

**Prayer of the Faithful, Respect Life Sunday, October 2, 2016**

*Priest:* Loving Father, we pray for your blessing and assistance in helping us build a culture of life.

*Lector:*

Guide us as we work to put an end to abortion and the destruction of innocent human life.

*We pray to the Lord.*

Fill us with your grace as we minister to those who feel unwanted and lost, mistakenly believing that suicide is their only option.

*We pray to the Lord.*

Comfort us so we may comfort those victims and their families who have been terribly hurt by violence and hate.

*We pray to the Lord.*

Hold us near as we pray for your children on death row and for their families.

*We pray to the Lord.*

Send us your spirit of wisdom so that our voting will reflect the faith that we profess together here today.

*We pray to the Lord.*

Please now add your own petitions in silence. . .

*We pray to the Lord.*

*Priest:* Compassionate Father, with you by our side, we will be your witnesses proclaiming that every human life is precious and created by you. *We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*