



The Protection of Life

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We have many things that we should pray for. It is possible that God allows many evils so that we may be drawn closer to Him in prayer. The True Faith tells us that God can make a greater good come from any evil no matter how bad it may be. For the repentant sinner He has promised that even if his sins be as scarlet, He will make them white as snow. One of the more important things that we should be inclined to pray for is the protection of life. It is God Who gives life, but the devils are seeking at every turn to destroy life. The demons suggest to us that the old, the sick, the pre-born, or anyone who creates a burden for us should be killed and thus lessen the burden they cause others.

The physical lives of many souls are weighed in the balance of material convenience or pleasure. It is a demonic suggestion that a child unintentionally conceived is a burden, embarrassment, inconvenience, or has come at an inopportune time and therefore should be destroyed. This life has been created by God and He has directly instructed us not to kill one another.

Many have jumped upon a band-wagon of vain excuses to make the murder of another person acceptable. They suggest to us that a baby criminally conceived should be killed. It is not the baby's sin or crime, so we ask, why should the baby be killed? The Old Testament would have the adulterer, the fornicator, the rapist, or the incestuous person stoned to death for their crimes against God, society and humanity. It seems that if anyone should have their physical lives forfeited, it should be the ones who committed the crime not the one conceived in crime. However, Jesus has lifted the harshness of the Old Law and given us a New Law grounded in love. Let us forgive as we desire to be forgiven. God will forgive any and all our sins if we will only humbly and penitently seek His forgiveness.

It is very easy for men to adopt a righteous attitude and seek swift and harsh punishment upon those who have committed evils. St. Peter once was rebuked by Jesus for such an attitude. Jesus reminded him that He had come to save not to destroy. Far from seeking the destruction of

others, we should seek their conversion and salvation. This is nothing less than the implementation of the law of loving our neighbor as we love ourselves – the second commandment after loving God with a preferential love of our entire being.

We should fervently pray for the souls of the children being murdered in their “mother’s” womb, but we should also pray for all those involved in and cooperating in these murders. To end this great evil, we need to convert hearts and minds. To outlaw this crime is a step in the right direction, and it appears that several states are progressing in this direction. However, this is not enough, the crime will continue to be committed with or without the law. What we need to do is change the hearts and minds of people. They need the saving grace of Jesus through the True Catholic Church, the True Faith and Sacraments. They need to see that our crosses and burdens in this life are to be loved rather than rejected or destroyed. Other people may be constant crosses and burdens to us, especially our children, but they are very rewarding crosses that fill our hearts and souls with grace and joy. In the service of others, we find the greatest happiness. It is very true that it is better to give than to receive.

Let us increase our prayers that God will bring an end to this abomination of disdain for the life He gives by converting the hearts and minds of all in our country. We need to pray for the conversion of our legislators and leaders, but most importantly we need to pray for one another. It will not matter if the state is pagan and says it is OK to kill children in the womb if no one is willing to do it. If we can convince women to love the fruit of their wombs which God gives them – regardless of any immoral acts on the part of men that have brought this about – then we have done much to save not only physical lives but even more importantly – immortal souls.

Let us add a “*Memorare*” to our daily prayers that God may bring about the conversion of so many misguided, misinformed, or hardened hearts.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

