

# WORD OF LIFE: JULY 2017



**Fortnight  
for Freedom**  
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**Freedom for Mission**  
June 21 – July 4

## **FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

Highlighting the importance of defending religious freedom, the Fortnight for Freedom takes place June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

**Prayer resources & more:** [www.fortnightforfreedom.org](http://www.fortnightforfreedom.org)

## **Intercessions for Life**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who are pressured to compromise their respect for human life:

May the Lord strengthen their courage and resolve;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For people often marginalized by society, including those who are elderly, unborn, poor, or have disabilities:

May the Lord sustain and raise up those who are bowed down;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who build a culture of life in our society:

That their efforts yield a fruitful harvest;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

May the merciful and gracious Spirit of God help us protect and care for each person's life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

May the Lord grant to us understanding hearts, that we may treasure his gift of life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

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### July 2<sup>nd</sup>

“Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.”

— Pope Francis, “Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil.”  
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### July 9<sup>th</sup>

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

— Pope Francis, “Day for Life Greeting.” © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.  
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### July 16<sup>th</sup>

“The challenge is to *make the Church’s ‘yes’ to Life concrete and effective*. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!”

— Pope John Paul II, “Homily,” August 15, 1993. © 1993 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.  
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### July 23<sup>rd</sup>

“A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.”

— Pope John Paul II, “Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See.”  
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### July 30<sup>th</sup>

“An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!”

— [10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting](#)  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Program

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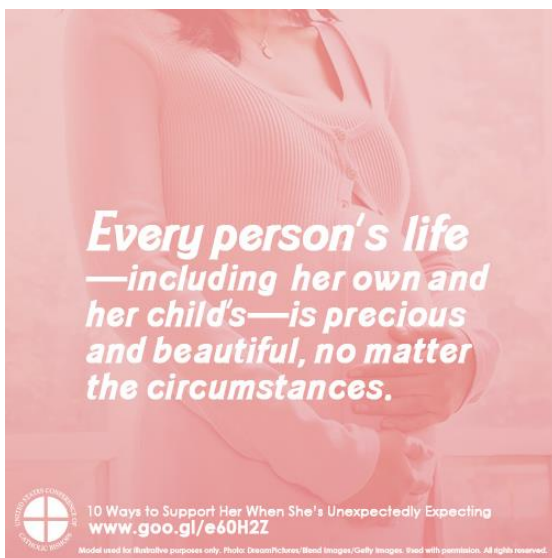
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