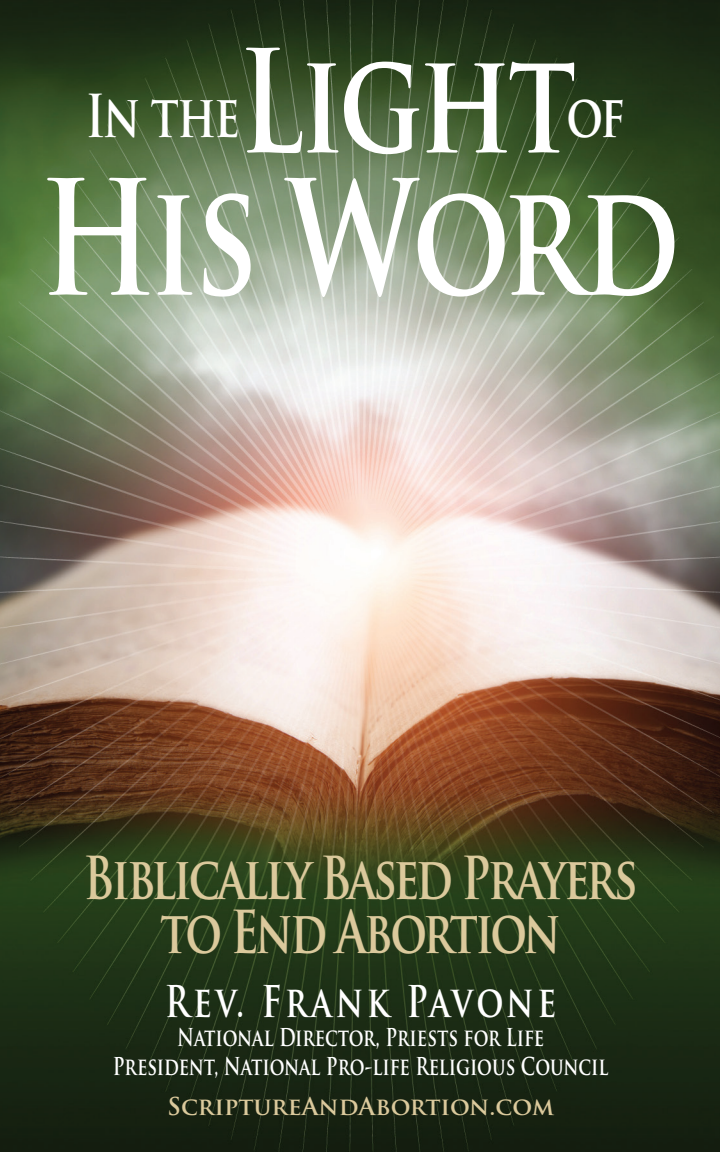




IN THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD

BIBLICALLY BASED PRAYERS TO END ABORTION

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In the Light of His Word

Biblically Based Prayers to End Abortion

Scripture is “the Word of Life” (Phil. 2:16, 1 Jn. 1:1). Every page of God’s Word leads us to share His life more fully, and to know more intimately the one who died for us while we were still sinners (cf. Rom. 5:8). Scripture teaches that the love Christ showed for us is the love we are to have for one another. “He laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 Jn. 3:16).

And the love of neighbor to which Scripture commands us cannot admit of exclusion. In fact, it embraces all in need, as the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:29ff) reminds us.

That love, that care for those who need our help, extends to the youngest, smallest, most vulnerable of our neighbors, the children yet in the womb. They are indeed the image of God (Gn. 1:26). We must not close our hearts to them (1 Jn. 3:17); they are in the greatest need of all, for their very right to life has been removed from the law. No act of violence, or any cause of death, claims a larger number of victims than abortion, and the blood of the unborn cries out to God from the ground (Gn. 4:10).

This book is the third in a special series of prayer booklets I have written for the pro-life movement. The first, *In the Palm of His Hand: Prayers to End Abortion*, equips God’s people to pray for the unborn in a variety of circumstances and special times of the year. The second, *In the Heart of His Mercy: Prayers to Heal the Wounds of Abortion*, asks for God’s mercy and healing for many groups of people who are wounded by each abortion.

Now this book, *In the Light of His Word: Biblically Based Prayers to End Abortion*, takes key themes in God's Word as the launching point for interceding for our brothers and sisters in the womb. These launching points are outlined in more detail in two key sources: *The Gospel of Life* by Saint John Paul II, and my brochure, *The Bible's Teaching Against Abortion*. Scripture quotes are mostly from the New American Bible translation.

