



# *WORD OF LIFE*

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# Intercessions for Life

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## **July 4, 2010 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

That all legislators and public officials  
work tirelessly to defend the right to life of every human being;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **July 11, 2010 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For victims of violence and for those who minister to them,  
grant swift healing to those in pain, and  
grant them all the grace and love to persevere;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **July 18, 2010 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all those suffering the pain of infertility,  
help them know the power of your healing,  
and give them the strength to follow your will without anxiety;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **July 25 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For persons diagnosed with a terminal illness,  
that the love of Our Lord will be evident  
in the tender care they receive from family and caregivers;  
We pray to the Lord:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness: that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

~ *The Declaration of Independence* (1776)

For the very reason that God is love and man is his image we understand the person's profound identity, his vocation to love. Human beings are made for love; their lives are completely fulfilled only if they are lived in love.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Message to Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko on the Occasion of the Tenth International Youth Forum* (March 20, 2010)

I do not mean to say that caring for the elderly and others is *not* a burden. It can be, sometimes significantly so. I am saying that bearing this burden is so central to being human that if we run from the burden, we not only disrespect the elderly and vulnerable, we dehumanize ourselves.

~ William E. May, "On Being a Burden to One's Family," *Culture of Life Foundation Briefs* (March 26, 2010)

Families with lots of children are no longer considered examples of generosity, but rather irresponsibility. [Our culture says that] children with severe disabilities are not special angels sent to us by God, but drains on the economy; better that they were not born. And the elderly are burdens. But if we succeed in pushing away everyone who is dependent, then we're left with ourselves, our ego-centric, sin-rationalizing, defensive, irritable and vain selves. If we never learn to give till it hurts, till the painful reality that we're not the center of the universe sinks in, we will fail at marriage, at parenthood, at citizenship, even at simple neighborliness.

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