

Novena for Life

Day 7 – Middle Age and Retirement

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

Leader: “I cry out to God most high. To God who fulfils his purposes for me.” Psalm 57:2

“In that renewal there is no longer Jew or Greek, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, but Christ is all in all.” Col. 3:11

Leader: Let us pray.

We thank you that you are building in your Son, the just society, the Kingdom of God where each and every person you have created – indeed the whole creation – may find its rightful and honoured place. We thank you too that your church is at the heart of this new creation for she is the very Body of your Son here on earth. We pray that those who have felt excluded or actually been excluded from this communion of your chosen ones as a result of their sexual identity, gender, race, culture, disability etc. will find it in their hearts to forgive this exclusion. For our part, we deeply regret that we have not been as welcoming to all as was your Son, who was the friend of all and especially of outcasts and sinners. We pray for those in your church who are approaching retirement or are already retired, who are no longer parenting and find themselves with time on their hands. May they cry out to you to fulfill your purposes for them in their lives. We pray for all service organizations in your church. Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women’s League, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Kane’s Kitchen, that they may fruitfully channel this desire to sacrifice and serve your people, especially the poor, sick and the needy. Prosper their work and inspire their members, we pray.

And we ask these prayers in the all prevailing name of your Son, our LORD, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life