# **NOVENA OF MASSES FOR LIFE**

# Suggested PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

# MARCH 25 - Annunciation (date changed if it falls during Holy Week)

For the shepherds and people of the Catholic Church, that Our Lady's YES in response to the Annunciation will constantly inspire them to defend all human life, from conception to natural death ...

Let us pray to the Lord

#### **APRIL 25 - End of FIRST Month**

For all unborn babies at the end of the FIRST month of life in their mothers' wombs - their tiny hearts already beating –

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that first month in Our Lady's womb, will protect them throughout their gestation ...

Let us pray to the Lord

# MAY 25 - End of SECOND Month

For all unborn babies at the end of the SECOND month of life in their mothers' wombs – "dancing" while they practice flexing their newly formed muscles –

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that second month in Our Lady's womb, will bless their mothers with the selfless love they need to bring them to term ... Let us pray to the Lord

# JUNE 25 - End of THIRD Month

For all unborn babies at the end of the THIRD month of life in their mothers' wombs – now with tiny fingernails and unique fingerprints – That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that third month in Our Lady's womb, will bless their fathers with the strength to protect them from all harm ...

Let us pray to the Lord

#### JULY 25 - End of FOURTH Month

For all unborn babies at the end of the FOURTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – now experiencing their first little dreams –  $\,$ 

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that fourth month in Our Lady's womb, will inspire all doctors and nurses to care lovingly for both them and their mothers ...

Let us pray to the Lord

# **AUGUST 25 - End of FIFTH Month**

For all unborn babies at the end of the FIFTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – now kicking hard enough for their mothers to feel them –

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that fifth month in Our Lady's womb, will encourage and strengthen *everyone* who strives to defend human life ... Let us pray to the Lord

# **SEPTEMBER 25 - End of SIXTH Month**

For all unborn babies at the end of the SIXTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – their tiny lungs now strong for possible survival outside the womb -

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that sixth month in Our Lady's womb, will give everyone in public office the courage to protect all human life, born and unborn ... Let us pray to the Lord

# OCTOBER 25 - End of SEVENTH Month

For all unborn babies at the end of the SEVENTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – now able to taste and yawn and recognize their mothers' voices –

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that seventh month in Our Lady's womb, will guide those who minister and teach in His name to risk every worldly opposition in defense of innocent human life ...

Let us pray to the Lord

# NOVEMBER 25 - End of EIGHTH Month

For all unborn babies at the end of the EIGHTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – now with enough baby fat for warmth and lungs ready to breathe air –

That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that eighth month in Our Lady's womb, will open the arms of everyone around them to receive them with love ...

Let us pray to the Lord

# **DECEMBER 25 - End of the NINTH Month - Christ is Born!**

In humble thanksgiving for all newborn babies, their faithful mothers and fathers, and all those around them who generously welcome the new life in their midst –

That Our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother and His Great Guardian St Joseph will protect and strengthen them every day of their earthly lives ...

Let us pray to the Lord