

## PRAYER FOR LIFE

*Blessed Pope John Paul II*

O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies  
not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference  
or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives,  
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,  
in order to build, together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

*Given in Rome on March 25, 1995, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

### Hymn

#### Let All Things Now Living

1a. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing To  
1b. Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, By  
2a. His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es, The  
2b. The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains, The

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
guid - ing us on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine,  
depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine. We, too, should be

o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us, A pil - lar of fire shin - ing  
voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a

forth in the night: Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is  
song let us raise: Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
giv - ing To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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Introduction

Prayer

Word of God

Luke 1:39-45

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 139

I praise you, O Lord, for I am wonder-ful - ly made.

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Hymn

Marian Anthem

1. Ma - ry, full of grace, Splen - dor of our race, Ho - ly  
2. Moth - er, Vir - gin pure, Hope and ref - uge sure, Lead us

Vir - gin Ma - ri - a! Pray for us to Christ, your Son,  
safe - ly to Je - sus! Spir - it filled and low - ly,

Now and when our life is done! O - ra, O - ra pro no - bis!  
Mir - ror of the Ho - ly! O - ra, O - ra pro no - bis!

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Intercessions

*Lord of Life, hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

Conclusion