



# *WORD OF LIFE*

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# Intercessions for Life

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## **March 7<sup>th</sup>                    THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

For all who have been involved in abortion, euthanasia,  
or other sins against the dignity of human life:  
That our merciful and compassionate Lord  
will allow them the grace of repentance before their death;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 14<sup>th</sup>                    FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

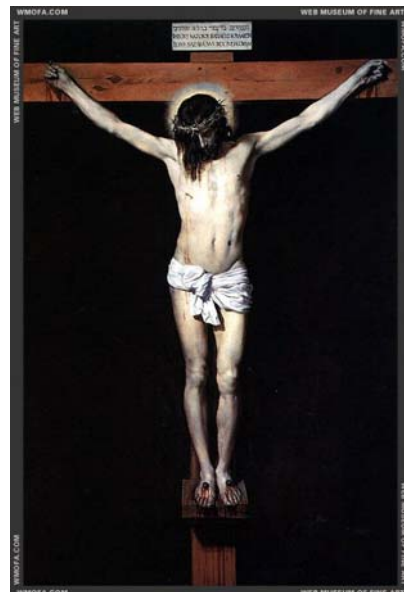
For mothers and fathers who suffer remorse and pain after an abortion:  
May they find peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
And be consoled through the ministry of Project Rachel;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 21<sup>st</sup>                    FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

For married couples:  
That God will strengthen them to remain faithful to each other  
And to bear one another's faults with generous hearts;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **March 28<sup>th</sup>                    PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION**

For the dying:  
That their faith in God will sustain them in their final days  
And that, by joining their suffering to that of Christ's Passion,  
Countless souls may be saved;  
We pray to the Lord:



The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation. ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

~ Cardinal Francis George, Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. bishops, Nov. 16, 2009

Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish.

Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace.

Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us.

~ Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, Address at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Project Rachel

Unfortunately in our culture we [are held] fast in a grip of deadly attitudes about human life, about the human person, especially in the moments of his or her beautiful but fragile beginnings and in the vulnerable times of old age and illness. There are some in our culture and in our country ... who think that human civil institutions or some given human subject bestow the right to life. No! Not any of us can bestow the right to life. We can only recognize the right to life, uphold and defend it, and cherish its beauty.

~ Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, homily at the Opening Mass, National Vigil for Life, Jan. 21, 2010

If it weren't for Project Rachel, I would still be crying, daily. My [abortion] Decision was the first thought that entered my head ... in the morning. My Decision reminded me that although I could move through my daily routine, I was not allowed to enjoy funny movies or special moments with my family. My Decision would literally stop me mid-laughter. I did not deserve to laugh. ...

Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is something that I cannot put into words. I actually feel lighter. My shoulders are not hanging so low. The power of forgiveness is life altering.

~ a post-abortive woman helped by Project Rachel