



Sample Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Loving Father, we pray for your grace and strength as we seek to build a culture of life.

Lector: For Pope Leo XIV and those in leadership in the Church, as they work to end the culture of death and promote a culture of life. Give them strength as they work to end all that which threatens the God-given dignity of human life.

We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For lawmakers and elected officials. May your spirit of love and compassion transform their hearts and inspire them to place the needs of human life above all.

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For all those impacted by crime and acts of harm. May the victims of crime and their families know your healing power and be transformed by your mercy.

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For all those on death row awaiting execution, and those lives we have lost to the death penalty. May they know your unending love and forgiveness as children of God.

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For each of us who works to end the death penalty, advance justice, and promote healing in our hurting world, and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts May we know the comfort of God's love and remain steadfast in our pursuit of Jesus' reconciling way.

We pray, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Priest: God of Compassion, through the guidance of your Holy Spirit, may we be witnesses to your mercy, proclaiming that every human life is precious and created by you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.