

Day Seven: Sunday, January 20

Intercession: For and end of the violent use of guns

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be..

Reflection: So many lives lost! Such total disrespect for the value of a human life...such indifference or ignorance of God's law: all of this is heart-breaking. We need to pray that government officials will lead the way to better gun laws and care for those with mental illness in order to curb this senseless loss of life in our country.

Personal Act of Reparation



Day Eight: Monday, January 21

Intercession: For an end of the death penalty in our country

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: As Catholics, we believe and put our hope in a merciful and loving God. We are conscious of our own brokenness and need for redemption. Our Lord calls us to imitate him more perfectly by witnessing to the inherent dignity of every person, including those whose actions have been despicable. Our faith and hope is in the mercy of God. As Christians, we are called to oppose the culture of death by witnessing to something greater and more perfect: the gospel of life

Personal Act of Reparation



Day Nine: Tuesday, January 22

Intercession: May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope and healing in Christ

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: Today, on this 46th Anniversary of *Roe vs Wade*, we mourn the loss of so many children's lives. The Church comes together today to pray for the protection of all unborn children and to make reparation for abortion, trusting that the Lord hears our prayers. "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world." *JPII* May that prayer arise in our hearts today until each human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

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9Days for Life

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 14
TO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**

Day One: Monday, January 14

Intercession: May a culture of life grow ever stronger

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: From each tiny child waiting to be born, to people nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies... people on the margins... "each has a place in God's heart from all eternity."

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Day Two: Tuesday, January 15

Intercession: May all embrace the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift and is worth living

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be...

Reflection: At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging circumstance never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love. Every human being is a gift, not because of what they can do or accomplish, but because of who they are: a beloved child of God.

Personal Act of Reparation ...



Day three: Wednesday, January 16

Intercession: May all who have experienced sexual abuse receive justice, healing and God's grace

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be...

Reflection: Our hearts ache for those who have suffered abuse at the hands of a member of the Catholic clergy. Words alone cannot express our sorrow, shame and disappointment for such affronts to human dignity within our Church. It is our prayer and hope that all who have experienced abuse will find the healing and justice they so rightly deserve, knowing that they are never alone.

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Day Four: Thursday, January 17

Intercession: May those who find themselves unable to have a child and also, those seeking to adopt, may they have trust in God's plan for them.

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: It can be very difficult and painful and disappointing for a couple to experience infertility. Though their prayers are not answered, pray they will realize God loves them.

Families hoping to adopt children and mothers considering placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. We pray that all involved in the adoption process would be filled with the hope of Christ and "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding."

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Day Five: Friday, January 18,

Intercession: May those nearing life's end receive the medical care that respects and protects their lives.

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory be..

Reflection: The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to prepare for the next life. The practice of assisted suicide, now legal in several states, shortens or eliminates this sacred season. To support the "false compassion" of assisted suicide is to see people as a problem to be eliminated. End of life care should instead help eliminate or alleviate the patient's problems, whether they are physical, spiritual, or emotional.

Personal Act of Reparation



Day Six: Saturday, January 19

Intercession: For victims and survivors of Human Trafficking

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: Those who are vulnerable are most at risk for being lured into situations where they are trafficked, particularly migrants and refugees. They face significant barriers such as language and adapting to a new culture, lack of support systems, and the burden of poverty. Easily tempted by false promises of traffickers, they often find themselves in forced labor situations with no means of escape. Often they are forced to have abortions.

Personal Act of Reparation .. Pray to St. Josephine Bakita