**Sample January Intercessions**

These sample intercessions were written for use during the month of January to help observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22); however, many can be used throughout the year. These intentions are appropriate for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass. They can also be printed in the weekly bulletin, included at a local Respect Life march or rally, featured in email newsletters, shared on social media platforms, or prayed during personal or family prayer times.

For the legal protection of unborn children

and for loving support for their mothers

before and after their births;

*We pray to the Lord:*

May all who suffer from

participating in abortion

turn to God’s loving forgiveness;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For public servants:

May God grant them the humility, wisdom,

and courage to defend all human life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

For our nation:

May God unite us in peace

and respect for each other

and reverence for all human life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

May friends and families of women

with difficult pregnancies

provide loving, life-affirming support

for both mother and child;

*We pray to the Lord:*