



Pray to end abortion

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Is prayer the least we can do to attack a problem? Is it our last resort when all else fails? Or should it be our first response, the most we can do, and the best we can offer?

Why should we pray for the end of abortion?

- 1) Because it honors God.
- 2) Because prayer is a vital point of connection between heaven and earth.
- 3) Because abortion is primarily a spiritual battle, not just social or political.

The first disciples watched Jesus return to heaven. As you read Acts, it's as though prayer was a lifeline linking them to their just-departed Master. Prayer became vital to their survival. They had not been left alone, without help or guidance.

Daniel of old understood this connection, which is why he risked his life to continue petitioning God three times a day while in exile so far from Jerusalem (Daniel 6). Daniel and the early disciples honored God by repeatedly turning to Him in prayer. When we believe God and entreat His help, we bring Him glory.

Abortion is a problem that often overwhelms and baffles our best efforts. It is relentlessly spreading like a cancer across the world. If the senseless slaughter of unborn babies is ever going to end, it will be an act of God.

What goes on in the heart and mind of a person involved in abortion – a woman contemplating her pregnancy, a doctor considering the procedure, a political leader deciding a crucial vote on the issue? Only the Holy Spirit knows and can touch those places and change a life. While we work and give to end abortion, we must also pray.

What should we pray for?

- Pray for God's protection on all **unborn babies** threatened by abortion.
- Pray for **mothers** – to recognize and love their unborn children from the moment of conception; to have courage to face any challenges associated with their pregnancies; to turn to God for help; to overcome the temptation of abortion; that they'll receive the support they need; to consider an adoption plan.
- Pray for **fathers** – that they'll commit themselves to raising their children and caring for the mothers.
- Pray for **family members and friends** of the parents – that they'll support the choice for life.
- Pray for **all who facilitate abortions**: clinic workers, doctors and nurses, security guards and escorts – that they'll admit the error of their ways and seek other employment.
- Pray for **all who have participated in abortions** to repent and come to know, love, worship, and follow Christ.
- Pray that more **pro-life people** will join the effort to stop abortions.
- Pray for our **elected leaders** to put an end to abortion.
- Pray for those who faithfully and sacrificially offer **alternatives to abortion** – pregnancy care centers, maternity homes, sidewalk counselors, etc.
- Pray for **couples** to practice purity before marriage.

How can we pray for the end of abortion?

PRAY PERSONALLY AND CORPORATELY. Make prayer to end abortion part of your daily devotional habit. And, whenever your church comes together, pray corporately for the end of abortion. Pray for your local pregnancy care center (get on the mailing list!). Use our [bi-monthly prayer calendar](#) as a reminder to pray for specific requests from pro-life ministries around the world. Download our [Bookmark for Prayer Warriors](#) and tuck it in your Bible.

WITH OTHERS AT AN ABORTION CLINIC. If there's a clinic in your area, join others praying outside as a visible testimony to staff and clients. It will also be an eye-opening experience for you! An entire pro-life organization, [40 Days for Life](#), is devoted to encouraging people to simply pray on the sidewalks outside abortion clinics – with remarkable results. If you're unable to make it to a clinic, you can still sign up to receive daily email updates from sites around the country.

Life Matters has drafted a [Pledge of Pro-Life Commitment](#), calling believers to adopt the pro-life ethic in all aspects of life. Prayer to end abortion is part of that commitment. Will you join us in taking the pledge and praying for abortion to end?

Web resources

Life Matters Worldwide's bi-monthly prayer calendar – <http://www.lifemattersww.org/HowCanYouHelp/Becomeapayerpartner/Currentprayercalendar.aspx>

Bookmark for Prayer Warriors – <http://www.lifemattersww.org/Portals/0/Documents/PrayerBookmark.pdf>

40 Days for Life – <https://40daysforlife.com>

Pledge of Pro-Life Commitment – <http://www.lifemattersww.org/HowCanYouHelp/TaketheProLifePledge.aspx>