

# WORD OF LIFE: JANUARY 2018

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## 9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018

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### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: January 22, 2018

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## WORD OF LIFE – JANUARY 2018

### Intercessions for Life

#### January 1<sup>st</sup>

May every expectant mother  
encounter loving support  
as she awaits the birth of her child;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**The Octave Day of Christmas  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God**

#### January 7<sup>th</sup>

For the times we are afraid to welcome life:  
May the Lord fill our hearts with  
confidence in His loving care  
and provide for every need;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

#### January 14<sup>th</sup>

For all people:  
May God grant us courage to embrace  
his precious gift of life,  
even in the most difficult of circumstances;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

#### January 21<sup>st</sup>

For public servants:  
May God grant them the humility, wisdom,  
and courage to defend all human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

For unborn children in danger of abortion:  
May they be given the chance to live  
the life God has planned for them;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

#### January 28<sup>th</sup>

For those who feel alone in their grief  
following an abortion:  
May they deeply experience  
the Lord's mercy and healing;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

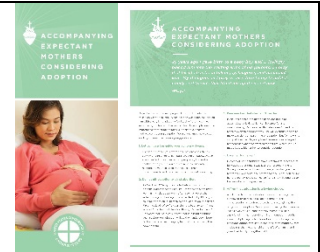
## Bulletin Quotes

### January 1<sup>st</sup>

“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’”

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“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption,” [www.goo.gl/srj6L3](http://www.goo.gl/srj6L3)



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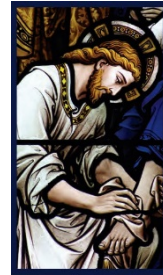
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### January 7<sup>th</sup>

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

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“Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer Card, <https://goo.gl/iF9daj>



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### January 14<sup>th</sup>

“Pray with a multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, bonus information, and suggested actions each day. Sign up now & participate Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26: [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)”

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### January 21<sup>st</sup>

“When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?” Find out in “What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion: [www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion).”

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### January 28<sup>th</sup>

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”:

[www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion).

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“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”



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### Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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