



Join us for a

Novena

for the reversal of the unjust mandate
that the HHS has imposed on our country

Who: Individuals, Families, Friends

When: Wednesday, February 29th through Thursday,
March 8th.

Where: At Home, At Dinner,
At Bedtime, In Adoration

What: Novena includes

- A Scripture reading
- A Litany for Life
- Prayer of the Day



The Novena will be posted each day on the church website:
www.silcc.org ... click on the link in the calendar, or pick it
up at the Parish office.

Why: Health Insurance Mandate seriously threatens Reli-
gious Freedom and Conscience Rights in United States. For
more information, please visit the Social Jus-
tice page of the website, or www.usccb.org.



What do you need: A Bible. Some quiet time,
and a resolve to change the mandate.

HHS Novena

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Litany For Life:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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God of all creation.

Christ, through whom all things were made.

Spirit of life and truth,

On each child just conceived

For peace and for hope

On all new fathers,

On all new mothers,

On those who defend life,

On the Department of Health and Human Services

On all who work to change unjust laws,

On all who live the Gospel of Life,

On Congressmen who work for life,

On our President,

On the members of the House,

On the members of the Senate,

On judges who struggle with justice,

On lawyers who seek to speak truth,

On judges who love life,

On the judges of our Supreme Court,

On those who argue before them,

On all who seek mercy,

On all who seek peace,

On all who seek healing, mercy and perfect peace,

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God our loving Father,

grant wisdom to those who govern us,

compassion and courage

to those who work to defend our rights

and care to every human being.

For you alone who formed us in our mother's wombs,

and who call us home to heaven,

*are God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate, Day 1:

Bible Verse: Isaiah 9:1-6 His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Lord God,
You are the Author of Life and Freedom.
In your Spirit, we have the freedom of the children of God,
And in your Name, we promote the freedom of all
To seek, embrace, and live the truth of your Word.

In that freedom, Lord, we your people stand with Life
And reject whatever destroys life
Or distorts the meaning of human sexuality.

In that freedom, Lord, we your people live our lives
In a way that advances your Kingdom of Life,
And we refuse to cooperate in what is evil.

At this moment, therefore, when our government has decided
To force us to cooperate in evil,
We pray for the grace to be faithful to you
And to oppose the unjust laws and mandates
That have been imposed upon us and our institutions.

We pray for the conversion of those in civil authority
Who fail to appreciate the demands of conscience.
We pray for the complete reversal of all policies
That permit the destruction of life
Or coerce the cooperation of your people
In practices that are wrong.
Bring us to a Culture of Life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate, Day 2

Bible Verse: Isaiah 32:15-18 Justice will bring about peace.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
You are the ruler of every nation
And you call all nations to obey your law,
Which is higher than any human law.

Lord Jesus,
We lift up to you today
All who serve in public office.

We pray, Lord, for our President
And for the thousands of people who serve in his administration.
We pray that you enlighten and guide them,
And free them from the deception of evil.

Give them a new respect for human life, for freedom of conscience,
And for the rights of your people.
We pray that your people may be free from all unjust laws and mandates
And may always raise their voices
On behalf of human rights.

We ask this of you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 3

Bible Verse: Isaiah 57:15-19 Peace, peace for all, both far and near.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

God our Father,
You are the author of Liberty.
You created each human being
In your own image and likeness,
And bestowed upon each person
A dignity that nobody can take away.

You are the defender of our freedom,
A freedom by which we seek you,
And seek to be faithful to your law.

At this time of our history,
We ask you to protect the freedom you have given us
And to defend our dignity.

Give us the grace to speak up
On behalf of conscience,
And the freedom to live out our faith
No matter what the cost.

Give to each person, and to our public officials
the grace to respect
each person's freedom of conscience and religion.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 4

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6-9 The peace of God will guard your hearts and minds.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Ruler of all nations,
You gave your apostles the command
To preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,
And promised that you would be with them all days,
Even until the end of the world.

After your Ascension,
They went forth to preach your word
And you confirmed with signs and wonders
That you were working through them.

