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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*.

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

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*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



# Perseverance

*Now may the Lord direct your hearts  
into the love of God  
and into the patience of Christ.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:5**

Whether legislatively, in court, or on the sidewalks, when it comes to fighting abortion our efforts can sometimes seem futile. Think of the sidewalk counselor who stands outside an abortion mill every day preaching the law of God, proclaiming the gospel, and praying for the women to turn away from death and choose life. In return the counselor is often mocked, threatened, and has to watch dozens of women lead their unborn children to death. The days where mothers choose life can be few and far between.

How can we persevere in the face of this horrific evil? What can be done when it seems like all hope is lost? First, we must fix our eyes on Christ (Hebrews 12:2). He is our strength (Philippians 4:13) and it is His Spirit who enables us to labor for the Lord. When we grow weary, we must remember that the ultimate purpose of our work is not to end abortion but to glorify God. If we have been called to minister on behalf of the voiceless, we must honor God by taking up this calling and rising to the aid of those being led to the slaughter (Proverbs 31:8).

We must also encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

**Pray that the Lord would help you persevere in the fight against abortion as well as in supporting and encouraging others who are doing the same.**

# Faith

*Above all, taking the shield of faith  
with which you will be able to  
quench all the fiery darts  
of the wicked one.*

**Ephesians 6:16**

Waiting on the Lord to work in our lives and the lives of those around us is often a difficult thing to do—especially when the lives of precious unborn children hang in the balance. It is easy to doubt God is really at work in our secular, post-Christian culture. It may even seem like our anti-abortion efforts—praying, preaching, counseling, and financial support—are futile against the fiery darts of the devil.

The very fact that abortion exists—and has existed for thousands of years—points to one of the most fundamental principles of the Reformed faith: total depravity. Romans 3:10-12 says, “As it is written: ‘There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside...there is none who does good, no, not one.’”

We are all sinners, abortion-minded or not. We must remember that the faith we have is not of our own doing but “it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). We should strive to display Christ to the unbelieving world.

Moreover, our faith is not defenseless. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is our shield (Ephesians 6:16), a defense in times of trouble. In this dark age, do not lose heart but press on in faith. Preach the good news to those heading for death, for “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

**Pray for faith to press on in our  
spiritual battle, and boldness to  
preach the Word of God to those  
considering abortion.**

# Joy

*I say to you, there is joy in  
the presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents.*

**Luke 15:10**

Throughout Scripture we are encouraged to have joy. In Psalm 16:11 David says that in the Lord's presence there is "fullness of joy." James says to "count it all joy when you fall into various trials" (James 1:2). Paul tells us joy is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and "if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

It may seem difficult to have joy when we contemplate the thousands of babies who are killed every day by abortion. But we do not need to rely on our own strength for our joy! Jesus says if we abide in Him and He abides in us, our joy will be full (John 15:1-11).

God says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). The knowledge that the Lord, in His sovereign mercy, works His will in the world gives us a joy that John MacArthur defines as "the experience of well-being that springs from the deep-down confidence that God is in perfect control of everything for my good and His glory."

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul praises the churches of Macedonia, saying, "the abundance of their joy ... abounded in the riches of their liberality"; they were generous and ministered "beyond their ability" (2 Corinthians 8:2-3). May it be so with us.

**Pray that the church would be "strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy" (Colossians 1:11) as we share the gospel and combat the evil of abortion.**

# Revival

*How much better to get  
wisdom than gold!*

**Proverbs 16:16**

Crisis pregnancies are fraught with deep emotion, overwhelming needs, and even physical danger. Faced with the realities of abortion, it can be difficult to know how to proceed or even begin to address it.

But "if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

When we seek to support women in crisis pregnancies, we must do it with wisdom. James explains that "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17). This passage can guide us as we encounter abortion-minded men and women and pray for those who are on the "front lines" of ministry.

As we seek to be a voice for the voiceless "in the cause of all who are appointed to die" (Proverbs 31:8), we know we cannot do His work in our own wisdom or power. Job reminded his friends that "with Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding" (Job 12:13). For us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Paul says, "you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God" (1 Corinthians 1:30). We have but to ask.

**Pray that the Lord would grant wisdom  
to those who seek to offer help  
to women considering abortion.**



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# How to help.

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



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



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



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**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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