

Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.

2023 Respect for Life Month Activities



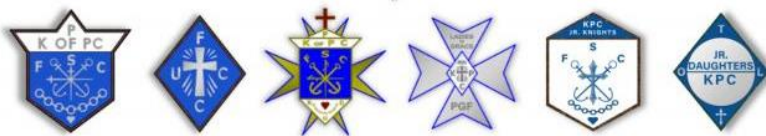
Greetings Brother and Sisters in Claverism!

Each year in October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*. During *Respect Life Month*, the United States Catholic Bishops, provide resource materials which provide an opportunity for individuals to understand the value and dignity of human life and that we are responsible for protecting and cherishing all life from conception to natural death.

Our National Pro-Life Committee has put together resources, which you may use individual or collectively with your Courts and Councils. It is our hope and desire that all members of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc, take time to promote the sanctity of human life.

In this packet you will find:

1. Respect Life Month Suggested Activities
2. Respect Life Calendar, which contains daily Pray Petitions
3. Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions
4. Intercessions for Life for each Sunday in October
5. Pro-Life Rosaries from the USCCB
6. Prayer for Radical Solidarity (the 2023 Theme for Respect Life Month)
7. 2023 Recommendations from the National Pro-Life Committee



October Respect Life Month
Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.
October 2023 Activities

1. The first Sunday of October is generally observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. On this Sunday, sponsor workshops/seminars on Pro-life Issues or conduct a Service Project, which highlights the dignity of each person, the gift of human life and the responsibility to protect human life and/or schedule a Pro-Life Rosary utilizing the information from the USCCB, Pro-Life Rosaries. (See #4 below for information on the Rosaries for Life).
 2. **Individually** - You Can Join Catholics nationwide to praying a special Respect Life Month novena October 13th through the 21st. This novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. **Visit the following website:**
<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month> to enter your email address to receive the **Respect Life Month Novena from October 13 – 14, 2023.**
 3. During the month of October, individually or collectively it is possible to utilize the Respect Life Calendar which was developed by the ProLife Committee. The Calendar is included in this packet developed by the Committee
 4. During the Month of October, individual or collectively we recite the USCCB Pro-Life Rosary. The Rosaries are included in this Packet and can also be found on the internet at the following links:
 - A Rosary for Life: The Luminous Mysteries:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/rosary-life-luminous-mysteries>
 - A Rosary for Life: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/rosary-life-sorrowful-mysteries>
 - A Rosary for Life: The Glorious Mysteries:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/rosary-life-glorious-mysteries>
 - A Rosary for Life: The Joyful Mysteries:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/rosary-life-joyful-mysteries>
- Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions** are found at the following link:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions>
5. Participate in an educational session utilizing the Pro-Life Powerpoint, originally presented in 2014 and updated September 2023, by Ladies Stephanie Bernard, Elizabeth Reaux and Deborah Smith. Date and Time to be Announce

Respect Life Calendar

Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

-Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
We pray for all people. That we build a culture of life and bear witness to the inherent dignity of all people created in the image of God.	We pray for all families. That they may seek to honor and love one another as Christ loves the Church.	We pray for all people. That we may act with kindness and charity towards the elderly, migrants, the poor and the unborn.	We pray for the terminally ill and their families. That they may be given comfort and support in their time of need.	We pray for mothers considering abortion. That they may open their hearts to choose life for their child and receive the necessary love and support from family and friends.
Day Six	Day Seven	Day Eight	Day Nine	Day Ten
We pray for all elected officials that they may support and enact laws and policies that respect, protect and defend the right to life, liberty and fundamental rights of all human being.	We pray for those facing the death penalty and all affected by their crimes. May God's merciful love bring reconciliation and peace and rid our justice system of capital punishment.	We pray for the poor, sick, unborn and elderly. May they know the Father's great love and find acceptance through the care of our Christian community.	We pray for all those enslaved to sexual sin and pornography. May Christ set them free by the power of his grace and help them to grow in the virtue of chastity.	We pray for all victims of violence and hatred. May we treat people who we view as different with acceptance and compassion. May we strive to combat hate with compassion and love.
Day Eleven	Day Twelve	Day Thirteen	Day Fourteen	Day Fifteen
We pray for the elderly, the infirm, sick, homebound and those who are facing euthanasia. May God's grace impart the value of the worth of all human beings regardless of their age and ability and inspire others to support them and renew their spirit.	We pray for men, women and children in bondage, enslaved and exploited through human trafficking. May the perpetrators and organizers of human trafficking turn away from their unjust ways.	We pray for our brothers and sisters who emigrate from their homeland, seeking freedom from oppression, violence, economic stability. May they and a chance to lead a life free from fear, exploitation and separation from their loved ones.	We pray for the poor and homeless, that their physical and spiritual needs will be abundantly met in ways that reflect their inherent dignity.	We pray for our Pope, bishops, priests and deacons that they may be strengthened to lead our Church into a deeper respect for life, and be witnesses to the goodness of life in Christ.

