

IN THE **HEART** OF  
**HIS MERCY**



**PRAYERS TO HEAL THE  
WOUNDS OF ABORTION**

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## In the Heart of His Mercy

If all abortions stopped tomorrow, the work of healing the wounds will have only just begun. Nothing is more destructive of the family than abortion, which destroys everyone and everything it touches. Many carry the wounds of abortion but despair of being healed; others work every day to heal those wounds, and still others do not yet realize that abortion was the cause of their wounds.

The Good News is that we have a Savior, who forgives and heals, and whose name is Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Life is the Gospel of Mercy, and the pro-life movement is extending that mercy every day, through numerous healing programs, the largest of which is Rachel's Vineyard ([RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org)), a ministry of Priests for Life.

Moreover, so many of those who have found healing want to share their stories so that others who are wounded may have new hope. The Silent No More Awareness Campaign ([SilentNoMore.com](http://SilentNoMore.com) – a joint project of Anglicans for Life and Priests for Life) is the largest mobilization of such individuals – moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, relatives, friends, and former abortion workers – who share their testimonies publicly.

In my role as Pastoral Director of both Rachel's Vineyard and Silent No More, I have composed the prayers in this booklet and offer them to you. We are all wounded by abortion, whether we realize it or not (see [AbortionShockwaves.com](http://AbortionShockwaves.com)). Some of these prayers are for us to say for various people who are wounded by abortion in different ways; other prayers here are meant to be said

by those specific groups of people for themselves.

Prayer changes things. It's not a substitute for the hard work of grieving and reconciliation that God gives us to do, but grace and healing do come on the wings of prayer. It is my hope that this booklet will be a blessing for you and many others.

And please let our Priests for Life team know the specific ways we can pray for you. You may indicate your prayer needs, and those of others you know, at [PrayerIntentions.org](http://PrayerIntentions.org).

You can also find more prayers online at [ProLifePrayers.com](http://ProLifePrayers.com).

God bless you!

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## Prayer for Those who have Lost a Child to Abortion

Lord of all Life, You have entrusted  
us to the care of one another,  
And called us to be one Body in Christ.  
You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,  
And to weep with those who weep.

Hear our prayer today for our brothers and sisters who  
have lost children to abortion.

Help us to understand  
The pain that is in their hearts,  
And to be a living sign to them  
Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.

Help them to undergo with courage  
The process of grief and the journey of healing.  
Never allow them to feel alone;  
Always refresh them with the presence of Your Spirit  
And of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Console them with the sure hope  
That you love and care for their children.  
Give them new strength,  
That even while they grieve what they have lost,  
They may look forward to all the good  
That you still have in store for them.

Lord of healing and hope,  
Give us all the forgiveness of our sins,  
And the joy of your salvation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for Mothers who have Lost a Child to Abortion

Lord of all Life,  
You have entrusted us to the care of one another,  
And called us to be one Body in Christ.

You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,  
And to weep with those who weep.

Lord, you have compared the love you have for us  
To the love a mother has for her own child.

Hear our prayer today  
For all mothers who have lost children to abortion.  
Help us to understand  
The pain that is in their hearts,  
And to be a living sign to them  
Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.

Help them to undergo with courage  
The process of grief and the journey of healing.  
Never allow them to feel alone;  
Always refresh them with the presence of  
Your Spirit and of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Console them with the sure hope  
That you love and care for their children.  
Give them new strength,  
That even while they grieve what they have lost,  
They may look forward to all the good  
That you still have in store for them.

Lord of healing and hope,  
Give us all the forgiveness of our sins,

And the joy of your salvation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of a Mom who Lost a Child to Abortion

Lord God of Peace,  
I thank you for your love for me,  
Which is more tender than the love  
Of a mother for her child.

I thank you for your forgiveness,  
Which is more generous  
Than the forgiveness human beings can offer.

Thank you for helping me to know  
That I am not my abortion.  
Rather, I am your daughter,  
Beloved and Redeemed,  
For whom your Son would have died  
If I were the only one who needed salvation.

Save me always  
From the menacing voice of useless guilt  
and the oppressive force of shame.

Rather, lift me up in the light, peace, and grace  
Of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



## A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors. Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of a Mom who has turned away from the Abortion Clinic

Lord God, Father in heaven,  
You are my Creator and Protector,  
And you are the Creator and Protector  
Of the child within my womb.

