



NOVENA FOR LIFE

INTRODUCTION: Our Nation began in 1776 with the “Declaration of Independence,” which declared “... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” In 1973, a majority of Supreme Court Justices came to the conclusion that since they and science could not then determine when LIFE began, they would legalize abortion on demand, up to the time of natural birth, under the premise of a woman’s right of privacy. Since that ruling, more than 60 million preborn babies have been legally murdered. We, as a Nation, have now turned away from our Creator (God) and legally condone the murder of the preborn.

Since that ruling, our Respect for LIFE as a Nation has slowly degraded; many State Legislatures have legally condoned Physician Assisted Suicides for the mentally impaired, terminally ill, physically handicapped and the aged; **many of our larger cities witness human trafficking and the senseless murder of hundreds of innocent people every week – yet we remain silent. We pray this NOVENA for God’s grace to give us strength to speak out to our neighbors, politicians and news organizations, and tell them that these forms of Legalized Murder and assaults on human dignity are a violation of God’s natural law; and that, as a Nation, we must develop a change of heart, prayerfully repent, and ultimately change these laws and the conscience of our Citizens.**

Day One:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son’s grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America. We pray that our society will develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE through all stages of LIFE from natural conception to natural demise.

PRAYERS: *The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer for Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss abortion, euthanasia and the Death Penalty? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Two:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that fosters adoption in lieu of abortion. We pray for those parents who travel the path of adoption.

PRAYERS: *The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss adoption as an alternative to abortion? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Three:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects the Right to Life for the unborn. We pray that our society will show compassion for women and men who have had abortions and now suffering regret and repentance.

PRAYERS: *The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss the emotional effects an abortion has on both women and men? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Four:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects Right to Life for those born with abnormalities. We pray for those who are intellectually impaired and handicapped; that they may receive proper assistance to live a life for the praise and glory of God.

PRAYERS: *The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss the dignity and worthwhile of those who are

intellectually impaired or handicapped? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Five:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE, especially for the aged and for those who are medically infirmed. We pray that the aged and medically infirmed receive assistance to live a life of dignity as they complete their LIFE journey.

PRAYERS: *The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss the dignity of life for the aged and the horrors of euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Six:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE, especially for victims and survivors of human trafficking. We pray for their rescue and safe return to society.

PRAYERS: *The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss reasons and tragic effects of human trafficking? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Seven:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE and supports Community Pregnancy Centers and Ultrasound Services. We pray that women who are faced with pregnancy will avail themselves of this service to see and respect the life within them.

PRAYERS: *The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss benefits from Community Pregnancy Centers and beneficial effects of Ultrasound Services? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Eight:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE as a gift from God. We pray that each person may come to realize that they are made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore deserve that Respect for Life.

PRAYERS: *The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss the senseless murders of hundreds of innocent people each week throughout America due to gang and drug violence? Could my voice have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

Day Nine:

INTERCESSION: Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for your Son's grace to soften the hearts and souls of the citizens of America so as to develop a Culture of LIFE conscience that respects LIFE through all stages of life from natural conception to natural demise. We pray for a Culture of Life to grow ever stronger in our communities, to provide assistance to the needy and to end abortions on demand.

PRAYERS: *The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Prayer For Life*

MEDITATIONS: Have I ever been too embarrassed to speak up when family members, neighbors and work place members discuss abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking, gang and drug violence, and Christian Refugee Relief programs? Could my voice and efforts have made a difference to save a life? Could I have provided any assistance or direction to a person in need?

PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 1995

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