

# 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