

## A Prayer for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Creator God,

Our world indeed belongs to you. You who love us so deeply you made us in Your own image. You who value life so dearly you blessed us with this gift. You knit us with care and sustain us each day with your abounding grace and protection.

Lord, we lament that we have not always valued what you value.  
we have not seen in one another Your image,  
we have not treated one another with care.

We grieve the wanton and arbitrary destruction of life at all stages, and we repent of our disregard of a holistic ethic of life.

So Lord, we lift up in prayer to you those who need you the most:

**For the unborn**, grant strength, wisdom and compassion to women and men who face hard choices about ending pregnancies. Grant them the courage to choose life and inspire us all to be advocates who not only honor the sanctity of life, but are also loving, nurturing and enduring communities of support.

**For the vulnerable, especially those with disabilities**, let them know they are wonderfully made in Your image, and their lives a testament to Your Glory. Guide us to be allies, advocates and friends, always reflecting Your boundless love.

**For those near the end of life**, we ask for your peace and comfort, especially those vulnerable and in pain. Help us to advocate for compassionate care, offering support and love instead of choices that end life prematurely. Guide our society and medical community to uphold the sanctity of life and to seek life-affirming solutions for those in need.

God of grace,  
hear our prayers.

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen!