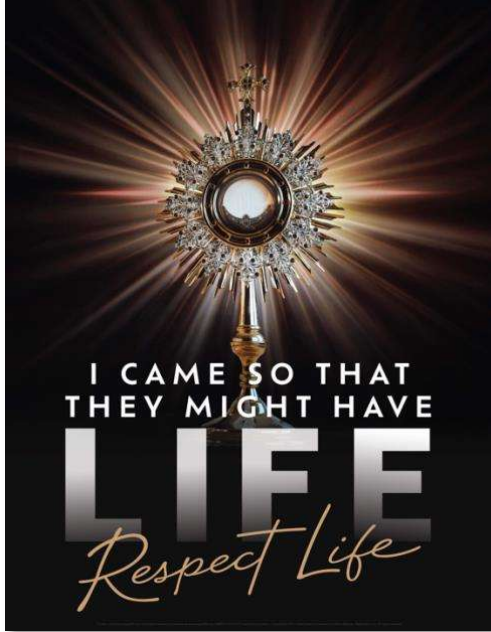


# WORD OF LIFE: OCTOBER 2024

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

## Respect Life Month 2024: *I Came So That They Might Have Life*



2024 Respect Life Month resources have been developed to assist you in helping parishioners understand and value the gift of human life and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life.

A variety of materials are [available to order in print](#) or to download online.

Visit [respectlife.org/respect-life-month](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-month)!

### Resources

- Poster ([Order](#))
- Prayer Card ([Order](#))
- Novena
- Respect Life Month Action Guide  
*(a sample timeline, action ideas & more!)*
- Respect Life Reflection
- Graphics
- Homily Helps

### Sample Pulpit Announcements

#### Option 1 (October 19-20)

Join Catholics nationwide praying a Respect Life Month novena October 22nd through the 30th. See the bulletin for more information.

#### Option 2 (any weekend in October)

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of *every* human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

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### Intercessions for Life

#### October 6<sup>th</sup>

For all Catholics:  
that on this Respect Life Sunday,  
the Lord will strengthen our resolve  
to protect the gift of every human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
*(Also observed in the U.S. as  
Respect Life Sunday)*

#### October 13<sup>th</sup>

For those nearing the end of life:  
may they receive care that  
respects their dignity  
and protects their lives;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

#### October 20<sup>th</sup>

For women and men suffering after  
participating in an abortion:  
may the Church's abortion healing ministry,  
Project Rachel, help them find peace  
and healing through God's endless mercy;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

#### October 27<sup>th</sup>

May the Lord help us to understand more deeply  
the challenges of pregnant and parenting moms  
and to respond with increased care and support;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Bulletin Quotes

October 6<sup>th</sup>

“When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: “I Came So That They Might Have Life”



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October 13<sup>th</sup>

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

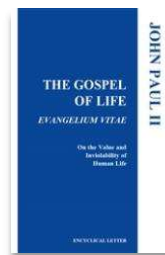


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October 20<sup>th</sup>

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. . . . But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. . . . The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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October 27<sup>th</sup>

“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. . . . Mary’s witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need  
[respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](https://respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection)



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**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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