



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

*Devotional for Day 30, Thursday, March 23*

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## Intention:

May we all recognize the infinite, eternal love that God our Creator has for each and every human being.

## Scripture:

Thus says the Lord: At that time, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. (...) With age-old love I have loved you; so, I have kept my mercy toward you. Again, I will build you, and you shall stay built.

—*Jeremiah 31:3*

## Reflection:

Jesus While the words of the prophet Jeremiah are directed historically to the People of Israel, the tradition of the Church has interpreted them as applying also to the love that God has for each human being He creates.

This means that each and every human being, regardless of their status in society, regardless of their ability to work, or to do any other “useful” activity (“useful” as the worldly world understands it), has been loved by God from all eternity, and His love continues to be showered on every person for all eternity.

Now The culture of “death” in which we live today, has forgotten this fundamental principle of Christian thought: that every human life that is conceived in the womb is loved infinitely by God, and He continues to love that person for all eternity. This, together with the fact that God created every human being in His image and likeness (see Genesis 1:26), gives them a sacredness and dignity that requires all our respect and reverence.

Loving every human being (the unborn child in the womb, those who are incapacitated, the elderly, etc.) is a consequence of God’s love for each and every one of us.

## Prayer:

Eternal Father, You love us with an infinite and unfathomable Love, grant us the grace to understand the incalculable dignity of each human person.

Strengthen us in our daily struggle against evil, that we may be witnesses in the world of Your Love for us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.