<p style="text-align: center;">Day Sixteen</p> <p>We pray for those who have been involved in abortion. That they may experience love, peace and God’s mercy and love in preparation for the coming of Christ.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Seventeen</p> <p>We pray for the faithful that the Lord grant them the grace to persevere in promoting a culture of life in vigilant expectation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Eighteen</p> <p>We pray for the terminally ill and their families that they may be given comfort and support in their time of need.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Nineteen</p> <p>We pray for all baptized Christians. May the Lord grant them the grace to live out their baptismal call with renewed joy and to recognize within this call a need to respect all life from conception to natural death.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty</p> <p>We pray for those nearing the end of life; that they will place their faith in Christ and be strengthened in hope for eternal life with Him.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-One</p> <p>We pray for those whose days on earth are drawing to a close; that they may be welcomed into the joys of eternal life in heaven.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Two</p> <p>We pray for those involved in post-abortion healing ministry; that the Father of mercy would fill them with the necessary grace and compassion to minister to those in need of healing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Three</p> <p>We pray for the unborn. May they be welcomed into the world with love, joy and the support they need to flourish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Four</p> <p>We pray for all married couples. May they be open to receive courage from the Lord to be open to new life and follow Jesus’ example and be witnesses of self-giving love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Five</p> <p>We pray for the world. May all people be recognize and treated as a masterpiece of God’s creation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Six</p> <p>We pray for those working to promote the sanctity of human life. May they be strengthened through the grace of Christ.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Seven</p> <p>We pray for children awaiting adoption. May the Lord inspire loving families to welcome and nurture them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Eight</p> <p>We pray for the shepherds of the Church. May they support and promote the dignity of each person as they guide all people toward Christ.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Twenty-Nine</p> <p>We pray for the medically professionals. May their work be rooted in a deep respect for life from conception to natural death.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Thirty</p> <p>We pray for all those who stand for justice. May they have the grace to speak with courage and charity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day Thirty-One</p> <p>We pray for all to realize the sacredness of human life and respect life at every stage of life, from the moment of conception until natural death. May God’s grace give us the courage to stand up for what is true and just in order to defend life and forgive us the times we have failed to be thankful for the precious gift of life or failed to respect the human dignity of others.</p>				

Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation: That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Wedding Feast at Cana: For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration: That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scourging at the Pillar: That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

The Carrying of the Cross: For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection: For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

The Ascension: For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit: That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

The Assumption of Mary: For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

The Coronation of Mary: For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

Intercessions for Life

October 1st

For all Catholics:
On this Respect Life Sunday,
may we resolve anew
to protect the gift of every human life
and serve moms in need of assistance;
We pray to the Lord:

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
(Also observed in the U.S. as
Respect Life Sunday)

October 8th

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:

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 15th

That the life of every person,
from conception to natural death,
will be protected in our laws
and cherished in our hearts;
We pray to the Lord:

