

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life,
our own life, the lives of our loved ones,
the lives of those we don't love,
the life that erupts around us every spring.

We pray for those who are fragile,
those whose lives are precarious
and depend on others –
for the unborn, helpless in the womb,
for the very old, in a twilight of waiting,
for the migrants, clinging to hope
for the exploited, imprisoned in fear,
for the condemned, hurried to death at the hands of others.

We pray for those with influence
over the lives of their fellow human beings,
over those who are helpless –
for mothers who carry life within them,
for the caregivers and visitors,
for the border patrol,
for the entrepreneurs,
for those who sit in judgement,

help them to see
the beauty of the lives in their care,
to do no harm,
but work for its flourishing.

Amen

