**Word of Life: April 2018**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Intercessions for Life**

**April 1st Easter Sunday**

May the Risen Christ

grant us joy as we follow Him,

embracing God’s gift of life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 8th Sunday of Divine Mercy**

May the Holy Spirit move our hearts

to recognize the intrinsic dignity

of every person we encounter;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 15th Third Sunday of Easter**

For all who feel incapable of welcoming life:

May the Lord fill their hearts with peace

and strengthen them to receive this gift;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 22nd Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

inspire all hearts to care for  
the most vulnerable members of society;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**April 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May Christ remain in us and we in him,

so a culture that welcomes life takes root;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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