



# DSL CONNECTION

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## HOPE FOR LIFE

*"Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"*

*(1 Peter 1:13b)*

Monday, January 22, will mark 45 years since our nation legalized abortion. Since then, it is estimated that approximately 60 million (million!) unborn babies have been lost to abortion. Meanwhile, death continues to be proclaimed as "a way out" or "merciful" for young and old alike.

Sunday, January 21, has been set aside as Life Sunday. We will include in the Prayer of the Church petitions to our Heavenly Father for His mercy, grace, and wisdom. In the meantime, you are encouraged to pray the following at home with your family.

- L** For the holy Christian Church, that in the face of sinfulness and suffering, we find our entire life and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that our ministry and witness steadfastly hold forth this Gospel of forgiveness and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this land, that its leaders and laws resist temptations to allow or employ death as a solution, but instead, as instruments of the Almighty Maker, they respect and protect the hope and preciousness intrinsic to every human being, particularly those endangered by abortion, assisted suicide, and other such satanic deceptions, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For our communities and schools, that by God's guidance they pursue truth rather than public approval, civil discourse rather than demands, and the common good rather than convenience, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For marriages and homes, parents and children, that they remain refuges of hope for one another, embodying and mediating the same acceptance and servanthood the Heavenly Father has bestowed in establishing these blessed vocations for us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those burdened under distress and despair, including all who mourn sins against life, that our Redeemer raise their eyes to receive peace in God's forgiveness and cradle their hearts until Christ's compassion heals them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those dealing with diseases, disabilities, or dying, that our Savior's grace grants them relief and recovery in His time and according to His will, and that He strengthens them with the promise of bodily resurrection and sustains them in the hope of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those rejoicing in God's rich life-giving, (birthdays, recuperations, celebrations, and anniversaries) that we mark these occasions as tokens of a fuller hope in the new creation and we hail them as foretastes of our even greater inheritance in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

God's Blessings,  
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