

January 22, 2021

Hail, Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed Art Thou Among Women,
And Blessed Is The Fruit of Thy Womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray For Us Sinners,
Now And At The Hour of Our Death. Amen.

Please pray to Mary for the protection of the innocents.

1. Today's Readings: [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | USCCB](#)

2. ***The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:*** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (From the US Conference of Bishops website (usccb.org):

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium Vitae

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflects with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. **Please pray for our country and our leaders to return to a respect for all human lives, born and unborn.**

There are some interesting pro-life videos and audios available on Formed.org:

<https://watch.formed.org/changing-sides> The story of Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood facility (video)

<https://watch.formed.org/pro-life-week/videos/there-is-life-in-the-womb-by-archbishop-fulton-sheen> (audio)

<https://watch.formed.org/why-i-left-planned-parenthood-from-death-to-life-by-abby-johnson> (audio)

<https://watch.formed.org/pro-life-week/videos/aborting-america-the-story-of-an-ex-abortionist-and-ex-atheist-by-bernard-nathanson>

3. Quote of the Day:



St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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