May these prayers bring us deeper into the Word of God and closer to a Culture of Life!

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Choose Life!



“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.” (Dt. 30:19-20)



Lord, we rejoice in Your commands!
You give us the opportunity to freely choose You and serve You!
Your gift of freedom puts our destiny in our own hands.

Lord, to choose life is to choose blessing,
And to choose death is to choose curses.
We have the power to choose either one,
But not the power to change the consequences.

You give us the command
To freely love the children entrusted to our care
And to respect their right to life.

You warn us that to choose abortion
Means to bring devastation not only on them,
But on us.

Your command to choose life
Is a choice of You, Your covenant,
The way of Your commands, Your love, Your peace
And Your gift of salvation and life eternal.

Lord, we choose life today
And we pray that all will do so!

Lord, give us individuals and families who choose life!
Give us a nation that chooses life!
Give us a world that chooses life!

We pray through the One who is
The Way, the Truth and the Life,
The Resurrection and the Life,
The Bread of Life,
The Author of Life and the Conqueror of Death,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



This is My Body



"This is My Body, given up for you."
(Lk. 22:19)



Lord, on the night before You died,
You taught Your disciples
That Your death was a manifestation of love
Which all Your followers were also called to live.

You taught us that the best symbol of love
Is Your cross.

You taught us
That love means,
"I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person."

You also help us understand
That abortion is the opposite of love, for it says,
"I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself."

Lord Jesus,
The same words You used at the Supper
To teach us the meaning of love
Are also used by some
To justify the killing of children:

“This is my body.”

Some say, “This is my body – I can do what I want,
Even if it means killing the child.”

And You, Lord Jesus, say,
“This is My Body, given up for you, that you may live!”

Lord, help us to say and live those words as You do,
As spouse says to spouse,
And parents say to their children,
And pastors say to their congregations
And single people say to those they serve,
“This is my body, given for You...
My time, my service, my resources, my sacrifice,
Offered for You.”

Lord, teach all people
That happiness is never found
By pushing others out of the way,
But only by pushing ourselves out of the way
To make room for others,
Starting with those most in need, the unborn.

We ask this of You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



Only God Creates



“God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gn. 1:27)



Lord, we praise You for creating us.
Only You can create things out of nothing.
Only You can speak a word
That brings life where there was none,
And an entire universe
Where there was only emptiness.

Lord, we could neither ask for nor earn
The gift of creation.
Nor did anything inside or outside of You
Compel You to create us.
Our life is purely the result of Your love
That You freely bestow upon us and all Your people.

Lord, we rejoice,
Not only that we are Your creation,
But that we are Your image,
A manifestation of Your being,
A trace of Your glory.
At each moment You breathe life into us,
And if You stopped thinking about us for one instant,
We would cease to exist.

Lord, accept our humble praise,
And may our gratitude
Inspire us to defend each life You have created.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Glory of the Human Person



“Lord, what is man that you care for him, mortal man that you keep him in mind?... With glory and honor you crowned him, giving him power over the works of your hands.” (Ps. 8:5-7)



Lord, we come before You,
Amazed at Your love for us.
You make human life in Your image
And therefore it is sacred.

Human life comes from You,
It belongs to You,
And it returns to You.

As human beings,
We are capable of a relationship with You
By which we know You, love You and serve You,
And will be united with You forever.

O Lord, *“You have been my guide since I was first formed,
from my mother’s womb you are my God” (Ps 22:10-11).*

The life of each of us,
And of each baby in the womb,
Reveals to the world
Your love and Your glory.

Lord, may we never lose our amazement
At the gift of human life.
May we never lose our reverence
For every life that intersects with our own.
And may we never lose our readiness
To sacrifice ourselves to save the lives of others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



You Formed Me In The Womb



“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me;

wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth.” (Ps. 139: 13-15)



Holy Spirit, Creator Blest,
At the dawn of Creation,
You breathed over the waters and brought forth
Order out of chaos, and life out of emptiness.

You likewise gave me the breath of life at conception,
And fashioned me in secret,
Hovering over the waters of the womb
And creating every part of my body.

Spirit of Life,
Your wisdom and beauty
Are reflected in the wondrous and unique details
Of every child in the womb.