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 22nd

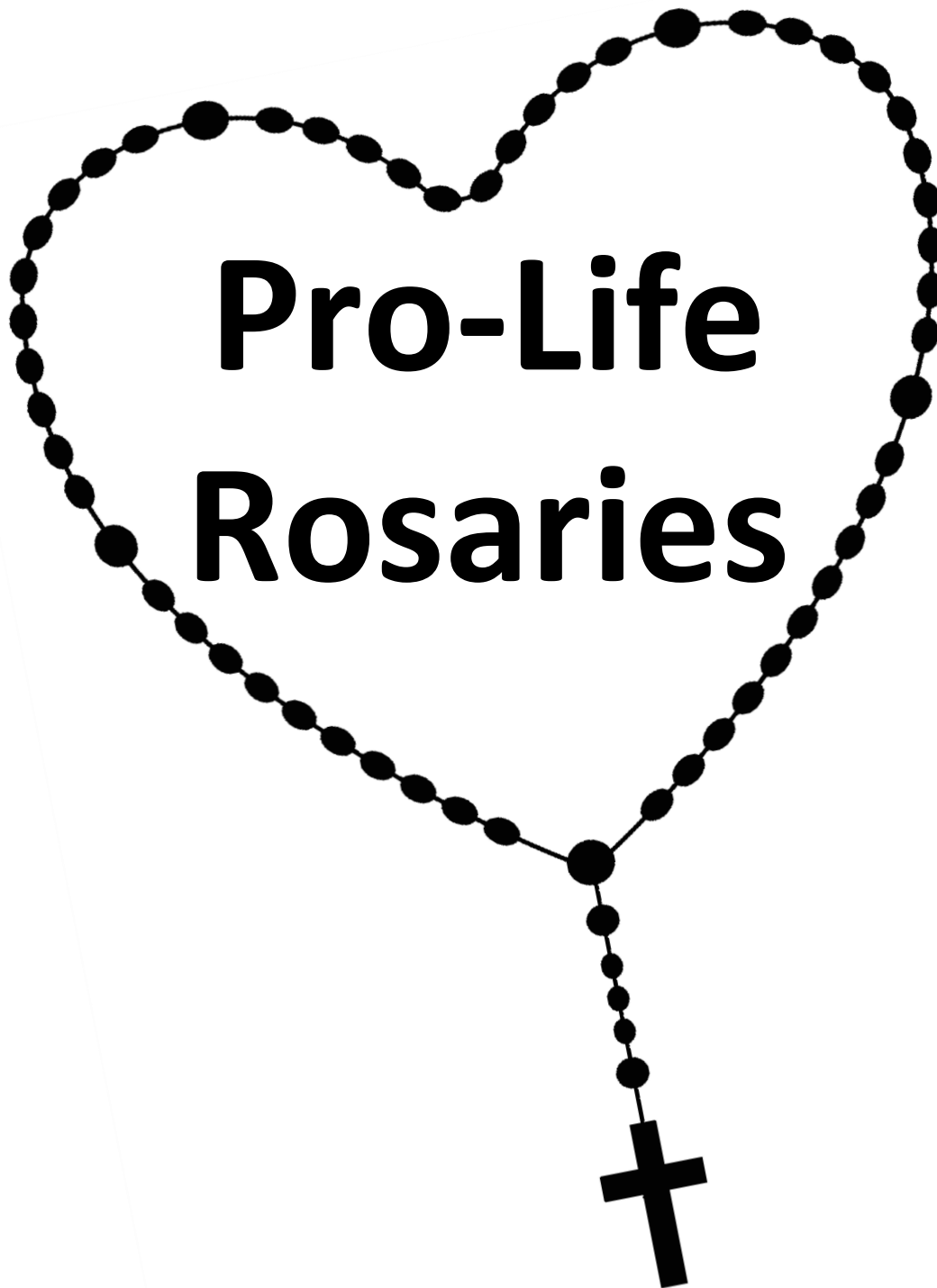
For women and men suffering after abortion:
May the Church's abortion healing ministry,
Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through
God's endless mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 29th

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:

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



United States Catholic Conference (USCCB)

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosaries>

Prayers of the Rosary

The Apostles' Creed

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;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will
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.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

The Glory Be (The Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the
fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially
those who are in most need of thy mercy. Amen

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life,
our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this,
our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

The Final Prayer

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be
made worthy of the promises of Christ
Let us pray: O God, whose only begotten Son, by
His life, death, and resurrection, has purchase for us
the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee,
that by meditating on 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.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never
was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left
unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come;
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother
of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but
in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



When to Pray...

