

Respect for Life Rosary Meditations

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The Annunciation (Luke 1:28)

Let us pray that each woman, upon hearing the news that she has conceived a child, accept God's will and say like Mary, "Be it done unto me according to Your word." May the Holy Spirit come upon her and over shadow her. May He strengthen her and give her great love for the child she conceives.

Father, for the sake of Your Son's sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We ask for an increase in Respect for Life and an ending of abortions in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, and Georgia.

The Visitation (Luke 1:41-42)

We pray that each women who is with child receives support from those around her May she realize how blest she is and how sacred is the child in her womb.

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The Nativity (Luke 2:7)

Let us pray that each women about to bring forth her child will be provided with the necessities of life, with shelter and clothing for her newborn. May she have loved ones near and may any fears she has be turned into trust and joy.

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The Presentation (Luke 2:22-23)

We present to You Heavenly Father all those babies that have been terminated through abortion and those who have died through natural causes. We present to You also all living children. Protect them from evil.

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The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46)

Father, may each woman see her body as a Temple of the Holy Spirit and may she find the Christ Child in the child she has conceived or the child now born. Give her strength and grace to carry her child to full term.

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The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22:44-45)

Lord Jesus, when You were alone in the garden of Gethsemani the night before You died, You experienced great sorrow and fear of being abandoned. You prayed, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but Yours be done."

Be with each woman, Lord, who in deepest anxiety is considering terminating her pregnancy because she is overcome by sadness and fear of being abandoned by her boyfriend or husband, fear of hurting her parents and friends, or fear, of being judged by others. May she know how deeply You love her and may she say like You, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done." May we console you, Lord, by our acts of love and reparation. Help us daily to seek and accept God's will.

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The Scourging at the Pillar (John 19:1)

Lord Jesus, Isaiah foretold Your painful scourging at the pillar when he wrote: "Upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by His stripes we are healed." (Is 53:5). Through Your scourging, Lord, heal those women who have terminated their pregnancies through abortion. Heal the men and women who have encouraged them to do so. May the stripes inflicted upon You be cause for our own healing so that we can accept Your forgiveness in our lives. May we strive to bring that forgiveness to the minds and hearts of those suffering the effects of the taking of innocent life.

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Jesus is Crowned with Thorns (Mathew 27:28-29)

Lord Jesus, the soldiers led You away and stripped You. They pressed a crown of sharp thorns into Your head and ridiculed You. Be with those men, women and children, Lord, who have been led away and been physically, mentally, emotionally or verbally abused and stripped of their dignity.

May we console You, Lord, by our acts of love and by uniting our sorrows with Your own.

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Jesus Carries His Cross (John 19:17)

Lord Jesus, You were in great physical pain and weakness and yet continued to carry Your cross with love. Simon of Cyrene and the holy women were there to comfort You. Be with those parents, Lord, who see their pregnancies as a cross. Give them inner strength to carry their children to full term. Send them friends to comfort and support them. May we console you, Lord, by our acts of love and unite ourselves to You as we carry our own burdens of pain at the lost innocent life.

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Jesus Dies on the Cross (Luke 23:46)

Lord Jesus, Your hands and feet were nailed to the cross and You died for the sins of all mankind. Your most Sacred Heart was pierced so that we may have life forever with You. Lord, may we use our hands to nurture and protect life; may we use our feet to follow in Your footsteps toward life; may we use our hearts to unite them with Your most Sacred Heart in the Holy Eucharist and find therein life in abundance.

Lord, as we stand daily at the foot of the Cross with Mary, may we gain great strength and courage to proclaim the sanctity of life. We are redeemed by Your blood. We praise You, we adore You, and we thank You.

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The Resurrection (Mark 16:6)

Father, may all doctors, nurses, medical technicians and aids who are assisting now in the termination of human life be touched by the redeeming Grace of Jesus, so that they will want to participate in His victory of life over death. May they come to understand the profound sanctity of human life and may they use their medical skills to protect and heal ALL human life.

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The Ascension (Mark 16:19)

Father, may the minds and hearts of all the lawmakers throughout our land, especially in our Congress and Supreme Court, ASCEND to you in thanksgiving and praise for human life in all stages. May their minds and hearts RISE to you and seek Your guidance and Holy Will in all issues pertaining to human life.

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The Descent of the Holy Spirit Upon the Apostles (Acts 2:4)

Come, Holy Spirit, Breathe on us, Holy Spirit, Your grace and heavenly aid. Come and descend upon our land and help us to proclaim Your Spirit of Love for the unborn and for all people. Help us to proclaim with courage the sacredness of all human life. "Breathe into us, Holy Spirit, that our lives may be holy. Act in us that our work may be holy. Draw our hearts that we may love what is holy. Strengthen us, Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard us then, Holy Spirit, that we may always be holy." (attributed to St. Augustine).

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The Assumption (Revelation 12:1)

Father, Mary was assumed into Heaven body and soul. We ask You to take the souls of the millions of unborn babies whose lives have been terminated through planned abortion and those who have died through natural causes and carry them to Heaven, where they may praise You forever with our Blessed Mother and all Your angels and saints.

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The Coronation of Mary (Judith 15:9-10)

Mary, we honor you as Queen of Heaven and we ask you to spread your mantle of protection over human life in **all** stages. We consecrate the entire human race to your Immaculate heart. "Illumine and warm all people with the flame of your maternal heart, enkindling ardent love for the Most Sacred heart of Jesus." (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

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