As you create them,
As you bestow order and life
On every bodily organ and system,
As you provide oxygen and nutrition in their blood,
And inspire movement long before Mom can feel it,
So keep them safe in Your Mighty Hand.

Protect them, now and always
From any deadly poison or destructive instrument
Of the abortionist.

Holy Spirit, these children belong to You,
And You entrust them to our care.
As modern technology enables us
to see them more clearly than ever in history,
And to even give them medical diagnosis and treatment,

So fill us with an ever greater determination
To keep them safe,
That they too may join us in praising You
For the wonder of their being.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Children are a Gift



“Be fertile and multiply.” (Gn. 1:28)



“Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.” (Ps. 127:3)



God, You are the source of all Life.
At the beginning of history,
You gave us the command
To be fertile and multiply.

You call us to be generous
In cooperating with You
In bringing forth new life,
New children for Your kingdom and Your glory.

We rejoice, O God, in the gift and privilege
That you give Your sons and daughters
To welcome new life from You
And to cooperate with You
In receiving, cherishing, and nurturing that new life.

Bless all parents, Lord,
And help those who are afraid to be parents.
Dispel their fears, give them confidence,
And fill their hearts with the awareness
That children are a gift from You.

May we always reverence that gift,
Knowing that we can neither demand it nor discard it.
May we be found faithful stewards of creation,
Beginning with the children You entrust
Not only to their parents,
But to the protection and care of us all.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



No Born or Unborn



“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:28)



Lord Jesus,
In Your earthly ministry,
You broke down the false barriers
Society placed between different groups of people.

You ate with tax collectors and sinners
Despite the objections of the Scribes (Mk. 2:16);
You helped the blind man
Despite the warnings of the crowd (Mt. 20:29-34);
You talked with the Samaritan woman
Despite the utter surprise of the disciples and of the woman herself (Jn. 4:9, 27);
You ministered to the Gentiles
Despite the anger of the Jews (Mt. 21:41-46);
You healed the lepers,
Despite their isolation from the rest of society (Lk. 17:11-19);
And you enthusiastically welcomed the children,
Despite the efforts of the apostles to keep them away
(Mt. 19:13-15).

Lord Jesus,
You saw and affirmed the dignity
Of every human person,
No matter what others thought of them
And no matter how the culture devalued them.

In our day, Lord Jesus,
Break down the false barrier
Between the born and the unborn.
Help our society, and everyone in it,
To recognize that the child in the womb
Has just as much dignity as the child outside the womb.

Fill Your people with the same spirit
By which You challenged the mistaken notions of Your time
That put entire groups of people onto the margins of society
And pretended that they did not matter.

Give us, instead, the spirit of welcome,
And the heart to serve, affirm and uplift
Those whom society ignores and oppresses.

May we love our unborn brothers and sisters
Just as You do,
For You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



Jesus is Life



*“I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.” (Jn. 10:10)*



*“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”
(Jn. 14:6)*



*“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”
(Jn. 11:25)*



“I am the Bread of Life.” (Jn. 6:35)

Lord Jesus Christ,
Author of Life,
Conqueror of Death,
Your mission is to bring us Life,
Because You are Life itself.

All things were created through You and for You.
In You, everything continues in being.

You are the Alpha and Omega,
The Beginning and the End.

You are the only way to the Father,
Because You are the Truth
That destroys the devil's lies
And You are the Life
That destroys the devil's murderous acts.

By dying You destroyed our death,
By rising You restored our life.

Just as the Living Father sent You
And You have life because of the Father,
So all who feed on You
Will have life because of You.

Lord Jesus, give us this living bread always,
By the grace we obtain through Faith,
By Your Living Word which we receive each day
And by the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus, You give Life!
Jesus, You are Life!
May each day bring us closer to You,

Fill us more with Your abundant Life,
And lead us to the full possession of that Life
In the Kingdom of heaven,
Where death will be no more
And our joy will be complete.

For You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Calling Evil Good



“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet, and sweet into bitter!” (Is. 5:20)



“Thou shalt not kill.” (Ex. 20:13, Dt. 5:17)



Lord, we live in the shadow of death,
And are afflicted by the culture of death.
Nothing in our nation or our world
Takes more human lives than abortion.

This sin, Lord God,
Is bad enough by itself,
As it destroys our youngest brothers and sisters.

Yet to make it worse,
Individuals and nations declare this violence
To be a “right” under the law,
To be “constitutionally protected choice,”
And to be part of “healthcare” and even “justice.”