The Joyful Mysteries - Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays of Advent
The Sorrowful Mysteries - Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays of Lent
The Glorious Mysteries - Wednesdays and Sundays
The Luminous Mysteries – Thursday

A Rosary for Life: The Joyful Mysteries

The following meditations on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death.

The First Joyful Mystery -The Annunciation of Our Lord

Prayer Intention: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-33, 38)

As an angel proclaimed the conception of Christ in Mary's virginal womb, so do mothers and fathers learn every day of the conception of their child. Let us pray to the Mother of all the Living that every child be treasured and protected from the first moment of conception as an inestimable and wondrous gift of God.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: inspire the hearts of all newly pregnant women with the joy of which you sang at the Annunciation... *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: deliver all parents from fear, and implant in their hearts a joyful hope... *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray that joy may embrace the lives of all expectant parents...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray for grandparents, that the witness of their joy might be a source of strength to their expectant children... *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: be with all new parents, that the miracle of new life silently growing in the womb will awaken in them a commitment to cherish and protect their child... *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray that all might be inspired by the wonder of new life and embrace God's overwhelming gift...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: watch over all new parents with your maternal care, from the first

moments of new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: rejoice with the mother who first feels the stirring of the child in her womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: intercede for all parents who long to carry a child in their arms...*Hail Mary, full of grace..*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bless adoptive parents and rejoice with them in the beauty of their child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Second Joyful Mystery - The Visitation

Prayer Intention: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:39-45)

As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy when the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with the Son of God, came to meet her, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life promised in every expectant mother.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire us to rejoice with all expectant parents and to support them with our prayers...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Comfort expectant fathers when they are afraid...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Share your courage with all women who fear the coming birth of their child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be close to all expectant mothers, as they bear the child of their womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give us the joy of Saint Elizabeth and her son whenever we meet the miracle of new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray that all our laws may protect and defend the innocent life which lives within each mother's womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give courage by your example to those who greet the news of their pregnancy with fear...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Teach us to support all expectant parents and to increase their joy in the miracle of God's work within them...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Ask that God gives us the wisdom to support those tempted to abort their child's life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire even those who perform abortions with the truth of him whom you bore in your womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Third Joyful Mystery - The Nativity of Jesus

Prayer Intention: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2: 6-12)

In the birth of every child we see the birth of Christ Jesus in the Bethlehem stable. Let us commend all new mothers and fathers and every newborn child to the protection and intercession of the Mother of God and Mother of all Christians.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Come swiftly to the aid of all who labor in distress...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Give your own courage to mothers who are alone or abandoned...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Implant within the hearts of all grandparents the wonder known by the shepherds at the birth of your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: pray for those who assist with the labor which brings new life: for skill and compassion...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Help us to welcome the gift of new life, as you welcomed the birth of your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Strengthen the joy of all men and women who behold the wonder of new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Let the face of the newborn child proclaim the Gospel of Life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide the hands and hearts of obstetricians in their holy work...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: help us to proclaim the Gospel of Life in our care for each newborn child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: be present at the moment of birth to share in our joy...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Fourth Joyful Mystery - The Presentation in the Temple

Prayer Intention: That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." (Luke 2:25-32)

As Christ was consecrated to God at his presentation in the temple, so may we consecrate all children to that holiness, purity, and innocence by which they lead us to God. "A little child shall lead them."

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: watch over every child and keep them safe and close to your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire all mothers to care for their children, as you cared for the

child Jesus.. *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be with all fathers of newborn babies that they might glory in the wonder of new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Gently guide new parents as they lead their little ones to your Son..*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for the toddler who, like your Son, reaches out in hope to a brand new world...
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Hold close to your immaculate heart the innocence and joy of each little child...
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be a model of maternal love for those who need you the most...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bless with your presence the room of each little child...*Hail Mary, full of grace ...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Welcome home to heaven the soul of the miscarried child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Rejoice with us, as you did with Saint Joseph, at the first steps and first words of every child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Fifth Joyful Mystery - The Finding in the Temple

Prayer Intention: For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. (Luke 2:41-50)