That child, your son or daughter, belongs to you,  
Not just to me,  
And I thank you for entrusting this new life to my care.

Lord, please calm my fears,  
Dispel my doubts,  
And strengthen my resolve  
To do what is right.

Remind me each moment that you are already in my future,  
And that the circumstances  
That make it seem so difficult right now  
Are things that can change as time goes on.

Lord, I ask your forgiveness for considering abortion.  
It is not what I want to do  
And I know that if I were to do it,  
I could never bring my child back,  
No matter how much I may want to.

Remind me, Lord, that I am not alone;  
That I can reach out to you for grace and strength  
And that I can reach out to many people who are there  
To help me and my baby.

Bless all the people in my life.  
Help them to understand and to trust  
That accepting this child is the right thing to do  
And that they need to respect my right to choose life.

Lord, I love you, and I love my child.  
You have thought of this child from all eternity.  
You have a plan for my baby,  
And a plan for me.

Lord, from this day forward,  
I will be faithful in carrying out that plan,  
And look forward to the joy and peace  
Of doing your will here on earth.  
And enjoying life forever with you, and my child, in heaven.

I ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for Fathers who have Lost a Child to Abortion

Lord of all Life,  
You have entrusted us to the care of one another,  
And called us to be one Body in Christ.

You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,  
And to weep with those who weep.

Lord, you have revealed yourself as the Father of all,  
And you are the source of all fatherhood.

Hear our prayer today  
For all fathers who have lost children to abortion.  
Help us to understand  
The pain that is in their hearts,  
Whether they consented to the abortion,  
Or perhaps tried to stop it but could not.

May we be a living sign to them  
Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.  
Help them to undergo with courage  
The process of grief and the journey of healing.  
Never allow them to feel alone;  
Always refresh them with the presence of Your Spirit  
And of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Renew within them the strength of fatherhood,  
And the knowledge that they can still be protectors, providers,  
And life-givers for their families.

Console them with the sure hope  
That you love and care for their children.  
Give them new strength,  
That even while they grieve what they have lost,  
They may look forward to all the good  
That you still have in store for them.

Lord of healing and hope,  
Give us all the forgiveness of our sins,  
And the joy of your salvation.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of a Dad who Lost a Child to Abortion

Lord God,  
You are the Father of all,  
And the source and pattern of all fatherhood.

You are our Provider, our Protector, our Encourager,  
And you enable us to do the same for others.  
I thank you for your mercy and healing,  
Of which I stand in need.

As I grieve my own lost fatherhood.  
I turn to you, the Eternal Father,  
And ask to be renewed  
And to start again.

And I ask you to receive  
Into Your endless Life and Love,  
the child you once entrusted to me.  
Give me new hope and new strength.  
Always remind me  
That you have more blessings for me in the future  
Than there is pain in the past,  
And that for everyone whom  
I may have failed to serve before,  
You have many that you call me to serve  
From today forward.  
Lead me, Lord, in new hope and new strength.  
I pray with confidence in Jesus' Name. Amen.



# Prayer for Grandparents of Aborted Babies

Father of Life and Source of Wisdom,  
You care for your sons and daughters  
Throughout the generations.

You forgive the sins  
And guide the paths  
Of all your people.

You give parents the special calling  
To give life to their children  
And to bring them up in the ways of your Law.

We ask you today to hold close to yourself  
All those who have a son or daughter  
Who has been involved in an abortion.

Give repentance and forgiveness to those  
Who in any way consented to the taking of the life  
Of their grandchild.

Give comfort to those who tried to save the life  
Of their grandchild  
And to those who lost a grandchild  
Without knowing it.

Give to all grandparents the joy of life,  
The Wisdom that comes with the passing of the years,  
And the gratitude and trust  
That marks your children.

And bring us all to the joys of life eternal.  
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for Grandparents who Cooperated in the Abortion of a Grandchild

Father of mercies,  
You conquer every sin  
Through the blood of Jesus Christ,  
Who has robbed death of its power  
And brought us light and life through his Gospel.

We pray today for so many men and women  
Who have suggested or pressured their son or daughter  
To abort a child.

We pray, too, for those who consented  
To the abortion of a grandchild  
Without offering help or encouragement  
To choose life.