Moreover, many people will then criticize us,
Who defend the right to life,
And claim we are against women,
Against equality, against the poor,
And complicit in evil.

Lord, Your Word warns us
Not to call evil good or good evil.
Your Word, O Lord,
Is a lamp to our steps,
And a light to our path.

Your Word is the truth that sets us free,
So that none may stumble in the darkness.

We pray today, Lord God,
That You would send the Spirit of Truth
Upon all who are deceived about abortion.

Open their eyes,
Enlighten their minds,
And warm their hearts.

Awaken them, give them repentance,
Turn them around and wake them up.

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Lord, stop the words
Of those who spread falsehood
About Your law and about the dignity of life.

Lord, stop the actions
Of those who have made a covenant with death
And who justify the dismemberment of living children.

Save Your people,
Including politicians, professors, and even some clergy,
From the misfortune
Of calling evil good and good evil.

Rather, may we all, with full hearts and minds and voices,
Reject the evil of abortion
And proclaim, celebrate and serve
The gift of life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.





You Did it to Me



“Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Mt. 25:37-40)



Lord Jesus Christ,
You are present in the needs of every human person
And in every action we take to meet those needs.

Lord, it is You whom we serve
When we serve our brothers and sisters.

We pray fervently today, Lord Jesus,
That we may never miss You,
That we may never be blind to You,
That we may never pass You by,
That we may never forget You.

It is You, Lord Jesus,
In our hungry and thirsty neighbors,
In our sick and imprisoned neighbors,
In our poor, homeless, needy neighbors,
And it is You, Lord Jesus, in the child in the womb!

Whatever we do to them, we do to You!
However we fail to serve them, we fail to serve You!

We pray, Lord, that we may not be surprised
When we see You on Judgment Day,
And You remind us that we have seen You before.
Preserve us from the misfortune of seeing You
But not recognizing You.

Lord, as our unborn brothers and sisters
Face the quiet danger of abortion
And the vulnerability of having no legal protection,
And as so many of them scream silently as they are aborted,
Keep our eyes open and our hearts responsive.

Lord, it is You in the womb!
May we find You there,
May we serve You there,
And may we defend You there,
That we ourselves may be saved!

For You are Lord forever and ever. Amen.



Love vs. Death



“This is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another, unlike Cain who belonged to the evil one and slaughtered his brother.” (1 Jn. 3:11-12)



God our Father,
You are Love itself.
You have manifested Your love
In the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, upon the cross.

Father, in Your Son, and in the Holy Spirit,
You give us all the power to love
As He has loved us.

Lord, we belong to You.
We belong to Life,
And we belong to Love.

Preserve us always.

May we never abandon the way of love
Or give in to the thinking of the evil one
Who presents death as a solution
And justifies the killing of the innocent.

Let not temptation ever sway us
Or confusion overwhelm us
Or despair influence us
To take even a single step
Down the path of death.

Protect Your people
From the false solution of abortion.

Rather, rooted in the command of Your Son
And in the power of Your Spirit,
May we love one another
Even to the point of giving our lives.

May that love inspire and strengthen others
To likewise give themselves
For all their brothers and sisters,
Especially the children in the womb.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Affirming our Brothers and Sisters



*“With [the tongue] we bless the Lord
and Father, and with it we curse
human beings who are made in the
image of God... This ought not be so, brothers.”*

(Jas. 3:9-10)



Lord, You created us with Your Word,
And You call us to build up one another
With our words.

Protect Your people from using language
That dehumanizes our brothers and sisters,
Or implies that some do not have the same dignity as others.

Grant that as we think and speak
Of the unborn children in the womb,
We may speak of them as children who are already here,
Rather than children “on the way,”
And may never refer to them
As anything other than fully human.

May we always affirm,
In word and deed,
That they are Your children,
Fearfully and wonderfully made
And that they are our brothers and sisters,
Loved by You and cared for by all of us.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Where is your brother?



“Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out in the field.” When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He answered, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” The Lord then said: “What have you done! Listen: your brother’s blood cries out to me from the soil!”
(Gn. 4:8-10)

Lord, when the first murder in human history occurred,
And Cain killed his brother Abel,
You heard the cry of Abel’s blood from the ground.
You then asked Cain, “Where is your brother?”

You reminded him that he had responsibility
For the well-being of his brother,
And that whether his brother’s life was safe
Was indeed his business.