As the Christ Child was found in the temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, so we pray for all children, especially those lost and forgotten. May the Gospel of Life impel us to find them when they are most in need and to lead them home to a place where they are treasured, protected, and loved.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Bring joy to the lives of children who are abused in body or mind...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Deliver the abusive adult from the evil of their actions...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide those who work to find children who are lost...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for all children unwanted or abandoned, and lead them home...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Be with parents unable to care for their children: teach them patience and holiness...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Teach young parents to treasure their child as you loved the Child Jesus...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Pray for doctors who have abandoned the practice of the faith: lead them home to your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Intercede with your son for all who perform abortions that they may be freed from a blindness to the evil of their actions...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Inspire all legislators by your love for us, that they might work for the protection of life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Joy: Guide, by your holy example, all who seek to lead us and lead them to a love for the Gospel of Life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

A Rosary for Life: The Glorious Mysteries

First Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the third day after his passion and death, rose again in glory, victorious over death and never to die again.

Prayer Intentions: For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

Our Father...

O Holy Mary, hear the cries of those who are dying of AIDS...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, with a mother's care look gently on those who suffer with cancer...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, cradle the bodies broken with cares of this world...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede for those imprisoned by selfishness and sin...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, remember those locked in their homes by fear...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, look with love on those whose minds betray them...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, hear the cry of those who wake to pain...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, stand by those who care for people who have grown old...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, comfort those must bury their loved one today...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, stand vigil by those who are about to die...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Second Glorious Mystery - The Ascension

Our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his Resurrection, ascended into heaven with triumph and great glory, in the sight of his most holy mother and all his disciples.

Prayer Intentions: For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

Our Father...

O Holy Mary, hear the cries of those who mourn the dead...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, with a mother's care look gently on parents who bury their children...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, cradle the lives of those addicted or imprisoned...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede for those who seek to live the Gospel of Life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, remember those who have left home...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, look with love on young mothers who are afraid...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, hear the prayers of those who seek to make our country just...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, stand by those who fear their growing old...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, lead the children who are lost home to those who love them...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, embrace the orphan and the widow with your love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Third Glorious Mystery- Pentecost

Our Lord Jesus Christ, sitting at the right hand of the Father, sent the Holy Spirit into the upper chamber where the apostles were gathered together, with the most Holy Virgin Mary.

Prayer Intentions: That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

Our Father...

O Holy Mary, hear the cries of those who accept the call to fatherhood...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, with a mother's care guide all young women in love and in the truth...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, cradle the bodies of those who are dying in pain...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede for those who seek to be good parents...-*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, remember the children of those who are dying...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, hear the cry of those whom we have forgotten...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, pray for all doctors that they may embrace a spirit of life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, stand by those who are in despair...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, guide those tempted by sin and death...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, inspire all women by your example of faith...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Fourth Glorious Mystery - Assumption of Mary

The Most Holy Virgin, twelve years after the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, passed from this life, and was assumed by the angels into heaven.

Prayer Intentions: For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

Our Father...

O Holy Mary, hear the cries of the mother whose child has been aborted...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, with a mother's care strengthen those who have grown weak with age...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, cradle the children who have died through our neglect...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede for those abused or forgotten...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, remember those imprisoned by selfishness or sin...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, look with love on those who long for heaven...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, hear the prayers of doctors who seek to heal...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, stand by those who work to save the weakest and littlest among us...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy, Mary, intercede for all who love life and work to protect it...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, Teach us by your life to embrace Christ your son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Fifth Glorious Mystery - Coronation of Mary

The Most Holy Virgin was crowned in heaven by her divine Son as the saints rejoiced in glory around her throne.

Prayer Intentions: For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

Our Father...

O Holy Mary, hear the cries of those who long for heaven...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, with a mother's care lead the dying gently home...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, walk with those who seek the way home to your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede for those who pray to you today...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, remember those who lead and govern us...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, look with love on those who honor the name of your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, send an angel to protect all who are lost...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, pray for the conversion of all who take life by violence...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, intercede with your son for all who have lost their way...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

O Holy Mary, walk closely with us in our search for the truth...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

A Rosary for Life: The Sorrowful Mysteries

The following meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death.

