

# Word of Life: August 2016

## Intercessions for Life

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who know someone  
facing an unplanned pregnancy:  
May they provide loving, life-affirming  
support for both mother and child;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all who are persecuted for  
their respect for human life:  
May the Lord strengthen their faith  
and assure them of his closeness;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For our country:  
May the Lord, the giver of life,  
grant that respect for each person  
shapes our law and way of life;  
We pray to the Lord:

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the most vulnerable among us:  
May they be respected and loved  
according to their God-given dignity;  
We pray to the Lord:

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#### **Sunday, August 7, 2016**

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. . . . Your support might be the only support she receives.”

— “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ([www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z))



#### **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

“The Church always advances between the cross and the resurrection, between persecutions and the consolations of the Lord. This is the path: those who take this path do not go wrong.”

— Pope Francis, Homily on the Feast of St. George, April 23, 2013  
([www.goo.gl/589WzK](http://www.goo.gl/589WzK))



#### **Sunday, August 21, 2016**

“A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk.”

— Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015 ([www.goo.gl/9HGt2d](http://www.goo.gl/9HGt2d))



#### **Sunday, August 28, 2016**

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

— Luke 14:12-14 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)  
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#### Sunday, August 28, 2016

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