Lord, you entrust all of us
To the care of one another.
Your question, “Where is your brother?”
Echoes down the corridor of history
And is asked forcefully of every generation.

In the New Covenant, You affirm this even more profoundly
As You declare that whatever we do to the least
Of our brothers and sisters,
We do to You, O Lord.

Lord, the question, "Where is your brother?"
Was asked of the Supreme Court in 1973,
And in the Roe vs. Wade decision,
They gave the same answer as Cain:
"I don't know...am I my brother's keeper?"

Preserve us, Lord, from ignoring our duty
To preserve the lives of our brothers and sisters.
Protect us from the error
That innocent blood is none of our business.

Rather, enable us to engage in the business of love,
As we speak up for and work to save
All who are in danger,
Especially our youngest brothers and sisters
Threatened by abortion.

Lord, save all Your people,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Our Hands Did Not Shed This Blood



“If the corpse of a slain man is found lying in the open on the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you to occupy, and it is not known who killed him, your elders and judges shall go out and measure the distances to the cities that are in the neighborhood of the corpse. When it is established which city is nearest the corpse, the elders of that city shall take a heifer ...[and] they shall cut the heifer’s throat there in the wadi. The priests, the descendants of Levi, shall also be present... Then all the elders of that city nearest the corpse shall wash their hands over the heifer whose throat was cut in the wadi, and shall declare, ‘Our hands did not shed this blood, and our eyes did not see the deed. Absolve, O Lord, your people Israel, whom you have ransomed, and let not the guilt of shedding innocent blood remain in the midst of your people Israel.’ Thus they shall be absolved from the guilt of bloodshed, and you shall purge from your midst the guilt of innocent blood, that you may prosper for doing what is right in the sight of the Lord.”
(Dt. 21:1-9)



Lord, You have created us all
And have entrusted us to the care of one another.
Your Word teaches us
That You require an accounting
For the shedding of innocent blood,

And that when blood is shed on the land
Those who live on the land
Must answer for it.

Father, there is innocent blood on our land,
The blood of our unborn brothers and sisters.
You teach us that even if someone else sheds this blood,
It is our business, our responsibility, to respond.

In our day, Lord, we cannot even say
That we do not know who shed the blood.
The abortion clinics are publicly advertised and funded,
And those who support the killing
Make their views known in public,
Even from positions of government leadership.

Lord, we therefore pray, as Your own nation did of old,
Absolve, O Lord, Your people, whom You have ransomed,
And let not the guilt of shedding innocent blood remain
In the midst of Your people.

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Father, no longer can we say
That someone's abortion is "none of our business."
You have made us one human family,
And in Your Son Jesus,
Have made us one Body,
With each part dependent on the other parts.

We are called to weep with those who weep,
To rejoice with those who rejoice,
And to bear one another's burdens.

Keep us, Lord, attentive to the unborn,
Strong in the spirit of repentance,
And eager in the duty of protecting
The weakest and most vulnerable.

Give us, finally, the joy
Of the total victory of Life over Death
In the glory of Your Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Most Selfless Love



“When he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; you should be happy that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Lk. 14:12-14)



Lord Jesus, we rejoice in Your example of unselfish love,
Dying for us while we were yet sinners,
And continuing to bless us
Though we can never repay You.

Thank You for the call to serve the unborn,
Because they cannot repay or reward us.
From their dwelling in the womb,
They cannot thank us or pray for us,
Nor do they even know the danger they are in.

We pray for all who work in the pro-life movement.

May we realize what an unselfish work this is,
As we pour ourselves out for those who are completely helpless.

And may we remain faithful to Your call to serve
Until you reward us in the Resurrection of the just,
For You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

May Justice Flourish



“God, give your judgment to the King, and your justice to the King’s son, that he may govern your people with justice and your oppressed with right judgment...for he shall rescue the poor man when he cries out and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.” (Ps. 72:1-2,12)



“He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.’” (Lk. 4:17-18)

Lord God,
Your Word foretold the coming of the Savior
As One who would rescue the afflicted,
And judge the people with justice.

And when He came,
Your Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
That His mission was to proclaim liberty to the captives
And let the oppressed go free.

He has indeed rescued us
From the oppression of sin and death
And saved us
When we could not save ourselves.

We pray now for children in the womb
Whose protection has been removed
By those who judge unjustly
And put human beings in bondage
Instead of freeing them from it.

Lord, stretch out Your hand
To the agencies of government
And infuse them with justice.

