

PRAY FOR LIFE OVER DEATH

# Seeking Justice Informed by Mercy and Compassion

## Novena to End Florida's Death Penalty

**Day 2 | August 7, 2025**

*"Cain said to the LORD: 'My punishment is too great to bear. Look, you have now banished me from the ground. I must avoid you and be a constant wanderer on the earth. Anyone may kill me at sight.' Not so! the LORD said to him. If anyone kills Cain, Cain shall be avenged seven times. So the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one would kill him at sight." (Genesis 4:13-15)*

Merciful Father, we ask your blessing on all we do to build a culture of life.  
Hear our prayers for those impacted by the death penalty.

We pray for all people,  
that their lives and dignity as children of a loving God may be respected and protected in  
all stages and circumstances.

We pray for victims of violence and their families,  
that they may experience our love and support and find comfort in your compassion and  
in the promise of eternal life.

We pray for those on death row,  
that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may  
come to acknowledge their faults and seek reconciliation with you.

We pray for the families of those who are facing execution,  
that they may be comforted by your love and compassion.

We pray for civic leaders,  
that they may commit themselves to respecting every human life and ending the use of  
the death penalty in our land.

Compassionate Father, give us wisdom and hearts filled with your love.  
Guide us as we work to end the use of the death penalty and to build a society that truly  
chooses life in all situations.

We ask this, Father, through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns  
with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*



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