

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
for Respect Life

Presider: Let us bring our prayers and petitions before our good and upright God, who guides us in the ways of compassion and truth.

Minister: 1. That our Church continue to learn what it means to empty ourselves for the world, showing Christ to all who witness our lives:
Let us pray to the Lord...

2. That leaders of nations learn from the humble example of Christ to put the needs of their people ahead of their personal desires and ambitions: Let us pray to the Lord...

3. For young people who turn away or run away, that we might always welcome them with loving arms, supporting them in their questioning and in their need:
Let us pray to the Lord...

4. That those who are discerning their life's path find sure direction through prayer and attention to God's call:
Let us pray to the Lord...

5. For a growing respect for all life from conception to the grave, in our country and around the world:
Let us pray to the Lord...

6. For the sick, the suffering, for those who have died, — and for the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts... [pause]: Let us pray to the Lord...

Presider: Gracious God, you lavish upon us your gifts of faith and peace so that we may share your Son's life. Grant the blessings we ask of you through the same Christ our Lord.