



## *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

### **Intercessions** **Based on the** **Seven Key Themes of** **Catholic Social Teaching**



#### **The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person**

For those who govern nations and make laws: for the wisdom and courage to honor the dignity of all human life from conception until death. We pray to the Lord.

For Christians everywhere: for the willingness to strive to put an end to abortion, unjust wars, the death penalty, racism, torture, and any form of violence which threatens the sanctity of human life. We pray to the Lord.

#### **Call to Family, Community, and Participation**

For every person who has the right and duty to vote: for the grace to make prayerful decisions based on Gospel values and Church teaching. We pray to the Lord.

For families threatened by a culture of commercialism and consumerism, for the elderly and homebound, and for children in need, and for Church and local communities who create programs to support them. We pray to the Lord.

#### **Rights and Responsibilities**

For those who are not free to express their religious beliefs, for those who have no rights, and for those who fight to defend their civil liberties. We pray to the Lord.

For civil leaders and for compassionate nations: for the fortitude to defend the rights of every human being to have food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and family life. We pray to the Lord.

#### **Option of the Poor and Vulnerable**

For the poor and vulnerable in our midst, and for those, who by their works of charity, give comfort and aid to those most in need. We pray to the Lord.

For an end to systems that perpetuate the disparities between the rich and poor, and for those who work to achieve economic justice for all peoples. We pray to the Lord.

#### **Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers**

For our Pope, our bishops, and those who have tirelessly worked to voice their concern for migrant workers, and for civil leaders who have the power to create just and fair laws. We pray to the Lord.

For workers who lack a fair and just wage, health care benefits, and financial security for their old age, and for employers who have the duty to assure economic justice for all their employees. We pray to the Lord.

## **Solidarity**

For agencies who reach out to the poor and vulnerable across the world; for an end to unjust wars; and for those who stand with the poor and work to end poverty in our world. We pray to the Lord.

For a global understanding that recognizes solidarity with people's of every nation; for an end to racism that divides countries; for a world that values every human being as members of the one human family. We pray to the Lord.

## **Caring for God's Creation**

For our nations' leaders and for all who seek to be good stewards of God's creation by supporting legislation that protects our planet and ensures a safe environment for all people. We pray to the Lord

For a greater respect of the earth, for the courage to live simpler lives, and for a willingness to make choices that protect the earth's environment. We pray to the Lord.