

*"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection?" —Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Blessed Juan Diego*

Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all. Grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed virgin Mary, protect our families, so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our Hope, look upon us with compassion, teach us to go continually to Jesus and, if we fall, help us to rise again, to return to Him by means of the confession of our faults and sins in the Sacrament of Penance, which gives peace to the soul.

We beg you to grant us a great love for all of the Holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus Most Holy Mother, we will be able to bring true joy and true peace, which come to us from your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*—His Holiness John Paul II Mexico during his first foreign trip as Pope.*

## Join us in our novena for Life



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## Novena for Life



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# Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena begins each day with this beautiful prayer composed by our Holy Father, John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae* .

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.

-Our Father-Hail Mary-Glory Be-

TO BE SAID EACH DAY  
FROM DEC. 3RD TO  
DEC. 12TH, THE FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

## Daily Intentions

1. May all grow in their awareness of the awesome, beautiful gift of human *Life*.
2. That those in the abortion industry will be converted and come to know the joy of appreciating the sanctity of *Life*.
3. That those carrying the sadness of involvement in a past abortion may come to know the Lord's loving mercy through the Holy Sacraments of the Church.
4. That we may be blessed with strong leaders who will work to protect human life from conception to natural death.
5. That all medical professionals will use their skills to heal and preserve *Life*.
6. That the laws of our country will change to protect the gift of *Life*.
7. That all those who find themselves in crisis pregnancy may find the courage and support to bring their children to birth.
8. That married couples will remain open to the gift of new *Life*.
9. That the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts of all the faithful and strengthen them to work for the cause of *Life*.

***“I am your merciful mother  
of all of you who live united  
in this land, and of all mankind,  
of all those who love me,  
of those who cry to me,  
of those who seek me,  
of those who have confidence in me.  
Here I will hear  
their weeping, their sorrow,  
and will remedy and alleviate  
all their multiple  
sufferings, necessities and misfortunes.”***

## History of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 1531, Our Lady appeared to blessed Juan Diego on a hill in Tepeyac, Mexico. Juan was a simple, poor Christian convert. The Aztecs were involved in the horrible practice of human sacrifice. Missionaries had very limited success in bringing the Indians to the true faith. Our Lady appeared amid a light that outshone the sun. She spoke with great gentleness and love.

She asked that Juan bring a message to his Bishop. The Bishop asked that Juan return with a sign. Juan was to return the next day to the hill and ask Our Lady. However, the next day Juan's uncle was deathly ill. Charity demanded that Juan care for his uncle.

He could not meet his Holy Mother. The next day Juan went to bring the priest to his uncle's bedside. As he passed the hill he heard a sweet voice call out to him. Our Lady promised the miraculous cure of Juan's uncle. "Go to the hilltop and find some roses. Bring these to the Bishop as the sign I wish to give." Juan knew that roses would not grow naturally at this place. In faith he set out.

Finding them as Our Lady promised, he gathered them in his tilma, a rough cloth garment. Juan brought them to the Bishop, and as he let them flow to the floor all present dropped to their knees in awe. There on the tilma they saw a beautiful image of Our Lady. The Bishop now believed!

The Indians of the area were used to reading a picture language. As they viewed this image they could read a lesson in the Christian faith. The symbolism was clear. Our Lady was carrying her unborn son, she stood over the defeated "gods" of their time, wore the cross of Christianity, and showed her love by appearing as one of their race.

Our Lady appearing with the unborn Lord is known as the Mother of the Unborn, Patroness and Protector of Life. The Indians turned away from the sacrifice of humans. In the 7 years that followed the apparition, 8 million Indians embraced the Holy Catholic Faith!