



Health Care Reform Prayer Resources

Prayer for the Uninsured

Father of goodness and love,
hear our prayers for the uninsured members of our community
and for all who are in need.
For those who seek care but find that it is out of reach,
may they find consolation in your healing presence.
For all who are blessed with health and security,
may they work to fulfill the needs of those who are sick and insecure.
For leaders who make decisions that affect the health and well-being of others,
may they strive to ensure the fundamental right to health care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
who healed those who believed.
Amen.

A Holy Hour for Life: Prayers Before the Blessed Sacrament for Protection of Unborn Children and Conscience Rights in Health Care Reform

Extended Silent Prayer

Scriptural Reading

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:35-40

Jesus said to the crowds:
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.
But I told you that although you have seen me,
you do not believe.
Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,

but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Extended Silent Prayer

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God, our Father in heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, united in substance to the Word of God, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High One, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, wellspring of all virtues, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, if whose fullness we have all received, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke you, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, victim of sins, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in you, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in you, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.
R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

God our loving Father, inspire those who govern us
to advance policies which protect the unborn child in the womb.
May our legislators find the compassion and courage to work to defend life.
Lord Jesus, grant them confidence and fearlessness to reject all funding
and promotion of abortion in health care reform.
May they courageously advocate for the truth
that every human life is sacred.
Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of elected officials
with the desire to save lives, not destroy them.
You alone formed each of us in our mother's womb.
You will call us home to heaven,
for you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

Extended Silent Prayer

Scriptural Reading

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:53-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood

has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Extended Silent Prayer

Litany for Life

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God of all creation, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, through whom all things were made. Lord, have mercy.
Spirit of life and truth, Lord, have mercy.
On each child just conceived, Lord, have mercy.
For their safety and health, Lord, have mercy.
For nine months of growth, Lord, have mercy.
That an angel may protect them, Lord, have mercy.
For peace and for hope Lord, have mercy.
On all new fathers, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.
On young fathers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who've run away, Lord, have mercy.
On all new mothers, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.

On young mothers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are in pain, Lord, have mercy.
On those who defend life, Lord, have mercy.
On those who love the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On those who pray for the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
On all who work to change unjust laws, Lord, have mercy.
On all who live the Gospel of Life, Lord, have mercy.
On Congressmen who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
On our President, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the House, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the Senate, Lord, have mercy.
On all too little to vote or persuade, Lord, have mercy.
On all who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
On doctors of life and of truth, Lord, have mercy.
On residents who love the little child, Lord, have mercy.
On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries, Lord, have mercy.
On physicians who see into the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On surgeons who heal the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
On all who defend the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who love little babies, Lord, have mercy.
On nursing students, Lord, have mercy.
On those who first hear the heartbeat, Lord, have mercy.
On those who first feel a kick, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who cradle the newborn, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who foster the unborn, Lord, have mercy.
On all who protect defenseless life, Lord, have mercy.
On judges who struggle with justice, Lord, have mercy.
On lawyers who seek to speak truth, Lord, have mercy.
On judges who love life, Lord, have mercy.
On the judges of our Supreme Court, Lord, have mercy.
On those who argue before them, Lord, have mercy.
On the unborn child who rests in their hands, Lord, have mercy.
On all victims of abortion, Lord, have mercy.
On the woman whose memories cause her to cry, Lord, have mercy.
On those whose pain nags and holds on, Lord, have mercy.
On the unborn who rest with God, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek mercy, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek peace, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek healing, and mercy and perfect peace, Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

God our loving Father,
Grant our lawmakers the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights for those called to the ministry

of healing, and help them resist the pressure to become collaborators in the culture of death. Protect the right of health care providers to serve their patients without being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions.

Inspire legislators to adopt policies that prevent discrimination against those called to heal and cure the sick and suffering, that they might be free to follow you faithfully while fulfilling their professional duties.

Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses to the truth that every human life is sacred. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow you in all that we do. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Extended Silent Prayer

Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children and Conscience Rights in Health Care Reform Legislation

O God our Father, we praise you for the work of your hands and for the precious gift of life. Grant your protection to those who are yet unborn. Inspire those who govern us to advance policies which protect the unborn child in the womb and preserve the conscience rights of all.

Jesus, Divine Healer, may our legislators find the courage to advance needed health care reform that protects the conscience rights of health care providers and does not promote or fund abortion.

Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of elected officials with the desire to save lives, not destroy them.

Father, we ask this in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful

That Congress will act to ensure that needed health care reform will truly protect the life, dignity and health care of all and that we will raise our voices to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable and to preserve our freedom of conscience. We pray to the Lord.