

# PRAYER FOR NASCENT HUMAN LIFE

by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

*Lord Jesus,*



You who faithfully visit and fulfil with your Presence  
the Church and the history of men;  
You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood  
render us participants in Divine Life  
and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life;  
We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life,  
truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life,  
make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb  
the miraculous work of the Creator,  
open our hearts to generously welcoming every child  
that comes into life.

Bless all families,  
sanctify the union of spouses,  
render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies  
with the light of your Spirit,  
so that peoples and nations may recognise and respect  
the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

Guide the work of scientists and doctors,  
so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person,  
and no-one endures suppression or injustice.

Gift creative charity to administrators and economists,  
so they may realise and promote sufficient conditions  
so that young families can serenely embrace  
the birth of new children

Console the married couples who suffer  
because they are unable to have children  
and in Your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children,  
so they may experience the warmth of your Charity,  
the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer,  
in whose womb you took on our human nature,  
we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Saviour,  
the strength to love and serve life,  
in anticipation of living forever in You,  
in communion with the Blessed Trinity.



**Amen.**