waters at the dawn of creation and brought forth all living beings...You who filled the apostles when the Risen Lord breathed on them on the first Easter night, giving them the power to restore life to those dead in sin...You who, on the last day, will breathe again over all the dead and raise them from the grave--Come! Come and breathe on our world again, immersed as it is in the Culture of Death! Come, O Lord and Giver of Life! Defeat the works of death in our midst, that abortion may no longer stain our land.

We worship You, O Holy Spirit, and we rejoice in You. We know that no matter how strong the forces of death may be, we can still find in You the endless source of life. Renew that life in each of us, and make us worthy apostles of the Culture of Life in our day! Amen.

## Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself  
Never to be silent,  
Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,  
And our nation once again becomes  
A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH – *By Pope Leo XIII*

O holy protector of the holy family, protect us children of the Lord Jesus Christ; keep far from us the errors and evils which corrupt the world; assist us from Heaven in our struggles against the powers of darkness. And as you once protected the Divine Child from the cruel edict of Herod, now defend the Church and keep it safe from all dangers and threats. Spread over all of us your holy patronage so that by following your example and aided by your spiritual guidance, we may all aspire to a virtuous life, look to a holy death, and secure for ourselves the blessing of eternal happiness in Heaven.