

Holy Hour for Life
Prayers Before the Blessed Sacrament for the Gospel of Life
January 29, 2021, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Followed by Benediction

Prayer for Life:

***All (in italics):** Father, all life is in Your care. You have entrusted us to one another, that we may show our brothers and sisters the same love You have for us.*

We pray, then, for an increased respect for human life and for the dignity of the human person in our country and our world.

We pray in particular for the most vulnerable among us, the children in the womb. Protect them. Give new hope to their parents that they will accept and embrace the gift of their child.

We pray for the conversion of those who do not respect human life, particularly those who work at the Hillcrest facility here in our neighborhood. Help those men and women harmed by abortion to find reconciliation and peace.

We pray also for the sick, the handicapped and the elderly. May they know Your grace in their difficulties.

Inspire many more to speak up in defense of life, and give us peace and joy in serving as Your disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions:

Leader: The Agony in the Garden: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your bitter agony in Gethsemane, we pray for those who are misled, confused, threatened, or afraid to say, 'yes' to human life from conception to natural death. Please lift us out of our confusion and fear, O Lord, and fill us with your strength and grace.

Leader: The Scourging at the Pillar: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your painful scourging, we pray for those who have been scourged by the devaluation of human life, especially here in Baltimore and throughout our country. Convert our culture of drugs and death to a culture of life, and grant us the grace to acknowledge the dignity of all life and to conform ourselves to Your Holy Will.

Leader: The Crowning with Thorns: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your humiliating coronation with thorns, we bring to you our lost and hurting human family, especially those who are involved with abortion. Let us pray for a conversion of heart for the doctors, nurses and all those persons of the medical, social and media professions who bring about death rather than life.

Leader: The Carrying of the Cross: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your excruciating climb to Calvary, we pray that parents facing an unexpected pregnancy will lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to them and that women in crisis pregnancies suffering abandonment or neglect, will be aided by compassionate individuals who come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

Leader: The Crucifixion: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your suffering and death on the cross and the good thief you so readily pardoned, we pray for all who commit acts of violence and sins against life and who are consequently dreadfully damaged in body and in spirit. Please fill them--and all of us--anew O Lord, with the grace of conversion, so that we may know your Love and Mercy so as to restore and heal us.

Silent Prayer

First Gospel Reading: (Please Stand)

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:35-40

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

But I told you that although you have seen me,
you do not believe.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silent Prayer

Litany of the Sacred Heart:
(Leader reads the beginning of each line. The response by all is in italics.)

Kyrie Eleison, *Kyrie Eleison*
Christe Eleison, *Christe Eleison*
Kyrie Eleison, *Kyrie Eleison*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, hear us.*
Christ, graciously hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, our Father in heaven, *have mercy on us*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us*
God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us*

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, united in substance to the Word of God, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High One, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, wellspring of all virtues, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke you, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, *have mercy on us*

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, victim of sins, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in You, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You, *have mercy on us*
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints, *have mercy on us*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, meek and humble of heart. *make our hearts like unto yours.*

Leader: Let us pray,

God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mothers' wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Second Gospel Reading: (Please Stand)

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:53-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood

remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silent Prayer

Litany for Life:

(Leader leads with the beginning of each line. Response by all are in italics.)

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

God of all creation. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, through whom all things were made. *Lord, have mercy.*
Spirit of life and truth. *Lord, have mercy.*
On each child just conceived *Lord, have mercy.*
For their safety and health *Lord, have mercy.*
For nine months of growth *Lord, have mercy.*
That an angel may protect them *Lord, have mercy.*
For peace and for hope *Lord, have mercy.*
On all new fathers, *Lord, have mercy.*
On fathers who are alone, *Lord, have mercy.*
On fathers unemployed, *Lord, have mercy.*
On fathers addicted, *Lord, have mercy.*
On fathers who are abusive, *Lord, have mercy.*
On young fathers who are afraid, *Lord, have mercy.*
On fathers who've run away, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all new mothers, *Lord, have mercy.*
On mothers who are alone, *Lord, have mercy.*
On mothers unemployed, *Lord, have mercy.*
On mothers addicted, *Lord, have mercy.*
On mothers who are abusive, *Lord, have mercy.*

On young mothers who are afraid, *Lord, have mercy.*
On mothers who are in pain, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who defend life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who love the child in the womb, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who pray for the unborn child, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who work to change unjust laws, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who live the Gospel of Life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On Congressmen who work for life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On our President, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the members of the House, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the members of the Senate, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all too little to vote or persuade, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who work for life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On doctors of life and of truth, *Lord, have mercy.*
On residents who love the little child, *Lord, have mercy.*
On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries, *Lord, have mercy.*
On physicians who see into the womb, *Lord, have mercy.*
On surgeons who heal the unborn child, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who defend the child in the womb, *Lord, have mercy.*
On nurses who love little babies, *Lord, have mercy.*
On nursing students, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who first hear the heartbeat, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who first feel a kick, *Lord, have mercy.*
On nurses who cradle the newborn, *Lord, have mercy.*
On nurses who foster the unborn, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who protect defenseless life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On judges who struggle with justice, *Lord, have mercy.*
On lawyers who seek to speak truth, *Lord, have mercy.*
On judges who love life, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the judges of our Supreme Court, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those who argue before them, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the unborn child who rests in their hands, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all victims of abortion, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the woman whose memories cause her to cry, *Lord, have mercy.*
On those whose pain nags and holds on, *Lord, have mercy.*
On the unborn who rest with God, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who seek mercy, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who seek peace, *Lord, have mercy.*
On all who seek healing, and mercy and perfect peace, *Lord, have mercy.*

All: *God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us,
compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life,*

and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mother's wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Benediction:

Tantum Ergo (Benediction Hymn):

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui

*Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail,
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail*

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio
Amen

*To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty|
Amen*

Prayer Before The Blessed Sacrament:

V. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis
R. *Omne delectamentum in se habentem*

(English translation):

V. You have given them bread from Heaven
R. Having all sweetness within it

Benediction Prayer:

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your body and blood help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Divine Praises:

All:

Blessed be God

Blessed be His Holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man Blessed be the Name of Jesus

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother Blessed be St Joseph, her most chaste spouse Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

Prayer After Benediction:

All: *May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.*