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Sanctity of Life Prayer Guide



Abortion *is an* urgent matter *for prayer.*

More than *1.2 million*
babies are killed by
abortion in the United
States every year. That's
over *3,300 every day.*

Approximately *one of*
every five babies
conceived in the
United States *is killed*
by abortion.

Abortion is the leading
cause of death in the
United States, *more than*
heart disease and
cancer combined.

Open your mouth for the *speechless*,
in the cause of all
who are *appointed to die*.

Open your mouth, *judge righteously*,
And plead the cause of
the poor and needy.

PROVERBS 31:8-9



Sanctity of Life

*God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.*

Genesis 1:27

Human life is sacred because God created it. Psalm 139 elaborates on this truth, telling us it was God who “formed [our] inward parts” and we are all “fearfully and wonderfully made”. Every child conceived is God’s workmanship; therefore, every life, from its beginning to its end, belongs to God! Think how grieved He is when His workmanship is destroyed before the baby even has a chance to leave the womb. Who are we to say anything about the disposition and purpose of His handiwork?

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him” (Col. 1:15-16).

God created us to bring Himself glory and to magnify His name. The act of abortion is taking away one of the means God uses to bring glory to Himself. We must rise up against this evil at our doorstep, and we must begin with prayer.

Pray that you, the church, and our whole nation would stand up for the sanctity of human life.

Mercy

*Therefore be merciful,
just as your Father
also is merciful.*

Luke 6:36

It is easy for us to become enraged with those who would even consider taking the life of an unborn child. Yet we are no more deserving of mercy than they are. We did not deserve mercy in our deadness and sin, yet God showed mercy and willingly gave His Son to die in order that we might live. How much more should we as sinners show mercy to the lost!

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ” (Eph. 2:4-5).

When we address the issue of abortion we must not let our anger be divorced from mercy, particularly when we are trying to help someone going through a crisis pregnancy. As receivers of mercy we must also be givers of it. We need to ask the Lord to change our hearts and our thinking. We must ask Him to enable us to show mercy to those who are going through a difficult situation and be willing to walk through the valley with them.

Sadly women have come to expect judgment rather than mercy from the church. We want to welcome these women into our lives and demonstrate the mercy of Christ by sharing the gospel, helping with their very real physical and emotional needs, and, Lord willing, even save a life.

**Pray that the Lord will enable you
to show the mercy of Christ to
women and families in need.**

Provision

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Matthew 6:26

Women experiencing crisis pregnancies are faced with many needs they may not be able to provide for on their own. Practical things like maternity clothes, diapers and other baby accessories may be unaffordable. She may need safety from an abusive household, where a boyfriend/husband or even a parent may desire the abortion despite her protestations or misgivings.

James 1:27 says “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...” In many ways babies in danger of abortion are orphans—one or both of their parents have emotionally abandoned them and are literally considering murdering them. Often a woman in a crisis pregnancy can be considered a widow because either her baby’s father has abandoned her or is threatening to abandon her if she does not have the abortion.

We can help in practical ways and through prayer. If she has already had an abortion she needs to hear the truth of the gospel and find the sweet forgiveness that comes from kneeling before the Savior.

Ask the Lord to show how you can serve these women with your time, talent and treasures.

Revival

*All the ends of the world shall remember
and turn to the Lord, and all the families
of the nations shall worship before you.*

Psalm 22:27

Revival takes place when the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and renews our hearts and minds, producing repentance and enduring faith. When we pray for revival in our nation we are seeking a spiritual awakening reviving the souls of all men. In order to end abortion we must ask the Lord to change not only the laws of our country but the hearts of its people.

It is of little use to pray for revival without praying that God would raise up Christians to spread the gospel. Jesus said "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Most importantly, we ourselves must go. The mission field begins with sharing the gospel with those around us, including those bound for abortion in our cities.

Proverbs 24:11-12 says "Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' does not He who weighs the heart consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?"

**Pray that the Lord would send workers into
the harvest, including us; and for true revival
in our nation and around the world.**



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How to help.

As you pray, if you are moved to take action you can:



Contact your local crisis pregnancy center and get involved in their ministry through donations, volunteer work, or serving as a counseling or shelter resource.



Ask your pastor, elders or deacons about pro-life efforts your church or larger church/denominational community is involved with.



Research your local abortion clinic. Do Christians go to share the gospel there? Consider physically joining them, whether to preach alongside them or simply to stand and pray for the abortion-minded parents entering the clinic.



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