WORD OF LIFE: JULY 2018

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Intercessions for Life

July 1st

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all legislators: that they uphold and enact laws protecting the sanctity of all human life, traditional marriage, and religious liberty; *We pray to the Lord:*

July 8th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For our nation: That the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death, will again be protected in our laws; We pray to the Lord:

July 15th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For young mothers who are afraid or alone: That the blessed Virgin of Nazareth might strengthen them through her example and intercede for them with her prayers; *We pray to the Lord:*

July 22nd

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all shepherds of the Church: May they witness with their lives to the incredible worth of every person; We pray to the Lord:

July 29th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For couples who have been unable to conceive a child:

That they find consolation in God's tender care and trust in His loving plan;

We pray to the Lord:

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Bulletin Quotes

July 1

"[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

Pope Francis, "Address on the South Lawn of the White House," September 23, 2015. © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

July 8

"Gracious Father, I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church."

"Trust in God's Mercy"
USCCB Prayer Card (Post-Abortion Healing)*



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July 15

"Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection, <u>www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid</u>



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July 22

"Through [the] loving care [of my family and friends], they affirm what I also know—that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living."

"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad," www.usccb.org/maggies-story
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July 29

"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

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