



DAY FOR LIFE

2011

Intercessions

31 JULY 2011, 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The compassion of Christ is shown in our Gospel reading. He responds to the needs of the people with nourishment for both body and soul. We seek the face of Christ as we turn in prayer, confident in the knowledge that he will listen and grant our prayers.

We pray that the Church proclaims the life of Christ to those who need to hear it most – especially those who live lives that are devoid of love, hope and peace.

We pray for our parishes and local communities. That as we cherish and celebrate the gift of life and the truth and beauty of the Gospel, we may lead others to Christ, so that they may share the joy of his life.

We pray for those whose lives appear to have no meaning, those who are on the margins of society, and those who are on the brink of death. May our faith lead us to action, providing comfort, compassion and care where we can.

We pray for those who do not recognise life as a gift from God: that their hearts and minds may be turned to see the miracle of life as God's free gift to us all.

We pray for our young people, that in midst of the conflicting messages they receive they may perceive the truth and wonder of true love and compassion, shown to us in the life and teaching of Jesus.

We pray for those who make decisions over life and death, and for those who seek death – whether it be for others or for themselves. That they may opt for life, not death, for hope and not despair, for peace and not for war.

We pray for those who are sick, those who are dying, especially those who die alone. That our words of hope and comfort may turn their desperate plight into journeys of faith, and God's healing power can touch their lives.

We turn to Our Lady, who brought to life the one who nourishes us and sustains us in our liturgy today, Hail Mary.....

God our Father, we give thanks for hearing our prayers. May we joyfully give witness to the Risen Lord in our lives, so that others may come to know and cherish the very gift of life. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.