

# Intercessions for Life

JUNE 2006

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## June 4<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY

That by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,  
all men and women might come to believe  
in the infinite value of the gift of human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

## June 11<sup>th</sup> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

That all families might participate fully  
in the life of the most Blessed Trinity,  
by a sacrificial and complete gift of themselves;  
We pray to the Lord:

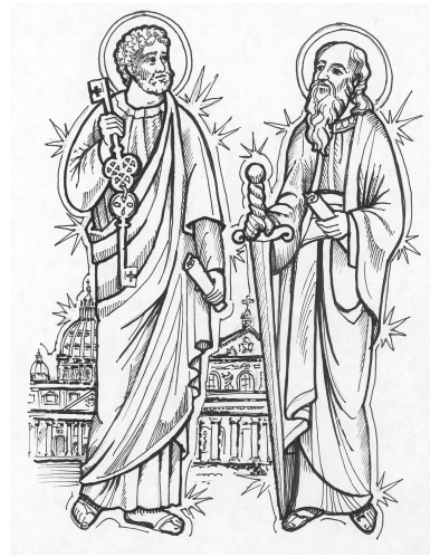
## June 18<sup>th</sup> THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

That through our reception of Holy Communion,  
we might accept and rejoice in the gift of creation,  
and give of ourselves freely  
for the defense of all life  
from conception to natural death;  
We pray to the Lord:

## June 25<sup>th</sup> TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who are tempted to have an abortion:  
that God might implant in their hearts  
a deep love for the child whom they carry in their womb;  
We pray to the Lord:

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The family founded on marriage constitutes a 'heritage of humanity,' a fundamental social institution; it is the vital cell and the pillar of society, and concerns both believers and non-believers. This is something to which all States must give great consideration because, as John Paul II liked to say, 'the future of humanity passes by way of the family'.

Pope Benedict XVI

Remarks to the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family, May 13, 2006



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The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might "have life... abundantly" (*Jn 10:10*). Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations.

Pope Benedict XVI February 5, 2006

The common good is undermined, indeed betrayed, when a society fails to protect its weak and defenseless members. Abortion, regardless of the reasons leading to it, is always an attack on the weakest and the most defenseless members of our society. We are obliged to put this point strongly before our fellow countrymen: abortion – the deliberate termination of a pregnancy at any stage of its development – is always an objective evil. No legislation can change it into something good.

UGANDA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF UGANDA CONCERNING THE RATIFICATION OF THE "PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS: ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA, January 19, 2006

Today, with all the Bishops in the United States, we reiterate what has been said for years: "*Roe v. Wade* cannot stand." It must be reversed.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Homily for Pro-Life Mass, January 23, 2006

On January 22, 1973 an attack from within was launched against life in our country—an attack that has proven to have worldwide echoes. On that day a terrifying assault on life in the womb was perpetrated, and the twin towers of life and truth seemed to crumble before our eyes. Their collapse has taken the lives of over forty-five million innocent babies—in this country alone. And the victims of this crime—as always happens in such catastrophic disasters—include also those left behind: countless mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters and grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends. The truth about the beginning of human life seemed to crumble in our midst, as the lives of a whole class of human beings were immediately and lethally imperiled.

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