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Prayer Intention: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

Jesus comes with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane and prays to be delivered from his Passion, but most of all, to do the Father's will. Let us pray that Christ might hear the prayers of all who suffer from the culture of death, and that he might deliver them from the hands of their persecutors.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: hear the cries of innocent children taken from their mothers' wombs and pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: soothe the aching hearts of those afraid to welcome their child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: guide the heart of the frightened unwed mother who turns to you...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: move the hearts of legislators to defend life from conception to natural death.. *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: be with us when pain causes us to forget the inherent value of all human life.
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: pray for the children who have forgotten their elderly parents...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: inspire all priests and deacons to preach the gospel of life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: be with those tempted to take their own lives out of pain or suffering...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: move the hearts of those about to abort the life of an innocent child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: teaching us to love our life, even in the face of pain or

suffering...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Second Sorrowful Mystery -The Scourging at the Pillar

Prayer Intention: That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

Falsely accused before Pilate, Jesus is cruelly tied to a pillar and scourged, then clothed in a cloak of purple and mocked. Let us pray for all innocent victims, that by the merits of his most holy Passion, Christ might deliver them and grant them eternal life.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the suffering of the unwed mother, intercede for her...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the anxiety of the unwed father...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know of the derision faced by unwed parents...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the joy of an infant in a mother's arms...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the pride of a father in his little child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the sufferings of immigrants and strangers...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the path of sorrow for the young widow...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the pain of the mother of those condemned to die
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the infinite value of the little child in his mother's womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: you know the life of the woman who is old and sick...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Third Sorrowful Mystery- The Crowning with Thorns

Prayer Intention: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

Pilate mocks the Christ by asking him if he is the King of the Jews. He is the King of all the world, through whom all things were made. He is the one who will judge the living and the dead at the end of time. Yet he is crowned with suffering out of love for us, in reparation for our sins.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When children are killed in the womb, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When old men and women are killed out of a false sense of mercy, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When legislators use government resources to fund abortion, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When we choose selfishness and death over love and life, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When children are abused or abandoned, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When old people are warehoused and forgotten, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When researchers cause the death of human embryos, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When we despise and abandon those we condemn to die, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When the littlest and most innocent are forgotten, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: When we choose expediency over life, pray for us!...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross

Prayer Intention: For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

Three times Christ falls under the weight of the Cross as he carries our sins to Calvary. Let us pray for all who struggle to live the Gospel of Life, that they might pick up their crosses and walk the way of sorrows with the Savior of the world.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: give us the courage to cherish all life despite the cost...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: teach us to cherish and support all mothers, especially those who suffer for their children...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: intercede for the woman who cries from the memory of her abortion...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: be close to all in government and teach them the beauty of all life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: inspire us to work for life, no matter the cost...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: help us to make this country a land where all are free to live and love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: move us to love and support those whom the world has forgotten...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: hear the prayers of those abandoned in nursing homes because they have grown old...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: Open our eyes to the wonder of God's love for us...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: stand beside us whenever we suffer, and give us the courage to carry our cross...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion

Prayer Intention: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

Innocent and without sin, Jesus opens his arms upon the cross out of love for us. Let us join our sufferings, and the sufferings of the whole world, to his one perfect sacrifice of praise.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: stand with us by the cross of your son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: join your pierced heart to our sufferings...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: intercede for the innocent unborn child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: sustain with your prayers those who have grown old...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: open our hearts to the Gospel of Life Jesus preached from the wood of the cross...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: teach us to conform our sufferings to those of your son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: be with the mothers of those condemned to die...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: open our eyes to the beauty of life in all of its stages...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: give us the courage to see in the life wracked with pain, the glory of God's creation...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows: pray for us, that we might proclaim the Gospel of Life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

A Rosary for Life: The Luminous Mysteries

Pope John Paul II has given us two great gifts: the mysteries of light as a part of the Holy Rosary, and the Gospel of Life in his great encyclical Evangelium Vitae. The following meditations on the mysteries of light are offered as a prayer for all life, from conception to natural death.

