



Word of Life

November 2010

Intercessions for Life

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November 7th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For our nation:

That our elected officials

Will be firmly committed to defending all human life,

The sanctity of marriage,

Rights of conscience, and the common good;

We pray to the Lord:

November 14th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For children and adolescents:

That their parents and teachers will instruct them

In the truth of human life and the Christian meaning of sexuality,

So they may always act according to their human dignity and sound health;

We pray to the Lord:

November 21st FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

For all mankind:

That we may recognize in ourselves and all others

Our supreme dignity

As brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, Our King;

We pray to the Lord:

November 28th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For families caring for a child with a disability:

That God's peace will reign in their hearts

And replace their fears with faith and hope;

We pray to the Lord:

It is a principle of Christian faith, anchored to natural law, that the human being should be protected, precisely in situations of weakness; the human person always takes priority over other aims. The new possibilities of biotechnology and medicine frequently put us in situations as difficult as walking on the razor's edge. It is our duty to study diligently to what point these methods may be helpful to the human being and where, instead, it is a matter of the manipulation of the human being or a violation of human integrity and dignity. We cannot refuse such developments but we must also be attentive. When people begin to make distinctions and often this is already done in the maternal womb between a life that is worthy and one that is unworthy of living, no other phases of life will be spared, especially not old age and infirmity.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Sept. 13, 2010

Life is a unique gift, at every stage from conception until natural death, and it is God's alone to give and to take.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address at St. Peter's Residence, London, Sept. 18, 2010

As advances in medicine and other factors lead to increased longevity, it is important to recognize the presence of growing numbers of older people as a blessing for society. Every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it. Indeed the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address at St. Peter's Residence, London, Sept. 18, 2010

The evangelization of culture is all the more important in our times, when a "dictatorship of relativism" threatens to obscure the unchanging truth about man's nature, his destiny and his ultimate good. There are some who now seek to exclude religious belief from public discourse, to privatize it or even to paint it as a threat to equality and liberty. Yet religion is in fact a guarantee of authentic liberty and respect, leading us to look upon every person as a brother or sister. ... Society today needs clear voices which propose our right to live, not in a jungle of self-destructive and arbitrary freedoms, but in a society which works for the true welfare of its citizens and offers them guidance and protection in the face of their weakness and fragility.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, Sept. 16, 2010

Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Hyde Park, London, Sept. 18 2010