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Prayer Service

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Scripture: A reading from the First Letter of Saint John (1 John 4:12-13)

No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in Him and He in us, that He has given us of His Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

For all newborn babies:

that they may teach us the consummate beauty and value of every human life;

All: We pray to the Lord.

For all government leaders:

that they recognize and promote the inalienable right to life of every person from conception to natural death;

All: We pray to the Lord.

For every woman who has had an abortion:

that she be given the grace to embrace the mercy of God and know healing, strength, and holiness;

All: We pray to the Lord

For those who work for the healing of mothers and their children:

that God will strengthen their resolve and make their hands gentle yet strong;

All: We pray to the Lord:

For all who work for the Gospel of Life and especially for those who teach:

that they may be gifted with patience, endurance, and joy;

All: We pray to the Lord:

ALL: A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all,
You adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in Your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of Your hands,
and renew among Your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
Your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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