Grant to courts and judges
The right judgment that they need,
That their decisions may protect Your people.

Grant to governors, legislators, and heads of state
The ability to govern Your people with justice
And to enact policies that will save the unborn.

May we, as faithful citizens
Always bear witness to life
In the political and legislative arenas,
And in all we say and do.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Love Your Unborn Neighbor



*“You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.” (Lk. 10:27)*



Lord, You give us the law of love,
You give us the example of love on the cross,
And You give us the power to love as You have loved us.

You call us to love You above all things,
And our neighbor as ourselves.
You call us to recognize our neighbor
As a person like ourselves,
No matter how different they may be.

Lord, give us grace to see our neighbor
In all those more needy and dependent than we are.
Help us to see the children in the womb,
Not as someone else's problem or someone else's choice
But as our brothers and sisters,
Entrusted to our care.

Help all people to see their dependence and frailty
As a reason to give them all the more protection,
And never as a reason to kill them.

May we love our unborn neighbors as ourselves.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Good Samaritan



"A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him." (Lk. 10:31-34)



Lord Jesus,
You teach us in Your parables
How to be like You
In our compassion for others.

We grieve, Lord,
At the failure of the priest and the Levite
To help the victim on the road.

Perhaps they thought it too dangerous to stop
Lest the robbers attack them too.
Perhaps they asked,
“If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?”

Lord, give us today
The heart and mind of the Samaritan,
Who did not think of himself,
But rather asked,
“If I *do not* stop to help this man, what will happen to *him*?”

Lord, make us Good Samaritans to the unborn.

Take away the fear many have to speak up for them
Or to intervene to stop their violent deaths.

Too many fear losing friends, popularity, power,
Position, prestige, or access.
Politicians fear losing votes,
Businesses fear losing money,
Pastors fear losing members of the congregation.

Lord, once and for all,
Free Your people from these selfish fears,
And move us to sacrifice ourselves
For our youngest brothers and sisters,
The children in the womb.

We ask this of You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



The Rich Man and Lazarus



“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And

lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.”

(Lk. 16:19-20)



“If someone...sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in Him?” (1 Jn. 3:17)



Lord, You teach us in Your parables
To care for the poor and needy,
And to rescue those
Who are in danger of death.

Lord, we know that the rich man
Did not go to hell because he was rich,
But because he ignored the other man.

He thought that because Lazarus had less,
That he was worth less.
He did not love his neighbor as himself.

Lord, prevent Your people
From making the same mistake.

Help us to hear Your voice
In those who need our help.
Help us to respond
To the Lazarus of our day,
The unborn child,
Who is knocking at our door,
And begging at our table,
For the protection of her life.

Lord, we have received Your command.
We have not only Moses and the prophets,
We have Christ, the Gospels, and the Church.
We have the witness of the apostles and martyrs
And saints of all time
Who have given their very lives
To save the lives of others.

May we not fail to see in the unborn
That You, O Lord, are calling for our help.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Speak Up!



*"It is impossible for us not to speak
about what we have seen and heard."
(Acts 4:20)*



Lord, we thank You for the power of Your Resurrection,
which was displayed through Your apostles Peter and John
when, in Your Name, they healed the crippled man.
We thank You for the faith they showed in the power of Life,
and we thank You for the boldness with which they declared
that such power flows only from You.

Lord, they saw You after You rose.
They ate and drank with You,
and were commissioned by You
To preach the Gospel to every creature.

The fact that they saw You alive again in the flesh
Brought them an unshakeable confidence
And an unwavering courage.
Seeing how you gave Your life,
And then took it up again,
Made them ready to give their own lives
Rather than to be silent about what happened.

Not only did they see Your Divinity,
But they touched Your humanity.
Lord, we too have touched the humanity
Of the children in the womb.
We have seen their beauty,
And we have seen the horror of what abortion does to them.

Lord, like Peter and John,
We are bold to proclaim the truth,
And it is impossible for us not to speak
About what we have seen and heard.

The proponents of abortion want us to keep silent.
They want to hide the reality of abortion.
But we will follow the example of Your apostles.
We will boldly proclaim that these children
Share the image of God,
And that they deserve protection
From the violence of abortion.

Open our hearts, open our mouths,
And sustain our bold witness
to the dignity of the lives
Of our brothers and sisters in the womb!
We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Take Action!



