

## PRAYER OF POPE JOHN PAUL II „Evangelium vitae”



O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 25 March, the Solemnity of the  
Annunciation of the Lord, in the year 1995, the seventeenth of my Pontificate.

John Paul II, pope



With the icon of Jasna Gora  
in defense of life

„From Ocean  
to Ocean”

## ENTRUSTING THE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIZATION OF LIFE AND LOVE INTO THE HANDS OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*O Blessed Virgin Mary, Chaste Mother of God,  
Immaculate Virgin.*

*Into your hands we entrust the great cause  
of protecting the civilization of life and love.  
We live in a difficult time of a massive  
global attack by the civilization of death.  
Very many innocent people are perishing  
- unborn children, the aged and the sick.  
The number of victims already exceeds  
two billion human beings.  
Each day an additional 50 thousand children  
die in their mother's womb.  
Many people do not want to have any children at all.  
Means of destroying fertility and life  
are becoming more and more common.*

*Infertility of married couples is increasing.  
The human child is becoming a product  
of modern technology, a donor of cells and organs.  
Children "are produced" with designated attributes,  
subject to selection.  
Hundreds of thousands of frozen embryos are preserved  
between life and death in liquid nitrogen.*



*International man made law denies legal  
protection to the life of the unborn child.  
More and more countries are legalizing euthanasia.  
The attack on marriage and the family is increasing.*

*O Holy Mother,  
we promise you that we will defend  
human life, especially the small  
and defenseless, with all our strength.*

*We stand before you,  
Mother of Our Redeemer,  
fully aware that alone we are  
unable to win that global struggle.  
Stand at the forefront of the defense  
of life movements and lead us.  
Protect life! Save the family!  
Strengthen us!*

*Obtain from your son the victory  
of the civilization of life and love!*

*Entrusting was done during dedication  
and application to the original ceremony of the icon.  
Czestochowa, Jasna Gora 28 January 2012*



Pilgrimage route