

Sample Prayers of the Faithful for Respect Life Month

Priest: Loving Father, we pray for your grace and strength as we seek to build a culture of life.

Lector: For Pope Francis and those in leadership within the Church, as they work to end a culture of death and promote a culture of life. Give them strength as they work to end all that which threatens the God-given dignity and value of human life. We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For lawmakers and elected officials. May your spirit of love and compassion transform their hearts and inspire them to place the needs of human life above all. We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all those impacted by violent crime and acts of grave harm. May all the victims of crime and their families know your healing power and be transformed by your mercy. We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all those on death row awaiting execution, and those lives we have lost to the death penalty. May they know your unending love and forgiveness as children of God. We pray, God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts May we know the comfort of God's love. We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Priest: God of Compassion, through the guidance of your Holy Spirit, may we be witnesses to your mercy, proclaiming that every human life is precious and created by you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

