

# WORD OF LIFE

## OCTOBER 2015: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### Intercessions for Life

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Respect Life Sunday)**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For Catholics throughout the world:  
May the Holy Spirit help us bear witness  
to the truth that every life is worth living;  
We pray to the Lord:

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those facing a terminal illness:  
May they be comforted by God's love  
through the support of family, friends,  
and the local community;  
We pray to the Lord:

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For women who are unexpectedly pregnant  
and filled with anxiety:  
May the Blessed Mother help them to know  
they are not alone;  
We pray to the Lord:

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For people with disabilities:  
May those around them recognize that  
every person is a good and perfect gift  
and treat them accordingly;  
We pray to the Lord:

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### Bulletin Briefs

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“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. ... God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.”

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2015-16 Respect Life Program Reflection Flyer  
[www.goo.gl/8He3OQ](http://www.goo.gl/8He3OQ)



“We are meant to be interdependent, to serve each other in humility, and to walk together in suffering.”

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
“Maggie’s Story: Living like Dad” ([www.goo.gl/JKnvWc](http://www.goo.gl/JKnvWc))



“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?” Learn more at [www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z).”

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”  
[www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z)



“When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. ... The secret we share is the fundamental truth of our existence: every life is a good and perfect gift. ... Our love for them has nothing to do with what they can or can't do. We love them simply because of who they *are*.”

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
“A Perfect Gift” ([www.goo.gl/ARzBL6](http://www.goo.gl/ARzBL6))



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