

## **Prayer - a powerful weapon of life protectors**

I have come to speak about World Prayer for Life, the initiative arose among life-protectors from all over the world gathered at the II World Prayer Congress for Life in the World Centre of God's Mercy, Lągiewniki 2007. Since then it is intensively growing. People are praying all over the world. The website of this initiative is visited by 20 thousands of visitors each month. We gained the blessing of Archbishop of Krakow Stanislav Cardinal Dziwisz and 22 cardinals from all over the world have blessed the initiative, including His Eminence Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Dean of the College of Cardinals.

Now I would like to present the introduction text to World Prayer for Life initiative, which explains the idea and origin of this international prayer project.

The Twentieth century and the beginning of the Twenty-first is a period of never-ending mass attacks on human life: The First World War, The Second World War with the terrible crime of the Holocaust, criminal communist revolutions, mass abortions, euthanasia, terrorism.

According to reliable estimations in the Twentieth century and so far in the Twenty-first over 1 billion unborn human lives have been killed.

The First World War brought death to around 10 million people, The Second World War about 55 million, the war with the unborn - 1 billion victims. This horrible war with unborn children is still on and recently its toll has been rising by 50 million annually.

Mass killing of unborn children started in the last century, after "the legalization" of the crime of abortion by the communist genocidal leader W.I. Lenin, in The Soviet Union in 1920.

The second leader who partially legalized the crime of abortion was another genocidal leader, Adolf Hitler. In 1936 this criminal introduced into The Third Reich the "law" allowing the killing of unborn children with defects or diseases. Practically speaking, in the Nazi Third Reich the crime of euthanasia started to be mass practiced.

The second half of the Twentieth century brought the legalization of the crime of abortion in many countries, here, among us, we all know about it well enough.

This war continues, and every year another 50 million killings of unborn children are carried out, which means that nowadays, every day 140 thousand unborn children are deprived of life in a very cruel way.

God - the Life Giver and its only Master - gave us the Fifth commandment "Do not kill" and on the pages of the Bible he enclosed a very dramatic warning: "Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!" (Gen 4, 10).

The conscience of present mankind, which counts 6 billion people, is burdened by the crime of 1 billion murders. It is difficult to talk about it in a calm way, it is difficult not to think about the possibility of God's punishment for this enormous evil.

But we do not lose hope but with faith we call: "Jesus, I trust in You".

Let me quote the words of St. Paul - the Disciple of the Nations:

"But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful kindness became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful kindness rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 5, 20-21).

Beloved, let's not be scared by the terrible toll of the civilization of death. Be willing to notice through the eyes of faith the immensity of the grace of Jesus Christ, which is waiting for those who with God's help will undertake the work of life protection.

We see the immensity of crime and we are confident with the strength of our faith that for us, for every single one of us, the immensity of Almighty God's Grace is prepared to help us eliminate this terrible evil.

I want to recall the words of St. Sister Faustina: “(...) All grace comes through a prayer” (Diary, 146).

Let me remind you of just four utterances on prayer made by Jesus himself and written down in the Bible:

“You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it” (Mk 11, 24),

“If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them (My 18, 19-20),

I'd like to remind you also of God's Mother's words written down in S. Faustina's diary:

“...My daughter, I demand from you a prayer, prayer and once again prayer for the world (...) everywhere, always in every place and every time - day or night whenever you wake up, pray with your spirit. With your spirit you can always keep on praying” (Diary, 325).

Now I will present a program of World Prayer for Life:

#### World Prayer for Life - Program

Aware of the enormous of evil that has been done around the world - millions of attempts on human life: abortions, euthanasia, genetic manipulations; noticing various modern threats to human life and trusting deeply in God's Mercy and the omnipotence of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, as well as in the intercession of the Holy Virgin Mary, we start on the 13th of October 2007, on the 90th Anniversary of the Fatima Revelation, in the World Centre of God's Mercy, Lagiewniki, Krakow (Poland) constant prayer for:

- Merciful God's expiation of the rejected gift of life,
- the increase of respect for every human being from conception until natural death,
- ensuring in the legislation of all countries the unconditional right to life for every human being from conception until natural death.

Our every day prayers will include: the decade of Holy Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will supplement our prayers - as much as is possible - with acts of mercy and the apostolate for the protection of human life. We appeal to all people of good will to join in this act of praying and help spread this appeal in your environments. Let this prayer be our response to the words of God's servant Pope John Paul II written down in the encyclical letter “Evangelium vitae”: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world” (EV, nr 100). We do not set any time limitations for this prayer; let every life protector decide for himself how long he wants to participate in this act of prayer.

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