

A Litany for Life

The Response is: Lord Be with Them

For mothers and fathers
For the gift of compassion
For the gift of patient love
For a growing love of life
For new mothers
For young mothers
For mothers who are afraid
For new fathers
For fathers who are afraid
For fathers who are confused

For unborn babies
For innocent children
For the elderly
For those who are weak and ill
For the poor
For those in prison

For doctors who care
For nurses whose hearts are gentle
For doctors who are afraid
For nurses who are confused
For researchers who seek to heal
For scientists who love true wisdom

For legislators who seek the common good
For legislators whose hearts are torn
For our president and those who advise him
That God might guide their hearts
That God might guide their hands

For children, that we might love them better
For children, that we might love them well
For children, that we might love them always

Prayer for Reverence of Life

All mighty God,
giver of all that is good.
We thank you for the precious gift of human life.
For life in the womb,
coming from your creative power
For the life of children,
making us glad with their freshness and promise
For the life of young people,
hoping for a better world
For the life of the handicapped and disabled,
teaching us humility
For the life of the elderly,
witnessing the ageless values
of patience and wisdom.
Like Blessed Mary,
may we always say yes to your gift.
May we defend it and promote it
from conception to its natural end
And bring us at last Oh Father to eternal life
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen