**Word of Life – January 2018**

**Intercessions for Life**

**January 1st The Octave Day of Christmas**

May every expectant mother **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**

encounter loving support **the Mother of God**

as she awaits the birth of her child;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord**

For the times we are afraid to welcome life:  
May the Lord fill our hearts with  
confidence in His loving care  
and provide for every need;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**January 14th Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

For all people:  
May God grant us courage to embrace  
his precious gift of life,  
even in the most difficult of circumstances;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**January 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For public servants:  
May God grant them the humility, wisdom,  
and courage to defend all human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**January 22nd** **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection**

For unborn children in danger of abortion: **of Unborn Children**

May they be given the chance to live

the life God has planned for them;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**January 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those who feel alone in their grief  
following an abortion:  
May they deeply experience  
the Lord's mercy and healing;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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