

Evening Prayer

Lord, you are love and mercy itself,

Draw all who have acted against innocent human life to repentance and forgiveness, and heal them through an outpouring of grace.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father . . .

Prayer from Evangelium Vitae

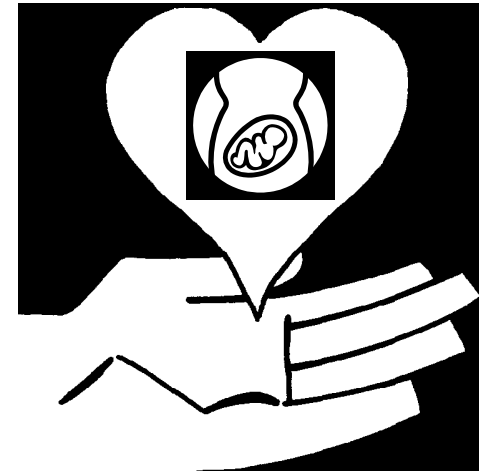
We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to present our prayers to her Son, the Life of the World:

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or
out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim
the Gospel of life with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness
to it resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will, the civilization
of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

(Make the sign of the cross)

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Evening Prayer for Nascent Human Life



**With Pope Benedict XVI and
the Bishops of the World**

November 27, 2010

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(Make the sign of the cross)

O God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 141

Like burning incense,

Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

I have called to you, Lord: hasten to help me!

Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer arise before you like incense,
The raising of my hands like an evening oblation.

Like burning incense,

Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth;

Keep watch at the door of my lips!

Do not turn my heart to things that are wrong,
to evil deeds with men who are sinners.

Like burning incense,

Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

Never allow me to share in their feasting.

If a good man strikes or reproves me it is kindness;
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.

Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

Like burning incense,

Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

Their princes were thrown down by the side of the rock:

Then they understood that my words were kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
as their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

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Intercessions (Supplications for Life)

Let us pray to God, the Father of Life and Font of all Mercy:

Lord, have mercy on all who have sinned against life.

You knit us in our mother's womb,

Preserve all children from bodily harm from the moment of conception.

Your Son ennobled all human life when he became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary,

Enlighten our minds to see the dignity of every human life from its earliest embryonic beginnings.

You are author of science and knowledge,

Bring an end to the destruction of human embryos in research facilities and IVF clinics.

You are the law-giver and ruler of the world,

Help us to overturn unjust laws that permit the destruction of innocent lives, and guide our public officials to defend the littlest among us.

You love those who are afflicted,

Help parents of unborn children with disabilities to cherish the baby you have entrusted to their care.

Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick,

Guide all doctors to be guardians of life, especially the lives of unborn children with serious health conditions.

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Canticle of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.



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**Like burning incense,
Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.**
To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned:
In you I take refuge; spare my soul!
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe:
Keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

**Like burning incense,
Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

silence

Psalm 142

**With full voice I cry to the Lord;
With full voice I beseech the Lord.**
Before God I pour out my complaint,
lay bare my distress.
My spirit is faint within me,
but you know my path.

Along the way I walk
They have hidden a trap for me.
I look to my right hand,
but no friend is there.
There is no escape for me;
no one cares for me.

I cry out to you, Lord,
I say, You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living.

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Listen to my cry for help,
For I am brought very low.
Rescue me from my pursuers,
For they are too strong for me.

Lead me out of my prison,
That I may give thanks to your name.
Then the just shall gather around me
Because you have been good to me.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now
And will be for ever. Amen.

Silence.

Canticle **Philippians 2:6-11**

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not deem equality with God
something to be grasped at.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave,
being born in the likeness of men.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

He was known to be of human estate,
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Because of this, God highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name above every other name.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim
to the glory of God the Father:

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Reading

1 Thess 5:19-23

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic
utterances. Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace
himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely,
spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls
you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