When they were told by the authorities of their day
Not to speak your name anymore,
And were even arrested and scourged,
They boldly declared,
"We must obey God rather than men!"

Lord Jesus,
You continue to proclaim your Word
in your Church today.
Give us the same clarity, courage, and determination
That your apostles had,
That we may not allow any obstacle or earthly power
To intimidate us into silence or compromise.

Grant that our highest loyalty may always and only be to you,
Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 5

Bible Verse: James 3:13-18 The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Lord God,
You are Light, and in you there is no darkness.
You sent your Son Jesus Christ
As the Light of the World,
And you sent your Holy Spirit
To enlighten the hearts and minds of all.

Lord, we pray today
That we may always experience
The light of your truth,
Informing our conscience
Of what is right and what is wrong.

We pray that this light
Will reach all of our fellow citizens
That they may recognize the dangers of evil
Which are often hidden along their path.

Open the eyes and minds of all
To the threats that currently exist
To our religious freedom,
To the health and well-being of women,
And to the good of our nation.

Give us the grace not only to recognize evil,
But also to reject it with the unwavering strength
That comes from you.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 6

**Bible Verse: Matthew 5:1-12a Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Father,
You unite the human family
Through the blood of your Son Jesus Christ
And the gift of the Holy Spirit.

At this time of need,
When your Church and all your people
Are called to stand firm against injustices
Inflicted on us from our government,
We ask you to strengthen us in the bond of unity.

Strengthen the unity of your Church,
That none of your faithful may be on the sidelines,
But that everyone may be active in this battle.

Give Church leaders the grace to discern
The many varieties of the working of your Spirit
That they may fan into flame the gifts that the Spirit
Bestows freely on your people.

And give us the wisdom to know
That no group has a monopoly on the defense of life and freedom.
May we work in an ecumenical and inter-religious spirit
And welcome the efforts of all people of good will
Who believe in freedom of religion and conscience.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 7

Bible Verse: Matthew 5:38-48 I say this to you: offer no resistance to one who is evil.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
We thank you, Father,
For the grace of repentance
And the power of conversion at work in your people.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit,
Who convicts us of sin and enlightens us
About how to please you.
Lord, enable your people,
In the midst of current persecution and danger,
To live the spirit of repentance
Ever more deeply and effectively.

For every moment we lacked courage in the past,
Give us the grace to repent.
For every time we were silent when we should have spoken,
Give us the grace to repent.
For every time we could have witnessed to life but did not,
Give us the grace to repent.

Made strong by the spirit of repentance,
May your people rise up
And reverse the tide of evil in our midst.

Enable us to defend our freedom
And to build a Culture of Life.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 8

Bible Verse: John 14:23-29 My peace I give to you.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

Father,
Your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
That those who mourn over their sins
And over the evils in the world
Are blessed indeed, and will be comforted.

We come before you today
In that spirit of Christian mourning
Over how far our nation's policies
Have strayed from your law
And from the respect for life and conscience
That every law should reflect.

In the power of your Spirit,
Our mourning does not make us weak,
But rather renews our strength
To work for change.

Enable us, then, to speak up
And educate our fellow citizens,
And to make our voices heard
To our elected officials.

Reverse the unjust policies
That have been forced upon us,
And restore our nation
To the principles of freedom and justice
Upon which it was founded.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to Reverse HHS Mandate -- Day 9

Bible Verse: John 20:19-23 Peace be with you.

Litany For Life

Closing Prayer:

God of our Fathers,
We thank you for our nation,
Founded by those who believed in your Word
And came to this land as if out of the desert
To seek a place of freedom and rest.

We thank you for their conviction
That our rights come from You, our Creator,
And that government exists
To secure those rights,
And never to destroy or weaken them.

Now that we face unjust mandates
That call upon us to violate our conscience,
We pray for your protection.
Keep us faithful to you in our every deed.

Grant that we may work for change
By being citizens who are active in the process
By which we elect our leaders.

Grant that by our efforts to educate and mobilize voters,
We may replace public officials who ignore your law
With those who observe it faithfully.
Bless our nation's upcoming elections.

As we rejoice that we are citizens of your Kingdom,
So make us always faithful citizens on earth.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.