**Intercessions – Day for Life – June 16, 2024**

**Bishop/Priest/Deacon:**

On this Day for Life, conscious in a particular way of the gift of human life which is entrusted to our care, we bring our prayers to God.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, as he himself bears witness to hope in the frailty of his advanced years – that the Lord may strengthen him and give him courage to complete the mission for which he has been sent. Lord hear us.
2. We pray for all who are faced with degenerative or terminal illness - that they may experience the healing presence of Christ in the care of those who accompany them day by day. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for those who form public policy and who enact our laws – that in their efforts to serve the common good, they may always have in mind the inherent dignity of every human person, which is not the gift of society, but the gift of a loving creator. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for healthcare professionals – that, even when a cure is no longer possible, they may continue to provide gentle and life-affirming care for all their patients. Lord hear us.
5. We pray for an end to war - may respect and peace be always at the heart of human relationships. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for our family members, friends and neighbours who have died - may they be surprised by joy as their best hopes are fulfilled in the Kingdom of heaven. Lord hear us.

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Lord “we proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night”. Be with us, as we accompany, in the morning and in the night, our sisters and brothers who live with terminal illness. Help us to be, for them, witnesses of your faithful love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.