First Mystery of Light - Baptism in the Jordan

Prayer Intention: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Lord Jesus is Baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, as a voice cries to us from the heavens: "This is my beloved Son, hear him!" Let us listen to Christ and, with his grace, work for the protection of every person from conception to natural death.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless each unborn child, with the abundance of your love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Nurture the unborn child and make him stronger each day...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Protect the unborn child from all selfishness and sin...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Embrace the unborn child, with the tenderness of your love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with a love for your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Fill the heart of each unborn child with the wonder of God's love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new fathers, whose hearts are afraid: make them strong...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new mothers tempted by abortion...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by grandparents of each child in the womb...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Comfort those whose unborn child has died...*Hail Mary, full of*

grace...

Glory Be...

The Second Mystery of Light - The Wedding Feast at Cana

Prayer Intention: For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

When they had run out of wine, Jesus blessed water and turned it into wine. May Jesus transform the darkness of sin and death in the proclamation of the Gospel of Life.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Help us to Keep your words: Do whatever he tells you...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with all newly married couples...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Lead all newly married couples to Jesus, your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire those who prepare for marriage with your faithful love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for all couples in the first year of their marriage...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Rejoice with us in the gift of married love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be present with all the saints and angels at every wedding...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with parents by the sick bed of their child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be with each child on the day of First Communion...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire each parent with your unselfish love...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Third Mystery of Light - Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Prayer Intention: That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

Jesus called the crowds to conversion, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. May this world choose life and turn from all that leads to darkness and death

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new mothers in need of your example...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for all new fathers, that they might be like Saint Joseph your spouse...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by all godparents who seek to lead their children to your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire the Church to follow your example of holiness of life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Inspire us that we might turn from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents who do not believe in your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each little baby in your loving embrace...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil by the cribs of crying infants...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for parents tempted by fear or despair...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember new parents confused or alone...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Fourth Mystery of Light - Transfiguration

Jesus called the crowds to conversion, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. May this world choose life and turn from all that leads to darkness and death.

Prayer Intention: That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being. The Lord Jesus led Peter, James and John with him to the top of the mountain where he was transfigured in light, and his garments shown whiter than snow. May Christ's glorious light shine on all who dwell in the shadow of darkness and sin.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Show us the sacredness of newborn life in Jesus your Son. *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Brighten our hearts with the joy of those who see new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Through the darkness of sin, lead an aching world to the light of your Son...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be at the cradle of each newborn child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Guide the hands and hearts of obstetricians and those who help them...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hear the cries of women in painful labor...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Cradle each stillborn child in your maternal tenderness...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Weep with us at the wonder of new life...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil with every expecting father...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be present in each neo-natal unit... *Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Fifth Mystery of Light - Institution of the Eucharist

Prayer Intention: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

On the night before he suffered, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body.. When supper was ended he took a cup filled with wine, gave it to them, and said, Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood. Strengthened by the Holy Eucharist, may we work to proclaim the Gospel of life and defend all who are endangered by the culture of death.

Our Father...

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Give your courage to newly pregnant mothers...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for those fearful of a child's impending birth...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to pray for all expectant parents...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by the relatives and friends of all expectant parents...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Remember those forgotten by the world...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless all who shelter pregnant mothers...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Watch over children abandoned or uncared for...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Look with compassion on single mothers who expect a child...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be a model of expectant joy for all your children...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hasten to proclaim the fruit of your womb to all peoples...*Hail Mary, full of grace...*

Glory Be...

Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation: That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

The Luminous Mysteries

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The Coronation of Mary:

For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

PRAYER FOR RADICAL SOLIDARITY

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.



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2023 Respect Life Month Theme is "Radical Solidarity".

