

Prayer for Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.



Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995

Prayer for Nascent Human Life

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill
with your presence the Church and
the history of men;

You who in the miraculous
Sacrament of your Body and Blood
render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste
of the joy of eternal Life;

We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before you, source and lover of Life,
truly present and alive among us, we beg you:

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life,
make us capable of seeing in the fruit of a mother's womb
the miraculous work of the Creator;
open our hearts to welcome generously every child
that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses,
render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies
with the light of your Spirit,
so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect
the sacred nature of life, of every human life.



Guide the work of scientists and doctors,
so that all progress contributes to the integral
well-being of the person,
and no one endures suppression or injustice.

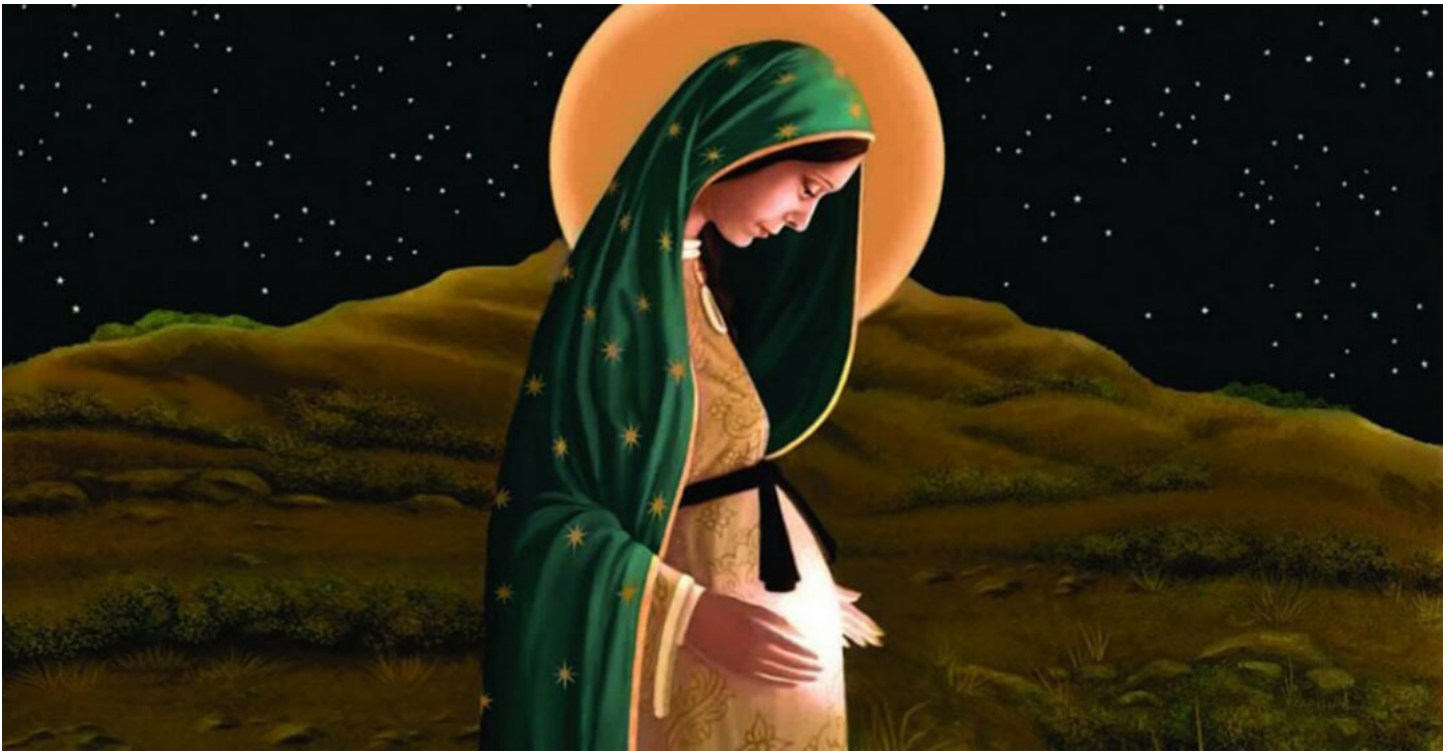
Gift creative charity to administrators and economists,
so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions
so that young families can serenely embrace
the birth of new children.

Console married couples who suffer
because they are unable to have children
and in your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children,
so they may experience the warmth of your Charity,
the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, your Mother, the great believer,
in whose womb you took on our human nature,
we wait to receive from you, our Only True Good
and Savior,
the strength to love and serve life,
in anticipation of living forever in you,
in communion with the Blessed Trinity.
Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI



O Mary, Mother of the Unborn,
protect the gift of human life which your
Divine Son has allowed to be given.

Give strength and joy to all parents as they await the birth
of the precious child they have conceived.

Give courage to those who are fearful, calm those who
are anxious and guide all of us, with your motherly care,
to treasure and protect the miraculous gift of human life.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Mary, Mother of the Unborn, pray for us!



Prayer During the 40 Days for Life

For all Catholics: that during these 40 Days for Life we may recommit ourselves to upholding the dignity of every human life.

For all who have been wounded by abortion: may they receive healing in Christ's mercy and love.

For all abortion supporters and providers: may they experience a conversion of heart and mind and no longer work to promote a culture of death.

For all women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy: may they find the hope and courage they need to choose life for their baby.

For those who work to defend human life: may they persevere in their efforts, always seeking the help of the LORD, the giver of life.

For all who grieve the loss of a child: may the Prince of Peace console them and bring healing and hope to their wounded hearts.

For those nearing the end of life: may they receive care that respects their dignity as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life.

During these 40 Days for Life and always, may our hope in Christ's resurrection strengthen us in speaking up for the gift of human life.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Mother of the Unborn,
Pray for us!

