

Prayers of the Faithful – Day for Life 21 June 2026

1. We pray for the Church: may the witness of her faithful people to the wonder and dignity of life from its very beginning to its natural end shine as a beacon of hope in our world today. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*
2. We pray for those in government: may they come to recognise, respect and protect the life of every human being, especially those in the womb, and so build up a more just society. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*
3. We pray for mothers, fathers and healthcare professionals facing difficult medical decisions for children before and after birth: may they find wisdom, clarity, strength, courage and peace as they navigate the demands of the journey ahead. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*
4. We pray for all mothers and fathers who have lost children before or soon after birth: in their sorrow and grief may they find comfort in the Church's sacramental and pastoral care. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*
5. We pray for all infants lost before or soon after birth: may they rest in the merciful keeping of God who holds every human being, however small, as precious in His sight. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*
6. We pray for those who actively promote and support respect for life through different initiatives across Ireland: may they see the fruits of their work in an ever-growing sense of the dignity of every human being from conception to natural death and in an increasing trust in the wisdom of God who is our one true hope. *Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.*