Pro-Life Activities National Committee 2023

The following recommendations are based upon the discussion held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023:

1. There is a need to define and have a clear definition of Pro-Life Issues. We recommend members attend educational opportunities which iterate that Pro-Life is not one single issue. It is imperative that we become aware of critical issues which involve threats to human life and dignity and relate these issues to Catholic Social Teaching. Pro-Life encompasses a multitude of life and death Issues. These issues include but are not limited to: Abortion, Racism, Capital Punishment, Mass Incarceration, Prison Reform, Crisis Pregnancy/Adoption, Bioethics/Ethical Stem Cell Research, Euthanasia - End of Life Issues, Environment, Health Care and Health Disparities, Cloning, Human Trafficking and Pornography, Issues which affect Family Life, Violence and all forms of Abuse and Neglect, Immigration Reform, Poverty, Unjust Wars, Legislation and Public Policies that affect Christian Principles.
2. The Knights of Peter Claver, Incorporated continue to focus on education and participation regarding pro-life issues.
3. The committee recommends that Prison Reform, Capital Punishment, and Mass Incarceration be prioritized for the coming year. Courts and Councils, we are called to become involved in Prison Ministry Programs and advocate for Prison Reform.
4. The Respect for Life Mass which has been held since 2013 on the Monday of convention is designated as such for all future senior national conventions.
5. The National Office continue to utilize the Pro-Life Respect Live Banner at each national convention and provide educational materials on Pro-Life/Respect Life issues received only from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for consistency throughout our Noble Order.
6. The committee recommends the appointment of District Pro-Life Coordinators and the appointment of Pro-life Coordinator in each Court/Council. The District Pro-Life Coordinators would act as a main point of contact and assist in organizing and implementing the recommendation from the National Pro-Life Activities Committee. The Court/Council Pro-Life coordinator will implement pro-life activities within their respect communities.
7. The committee recommends utilizing the *Respect Life 30-day prayer/reflection* created by the National Pro-Life Activities Committee (2015). The calendar should be sent to the Councils and Courts for use as an awareness of pro-life/respect for life, especially during

the month of October.

8. Courts and Councils implement the Prayer for Life as part of their Opening Prayer.
9. Courts implement the nationwide effort, *Walking with Moms in Need* Program to increase the Church's outreach to pregnant and parenting women in need. An Action guide for the program is founded on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>. Through *Walking with Moms in Need*, vulnerable women find support in welcoming and caring for their children.
10. The committee recommends that each Council and Court conduct with its members a Pro-Life training class. The Training materials should be placed on the Knights of Peter Claver web site [Knights of Peter Claver \(kofpc.org\)](http://kofpc.org)
11. The committee recommends that the KPC National Office consolidate the Pro-Life training material, National Social Justice Initiatives Resource Book, and the 30-day Respect Life Prayer and Reflection Calendar, found on the Knights of Peter Claver website, into one file to allow for easy access.
12. The committee recommends during the month of October, each Council and Court celebrate Respect Life Month, by utilizing the material from the USCCB website and each meeting during the month of October use the Prayer for the protection of human life at the beginning of meetings.
13. The committee recommends during the month of October, the first Sunday of October is generally observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. On this Sunday, sponsor workshops/seminars on Pro-life Issues or conduct a Service Project, which highlights the dignity of each person, the gift of human life and the responsibility to protect human life.

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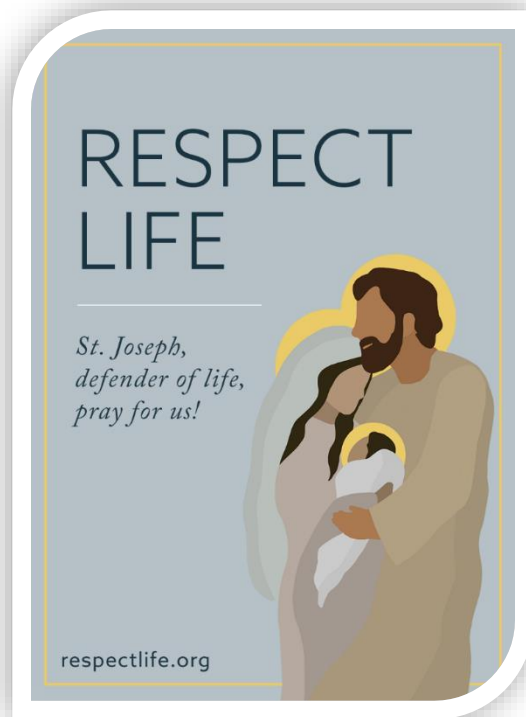
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Resources

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. 2023 Respect Life materials:
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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions



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