

A Prayer for the Sanctity of Life.

O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of the Father; Who took on our Human nature to restore its sanctity; Do the same Lord, enlighten Thy people here present and throughout the world, with the knowledge that all life is a sacred gift from Thee, from the instant of conception, to the natural last breath.

Dispel from our minds the subjective concept of quality of life, and implant the objective truth of its preciousness.

When we consider abortion, remind us that Thou wast conceived and grew in Thy mother's womb.

When we consider euthanasia or assisted suicide, call to our mind the leper, the paralytic, and Thy friend Lazarus, and how Thy great mercy and might were revealed through their suffering.

When we consider the elderly, call to our mind Simeon and Anna the Prophetess who proclaimed Thee to the world before the Forerunner; and Thy grandparents Joachim and Anna, who bore and reared Thy most pure mother, and instill in us the example of Ruth in her care of and humble service to her widowed mother-in-law Naomi.

When we consider, criminals to be executed, call to our mind not only the Wise Thief, but also that Thou wast executed even though Thou wast beyond innocence.

When confronted with the possibility of suicide, remind us of Judas, who by his hopeless and desperate act, forfeited the forgiveness given a repentant Peter, even after he had denied Thy accusers three times.

As at the tower of Babel, and in the wilderness of Sinai, have we Thy people lost sight of Thy Truth, but restore us in Thy mercy O Lord.

Make us instruments of Thy Will, that by Thy loving example, we may lead our misguided brethren to Thee, unworthy as we are.

Dispel also from us, self-righteousness and narrow-mindedness like that of the Pharisees who challenged Thy good works; as well as over zealousness and the urge to commit rash acts like Peter, who in attempting to preserve Thy life, endangered that of the chief priest's servant.

For Thou didst save us, not by summoning twelve legions of angels, but by healing the ear of the chief priest's servant and teaching and adjuring the people in love, even from the Cross.

Grant this, we entreat Thee, O Thee who lovest mankind, for Thou alone art the Creator and Master of all, and to Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thy All-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

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Another Prayer for the Sanctity of Life.

O most merciful, all gracious and compassionate Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, Son of God: we entreat Thee, most gracious Master: look with compassion upon Thy children who have been condemned to death by the unjust judgment of men.

And as Thou hast promised to bestow the heavenly kingdom on them born of water and the Spirit, and who in blamelessness of life have been translated unto Thee; and Who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven" - we humbly pray, according to Thy unfailing promise: grant the inheritance of Thy kingdom to the multitude of spotless infants who have been cruelly murdered in the abortuaries of this land; for Thou art the resurrection and the life and the repose of all Thy servants and of these innocents, O Christ our God.

Turn the hearts of those who seek to destroy Thy little ones. We beseech Thee to pour forth Thy healing grace upon them, that they may be convicted in their hearts and turn from their evil ways.

Remember all of them that kill our children as on the altars of Moloch, and render not unto them according to their deeds, but according to Thy great mercy convert them: the unbelieving to true faith and piety, and the believing that they may turn from evil and do good.

O Holy Master, Almighty Father and pre-eternal God,
Who alone made and directs all things;

Who rises up quickly against the evil of the impious ones;

Who, by providence, teaches Thy people preservation of justice and the obliteration of evil on earth;

Who condescends to raise up warriors for the protection of the people of God:

We entreat Thee with compunction,

that as Thou didst give David power to defeat Goliath,

and as Thou didst condescend through Judas Maccabeus, to seize victory from the arrogant pagans who would not call on Thy Name;

so too, grant protection to us, Thy servants against the enemies rising against us as we go forth to do spiritual battle against the evil one and those who do his will rather than Thine.

For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

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