



# *WORD OF LIFE*

*September 2010*

# Intercessions for Life September 2010

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## **September 5<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For parents whose pregnant daughters are considering abortion:  
That they will help their daughter understand the priceless gift she is carrying,  
And help her choose life, through parenting or adoption;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **September 12<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For babies diagnosed before birth with medical problems:  
That their parents will find the strength, love, and support  
To help their children live and thrive;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **September 19<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For the elderly of our community who feel lonely and forgotten:  
That caring people in our parish will make time each week to visit them;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **September 26<sup>th</sup> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For couples seeking to adopt a child:  
That God will answer their prayers  
and bless their desire to parent;  
We pray to the Lord:



Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this “the key to our entire existence.”

~ USCCB Respect Life Program flyer (2010)

How we care for an unexpected child, a parent suffering from cognitive impairment, or an infant with a disability does not reflect the degree of *their* humanity, but our *own*. We are as dependent on them as they are on us. There can be no compromise with the standard Jesus set and continually calls us to: *The measure of love is to love without measure.*

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Euthanasia or deliberately taking of the life of someone who is sick, dying, disabled or mentally ill is morally unacceptable. The Church calls for the ordinary care owed to a sick person, but medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous or extraordinary are not necessary. If you are unsure about the moral implications of health care procedures that are being proposed for someone you love, contact your pastor of the archdiocese’s Respect Life Apostolate. They will be happy to help you consider approaches that are in accordance with our Church’s teaching about care for those who are sick or dying.

~ Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, July 6, 2010 column in *St. Louis Review*

Everything in our days – our work, our sufferings, our prayer, our ministries – everything we do and experience is meant to be offered to God as a spiritual sacrifice. All of our work for the unborn child, the poor and the disabled; all of our work for immigration justice and the dignity of marriage and the family: All of it should be offered for the praise and glory of God’s name and for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

~ Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver, Address “Glorify God by Your Life: Evangelization and the Renewal of the Liturgy,” June 24, 2010