

 *In keeping with our National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family 2014
25th Anniversary theme: "Pray as though everything depended on God; Work as though everything depended on you."*

St. Augustine of Hippo,

*We invite and encourage the Black Catholic Community and all people of faith throughout the Archdiocese of New York
to join with us on THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD on March 25th, by praying
the "Prayer for Life," given by Blessed John Paul II on March 25, 1995.*

*Then after we have prayed the prayer for life with our families and friends (as if everything depended on God), let us
work together without ceasing (as if everything depended on us) for the dignity of ALL HUMAN LIFE*

Prayer for Life



Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

*Blessed Pope John Paul II from the Gospel of Life given in Rome on 25 March 1995,
the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*



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