

October Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team

Respect for All Life



Every human life is a gift from God, created in His image and likeness, and therefore worthy of dignity and respect from conception to natural death. To honor life is to honor the Creator, who entrusted it to us. When we pray for all life—unborn, young, elderly, sick, or marginalized—we join our voices with God’s desire that all His children flourish in love. Respecting and praying for life not only safeguards the vulnerable but also transforms our hearts to live with greater compassion, justice, and reverence for God’s creation.

Scripture reminds us: “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*” - Galatians 3:28

A Prayer for Respect for All Life

God of All and Lord of Life,

You formed each person in Your image and breathed into us the gift of life.

Teach us to recognize the dignity of every human being: the unborn, the elderly, the sick, the poor, the stranger, and the marginalized.

Open our eyes to see Your presence in all people.

Soften our hearts where fear, anger, or indifference may dwell.

Guide our hands to protect, nurture, and uplift life at every stage.

Strengthen our voices to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

May our ministry bear witness to the Gospel of Life, and may our prayers join with Yours, that all may know the blessing of respect, compassion, and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team

Do you carry in your heart a deep compassion for those who are suffering—physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially? For those living in poverty, without shelter, or burdened by loneliness?

The **Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry** walks alongside many who are hurting and broken. We now invite our parish community to become prayerful companions in this ministry by lifting up these beloved children of God to the Lord in prayer.

As a member of the Social Concerns Prayer Team, you will receive regular emails with specific names, intentions, monthly prayer themes, and Scripture passages to guide your intercession. There are no meetings—only a shared spiritual commitment to pray intentionally, from your own home and on your own schedule.

Let us unite in prayer, trusting that our Loving God hears the cries of the poor and works through the faithful prayers of His people. To join or learn more, please contact Chris at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.