

## INTERCEDE



## PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## REFLECT

There's a new push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortion. For nearly 50 years, the Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion. Now, some in Congress want to take away these laws. Without the Hyde Amendment, billions of dollars in healthcare funding could go to abortion.

The first responsibility of any government is to protect human life. Our country fails to fulfill this most basic role when it neglects to protect life and instead actively promotes its destruction. Pope St. John Paul II wrote that “the value of democracy stands or falls with the values which it embodies and promotes” (*Evangelium vitae* 70). As Catholics, we are called to follow Jesus’ teachings in all aspects of our lives, including our participation in public and civic life.

Together, “we need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society” (EV 80). Let us build a culture that upholds the dignity of every human person. Let us stand for those who have no voice.

## ACT (choose one)

- Offer a Rosary for this month’s intention. (Pro-life intentions for each mystery can be found at [usccb.org/pro-life-prayer](https://usccb.org/pro-life-prayer).)
- Sign the petition to protect unborn children and their mothers at [notaxpayerabortion.com](https://notaxpayerabortion.com).
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month’s intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortion at [notaxpayerabortion.com/learn](https://notaxpayerabortion.com/learn).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The best way to stay updated on threats to life and how to defend it is to join Respect Life Prayer and Action at [respectlife.org/prayer-and-action](https://respectlife.org/prayer-and-action). If you’re already signed up, invite a friend to join!

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