

A HOLY HOUR FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE NSW EUTHANASIA BILL

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We personally and most earnestly ask the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament to listen to our prayer that the Euthanasia Bill may be struck down and defeated in the NSW Parliament.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 11: 17-44

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

V: The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection on the Gospel (3-5 minutes)

Emphasis given to the inviolable dignity of the human person in light of the eternal destiny to which each is invited to participate in by our Heavenly Father and Creator.

Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary – The Sorrowful Mysteries

We ask Our Lady to intercede for our sick, frail, and elderly brothers and sisters and all who are threatened most by the proposed Euthanasia legislation. We pray, too, that our Immaculate Queen and Mother may crush the head of the Serpent who seeks only our death and destruction and for the conversion of those who are working to bring about this death dealing Bill.

A Litany for Life

Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy; *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, hear us; *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father Creator of the world; *have mercy on us*

For every sin committed against the dignity of human life; *have mercy on us*

For the lives lost through anti-life legislation throughout our land; *have mercy on us*

For the silence of those in positions of responsibility, *have mercy on us*

For those who have sponsored and voted in anti-life laws; *have mercy on us*

For all who assist and cooperate in the act of Euthanasia; *have mercy on us*

For those whose lives are threatened by Euthanasia; *hear our prayer*

For doctors and nurses, that they may nurture life; *hear our prayer*

For doctors and nurses whose employment is at risk because they oppose anti-life mandates; *hear our prayer*

For politicians who are pressured by anti-life lobbyists; *hear our prayer*

For those pressured to remove ethical and life sustaining treatment; *hear our prayer*

For all of us here, that we may always speak and stand up for life; *hear our prayer*

For those who work in the pro-life movement; *hear our prayer*

For courage and perseverance in support of pro-life work; *hear our prayer*

For legal professionals, courts and judges, educators, media professionals, that they may always work for the protection of all human lives from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death; *hear our prayer*

In thanksgiving for the lives saved through pro-life advocacy and effort; *hear our prayer*

In thanksgiving for those who publicly uphold human life and dignity; *hear our prayer*

In thanksgiving for the call to be part of the pro-life movement; *hear our prayer*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world; *Spare us O Lord*

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; *Graciously hear us, O Lord*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world; *Have mercy on us*

Let us Pray

Almighty and ever-living God, You have created all things through your Son Jesus Christ. He trampled the power of death by His Paschal Mystery. May all who acknowledge You promote the sacredness and beauty of all human life and always seek to serve you faithfully. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

We ask Our Lord to have mercy on the people of our nation Australia for the offenses that are committed against the inviolable dignity of human life. In your infinite mercy Lord Jesus, deign that we might become a people of life who ever seek to build a civilisation of love.

BENEDICTION

Tantum Ergo

Down in adoration falling,
this great sacrament we hail;
over ancient forms departing
newer rites of grace prevail;
faith for all defects supplying
where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
and the Son who reigns on high,
with the Spirit blest,
proceeding forth from each eternally,
be salvation, honour, blessing,
might and endless majesty

V. You have given them bread from heaven.

R. Having in itself all delight.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints.

REPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Prayer to St Joseph for the Defeat of the NSW Euthanasia Bill

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our time of tribulation. We humbly and earnestly implore your powerful assistance in combatting the threat to human life posed by the NSW Euthanasia Bill.

Through that love which bound you to the Immaculate Mother of God and with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to have kind regard for our vulnerable brothers and sisters whose very existence this Bill threatens. Come to their aid Oh Hope of the Sick and Patron of a Happy Death, that they may be comforted and protected by Jesus Christ your Son whose Precious Blood was shed that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Oh Guardian of the Holy Family, defend us in this time of difficulty. Most loving father, guard us from every contagion of error. Mighty protector, intercede for us that this death dealing Bill may be defeated.

Amen.

Thank you for participating in this Holy Hour. Please continue to pray and offer up your personal sacrifices for the defeat of this immoral and death dealing Bill.

Our prayer is the spiritual sword which we are all called to wield in the face of oppression and evil.

God bless you!