

## October 1, 2017: *Respect Life Sunday*

For all people:

May God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For the times we are afraid to welcome life:

May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For all Catholics:

May the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen us in protecting his gift of life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For the times we are pressured to compromise respect for human life:

May the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve;

*We pray to the Lord:*

May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us how we are called to use our gifts in sharing the Gospel of life and joy;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For those facing difficult medical decisions:

May they receive the Lord's guidance and peace as they listen for his voice;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For expectant mothers whose hearts are troubled:

May they receive helpful, loving support for themselves and their baby;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For the times we doubt the value of our lives:

May we rest in the awareness that we are infinitely loved, and that God has a plan for our lives;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For those condemned to die and for their families:

May the hope of the Resurrection strengthen them in their time of sorrow:

*We pray to the Lord:*

May God grant us the eyes to see and the hearts to love those who need us to walk with them in times of suffering;

*We pray to the Lord:*

May God bless all those for whom adoption is part of their life story;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For caregivers:

May Christ give them wisdom and fill their hearts with peace and strength;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For women and men suffering after abortion:

May God grant them courage to seek healing and peace through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For those longing for a child:

May God comfort them with the assurance of his steadfast love;

*We pray to the Lord:*

