

## **Novena for Life**

### **Day 2 – Birth**

Leader: In the Name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father...

Leader: “And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn” Luke 2:7

Leader: Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of life in the womb. May we all venerate it for the miracle that it is.

We thank you for all who, like Mary, will give birth this day. Grant them all safe delivery, a minimum of pain, and the support of doctors, nurses, midwives, spouses and family members.

We pray for all whose delivery is complicated. Grant wisdom to all who attend them and empower them through their ordeal. Give them a sense of your loving presence, a presence that drives out all fear.

Father, our hearts aches for all those whose infant lives are terminated this day in pain and anguish. Thank you that they too are on an endless journey that cannot be terminated by human actions. May they joyfully enter the family of the holy innocents and find there forgiveness and compassion for all those who denied them life on earth. Grant them a joyful reunion with their mothers one day. We ask all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life.