

"Mary, inexhaustible source of hope"

SEVENTH DAY

Intention of the day: For the defense of life from conception to natural death.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let us pray today for the defense of life from conception to natural death, and keep in mind 2 painful realities that threaten our society today, one is abortion and the other is euthanasia.

Let us remember that unfortunately the WHO (World Health Organization) supports and promotes abortion, this activity disguising evil as good.

Thank God that there are thousands of people committed to the Pro-Life movement and persist in their efforts in this struggle, groups have also emerged to help and heal people who have undergone abortion.

We pray that Our Lady intercedes for these realities are very painful to the Heart of Jesus and the Church



2. VIDEO FOR REFLECTION AND THEME PROMPT:

ENLACE: Vídeo Noticia: Récord de 40 Días por la Vida

3. OPENING PRAYER

Mother of Mount Carmel, Virgin of Contemplation, receive today, our hearts with its joys and afflictions, intercede for our needs and pray for us to your Son, Jesus. Amen

4. BIBILICAL ENLIGHTENMENT (Psalm 139, 13-16)

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

5. WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

" **Abortion** is murder. Abortion.... without hinting: whoever performs an abortion kills. You take any embryology textbook of those students that study in medical school. At the third week of conception, at the third, many times before the mother notices, all the organs are already there. All of them. Even the DNA. [...]. It's a human life, period. This human life must be respected. (...) Scientifically it's a human life. The textbooks teach us that. But is it right to take it out to solve a problem? This is why the Church is so strict on this issue because accepting this is kind of like accepting daily murder." (Press conference during the return flight from Bratislava, September 15, 2021).

"As a child, at school, they taught us the history of the Spartans. I was always struck by what the teacher told us, that when a deformed baby was born, they would carry him or her to the top of a mountain and throw [the child] down, so that these little ones would not live. We children would say: "But what cruelty!". Brothers and sisters, we do the same, with more cruelty, with more science. What is not needed, what is not productive must be discarded. This is the throwaway culture: the little ones are not wanted today" (Homily in San Giovanni Rotondo, 17 March 2018).

The Church is opposed to therapeutic obstinacy, but reiterates as its "definitive teaching" that "**euthanasia** is a crime against human life" and that "any formal or immediate material cooperation in such an act is a grave sin" that "no authority can legitimately impose or permit".

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/es/vaticano/news/2020-09/carta-doctrina-fe-vida-eutanasia-samaritanus-bonus-sintesis.html>)



6. LET US TALK TO MARY

Like Mary with the disciples, at Pentecost, we embrace her in prayer to ask forgiveness for our indifference and passivity in the face of these painful realities. Let's do it with the following song and then let us maintain silence looking at the following images that present parents in front of the Unborn child:

SONG: Lord have mercy on us/ Change my heart , oh God by Maranatha!



Works by Slovak sculptor Martin Hudáček, entitled
'Memorial to Unborn Children'

7. CONCLUDING PRAYER

Consecration to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Virgin of Mount Carmel, O my Mother,
I consecrate myself to You,
and I entrust my entire existence
into Your hands.
Accept my past with all that has been.
Accept my present with all that is.
Accept my future with all that will be.
With this total consecration
I entrust to you all that I have and all that I am,
all that I have received from your
Most Sacred Son
and from your Most Holy Spouse.
I entrust to you my intelligence,
my will and my heart.
I place in your hands my freedom, my
anxieties and my fears, my hopes and
my desires, my sorrows, and my joys.
Take care of my life and all my actions
so that I may be more faithful to the
Triune and One Lord, and with your help
attain salvation.
I entrust to you, O great Lady, my body and
my senses, so that they may always be pure
and help me in the practice of virtues.



8. FINAL SONG

SONG: Ave Maris Stella - "Hail, O Star of the Ocean"