“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” (1 Jn. 3:18)



Lord, You told us that
Not all who say, “Lord, Lord” will enter Your Kingdom,
But only those who do the will
Of Your Heavenly Father,
Which is one with Your will.

Lord, we are ready to do the will
Of the One who created and sustains all life.
We are ready to do the will
Of the one who hears the cry of the oppressed
And secures Justice for His people.

Preserve us, O Lord, from just talking about what is right
And give us the courage and strength to do what is right.
Preserve us from simply talking about human rights
Without taking action to defend them.

Preserve us from having lips that declare the sanctity of life
But hands that fail to serve those lives.

Lord, let our love for the unborn
Express itself in deeds that reach out to save them,
Deeds that urge their Moms and Dads to choose life,
Deeds that awaken our communities
To the killing centers in our midst,
Deeds that equip our pastors to speak out,
Deeds that elect politicians who will protect these babies,
And all the other pro-life deeds
That Your grace and Holy Spirit inspire.

Enable us always to live in deed and truth,
And not merely talk about it.

You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



A More Eloquent Plea



“No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.” (Heb. 12:21-24)



“Your hands are full of blood! Wash yourselves clean...learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.” (Is. 1:15-17)



Father of Mercies, God of Love,
What wonders You have shown us
In giving Your only Son,
Not to condemn the world but to save it.

Father, You have been pleased
To gather us together in Your Son
And in the Holy Spirit
As a community filled with the joy of life
And of intimacy with You.

Father, You have made this possible
Through the blood of Jesus Your Son, our Savior.
As we see that blood shed for us,
We realize that no sin can ever discourage us again,
And no accusation of the Evil One can drag us down.

We are redeemed, we are forgiven, we are set free in Christ!
We are no longer scattered by sin,
But gathered, in joyful celebration, in Your Son!

Lord, we know that the blood of the innocent children
Who have been killed by abortion
Stains our land and cries out to heaven.

That blood also cries out to us,
To our hearts broken over the sin of abortion,
And to our consciences,
As we realize we must work to end this violence.

But what joy we have
In knowing that the blood of Your Son
Is speaking on our behalf
And is overpowering the voice
Of violence, sin, shame and guilt.

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Father, may every person
Who has been guilty of cooperating in abortion,
By what they have done
Or by what they have failed to do,
Take new courage from the blood of Christ,
Turn to You in life-giving repentance,
And rejoice in the forgiveness and freedom
That is ours in the same Christ our Lord. Amen.





Forgiveness



“He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

(Lk. 7:48)



“And Jesus gave him to his mother.”

(Lk. 7:15)



Lord, Your Word of Life
is Your Word of Mercy,
Inviting us to repent,
and to trust in You
For the forgiveness of all our sins.

We pray today for all in need of forgiveness
For the sin of abortion.

Lord, give them the light of Your Spirit,
and the strength and confidence to turn to You.
Console them in their grief
And turn their despair into hope.

Help them to entrust their children to Your care
And to know that You love them even more than we do.

Enable all who repent of abortion
To take hold of the new and abundant life You offer,
And to carry out with peace and joy
The calling You have given them in life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Death is Conquered



“He will destroy death forever.”

(Is. 25:8)



“Our savior Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Tm. 1:10)



“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

... Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 15:54-57)



Lord Jesus, what words can there be
To praise You for what You have done
In conquering death and opening for us
The way to eternal life?

Your prophets heralded the end of the Kingdom of death,
And Your own death and resurrection
Brought those prophecies to fulfillment.

As when the ground swallowed the blood of Abel,
The first human being to die,
So by Your own Paschal mystery,
Death itself has been swallowed up in victory!

When You rose from the grave,
You did not simply conquer Your own death;
You conquered ours.
You robbed death of its power,
And therefore You robbed abortion of its power.

Now we live as the People of Life
Sharing in Your own Divine Nature
And looking forward to the resurrection of the dead.

Bless us, Lord Jesus, as we fight to protect
Our most vulnerable brothers and sisters
From the violence of abortion.

Help us to realize that although the battle is real
And violence and death still do their damage,
They do not and cannot have the last word.

Remind us, Lord, that we are not just working for victory;
We are working from victory!
Victory is our starting point!
You have Risen and are alive forevermore!

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Death has no more power over You,
And because we are members of Your Body,
Death has no more power over us!

May you be praised, O Jesus,
For you are the Lord of Life,
Forever and ever. Amen! Alleluia!!



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