

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the life which you have bestowed upon us, your adopted children in Jesus Christ. You have watched over and preserved us all the days of our lives. We ask you to hear our prayers for those who are tossed by life's storms.

For the unmarried mother and the teen mother; for the unwanted pregnancies that the parents decide to safeguard human life and not destroy it; for the father who is not yet a husband; for the old man and the very sick woman; for those who would care for them and for their families and friends; for all caregivers and medical practitioners to be consistent with the ethic of upholding life from the beginning of conception to our natural end. Please hear our prayers for the man or woman on death row, and for all who have sent them there. Bless them, guide them, and gently lead them to you by the ways which are sure and smooth. We ask this through Christ our Lord as we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us.

*(Prayer offered by Father Joe Arledge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)*