



# January

## RESPECT LIFE OBSERVANCES/EVENTS

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### COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS and ADAPTATIONS

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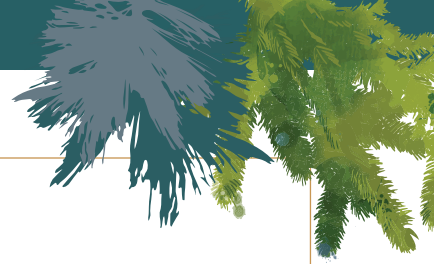
Despite restrictions in some areas of the country to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the [January Action Guide](#) and [9 Days for Life](#) remain adaptable to current challenges and circumstances. Designed primarily as a digital prayer effort, the annual, nationwide novena 9 Days for Life can help unite Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of human life.

The majority of resources can be used in either virtual or in-person settings. For example, the sample pulpit announcements and homily notes can be shared with your pastor for inclusion during both publicly attended and live-streamed Masses. Sample intercessions can still be included during the Prayer of the Faithful. You might consider incorporating some of promotional graphics for 9 Days for Life in emails, newsletters, digital or print bulletins, and on parish websites. For easy social media content, you can also share posts from USCCB Respect Life's Facebook ([USCCB Respect Life](#)) and Twitter ([@uscpcbprolife](#)) accounts before and during the novena.

As always, please be sure to follow all local policies and procedures of your parish and diocese, and obtain whatever permission is needed.

A full listing of leader resources is available at [respectlife.org/leaders-resources](https://respectlife.org/leaders-resources).





## IDEAS FOR USING INTERCESSIONS

- ◆ Share with your pastor as options for the Prayer of the Faithful during live-streamed (and publicly-attended) Masses.
- ◆ Include one intention each week of January in parish emails and/or text messages.
- ◆ Post one intention on your parish website and social media accounts each week.
- ◆ Send to members of your parish prayer ministry group and your parish pro-life ministry group, asking them to pray for the weekly intercessions.
- ◆ Include the weekly intercession in the parish bulletin, whether print or digital.

## IDEAS FOR USING HOMILY HELPS

- ◆ Share with your pastor so he can incorporate Respect Life themes in his messages or homilies to the parish.
- ◆ Use as the basis for a talk or a discussion in a socially distanced or virtual ministry or faith-sharing group.

## IDEAS FOR USING GRAPHICS

- ◆ Include promotional graphics in parish emails, newsletters, or bulletins, and encourage parishioners to sign up for the novena at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).
- ◆ During the novena, share each daily intention posted by USCCB Respect Life's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts in parish groups and on social media accounts.
- ◆ Include ads for 9 Days for Life on your parish website, linking to the sign-up page, [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).