



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

*Devotional for Day 14, Tuesday, October 11*

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## Intention:

Let us ask for the grace of "Perseverance" in prayer.

## Scripture:

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial, for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

— *James 1:12*

## Reflection:

Outside of the abortion mills, these centres of destruction and denial of God's most precious gift of life, we see many of our spiritual soldiers praying for the conversion of hearts.

The heart is the key. If the heart converts, the Mother will not only save the child nestled in the womb, but future generations of that child.

The child somehow can sense the power of the prayer and the love directed towards itself, even if it has been rejected by many and even treated as a "disease" nowadays. You praying are the Lord's instrument of conversion outside the mill. The child somehow knows you are there.

Your prayer touched the Mother. Does the child then know whether the Mother's heart has turned back to God?

YES INDEED. As in Holy Scripture, when the Mother says "YES" to the plan of God, the child can even leap, as St. John the Baptist, in the womb.

Pray then for conversion of hearts but also pray for perseverance in this monumental spiritual struggle against the "culture of death." Perseverance to be always "available" at the "Modern Day Calvary" so that one day you may answer "YES" with humility to the question "Were you there with perseverance when they crucified my Lord?"

## Prayer:

Lord, grant us the grace to be instruments of conversion of hearts to remove the spiritual blindness in the world and recognise all children as a beautiful gift of your Most Holy Divine Providence.

May we be converted ourselves and persevere each day and draw closer to your Most Merciful Heart, so that we can touch others and show them your Infinite Goodness.

We know that you will bring a greater good out of this evil of abortion. Did you not bring the greatest good ever, the Resurrection, from the greatest evil ever perpetrated by man, crucifying you on the "Tree of Life"? Amen.