Today we ask that you give them repentance,  
forgiveness, healing and peace.

Enlighten those who do not yet see  
The wrong they have done.  
Guide them in your paths.

And to those who have repented,  
Give the assurance of your forgiveness,  
A peaceful relationship with their children,  
And renewed hope of being reunited one day  
With their grandchildren.

May these grandparents  
Be models to their own sons and daughters  
Of how to trust in your mercy  
And how to walk in your healing.  
Bless us all with the gift of salvation.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer of a Grandparent who Cooperated in the Abortion of a Grandchild

Lord of All,  
Your Providence guides the paths of history  
And of our own lives.

You know our past and our future  
And you call us to trust in you  
More and more each day.

Lord, I come to you today  
Both with sadness and with hope.  
You entrusted to my family  
The gift of my grandchild.

I ask your forgiveness  
For not having protected that new life.

Lord, I trust in you.  
You are the God of mercy,  
The Lord of new beginnings.

I turn to you in repentance,  
And with great confidence in your forgiveness.

Keep my grandchild – and me – safe in your hands  
Until the day we are reunited  
And all death is conquered forever  
By the power of your love and life.

Bless my entire family  
And bring us your salvation.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer of a Grandparent who Tried to Save a Grandchild from Abortion

Lord of All,  
Your Providence guides the paths of history  
And of our own lives.

You know our past and our future  
And you call us to trust in you more and more each day.

Lord, I come to you today  
Both with sadness and with hope.  
You entrusted to my family the gift of my grandchild.  
When that child was in danger,  
I did what I could to save (his)(her) life.

Lord, I trust in you.  
You love my grandchild  
Even more than I do,  
And even death  
Cannot stop your loving care.

Keep my grandchild – and me – safe in your hands  
Until the day we are reunited  
And all death is conquered forever  
By the power of your love and life.

Bless my entire family and bring us your salvation.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer of a Grandparent who did not know of the abortion of a grandchild

Lord of time and eternity,  
You guide the course of human events  
With the loving hand  
Of your Providence.

Lord, as we live our lives each day,  
There is so much we do not know.  
And yet you know every detail of our lives,  
And you never cease to love us  
And to call us to trust in you.

Lord, I pray today for my peace  
And for your blessing on my family.  
I pray for my child(ren) and my grandchild(ren).

Lord, heal the pain that is in my heart  
Because of the abortion that occurred.  
Grant that I may trust you more each day  
As I entrust my grandchild(ren) to you.

Bring my entire family  
The mercy and peace  
That your Son died and rose to bring to us.

And amidst our own pain and healing,  
May we reach out to others  
Who need our help and reassurance.

Thank you for the gift of life  
And the blessing of salvation.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for all Abortion Survivors

Father of life,  
How marvelous is your care for us.  
You have made us little less than the angels,  
And have given us the call to eternal life.

We cry out to you as a wounded people,  
Daily carrying the scars  
That abortion has unleashed upon us.

We pray in particular for abortion survivors.  
We pray for those who were almost aborted,  
For those who lost siblings to abortion,  
For those who survived an abortion procedure,  
And for those who are simply aware  
That their lives were not protected  
When they were in the womb.

We ask you today  
To ease any anxiety or sense of guilt they may have.  
Lift their minds and hearts to you  
And let them know that  
You welcome and protect them  
With infinite and unconditional love.

Bless their families and bless their futures.  
Strengthen their love for their parents  
And unite their families in service to your Kingdom.

Show these sons and daughters of yours  
That your love is stronger than death.  
Reveal to them your plan for their lives  
And strengthen them to live their calling  
With faith, eagerness, and perseverance.

May we be witnesses to them  
Of the care and welcome you provide for all your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of an Abortion Survivor

Lord, Author of Life,  
I come before you with thanks and praise.

You made all things out of nothing,  
And created us without our asking or earning it.

You guide and protect all you have created  
And your love knows no measure.

You brought order out of the ancient chaos  
And calmed the stormy seas.

Day by day, you calm the storms of our lives  
And bring to our hearts the peace  
That passes all understanding.

Lord, I praise you today  
For my own being,  
You love and welcome me,  
Without reservation, without conditions,  
And without end.

You do not make mistakes,  
Nor do your actions come about by accident.  
Rather, you have loved me from all eternity.  
And have chosen me to live as your child.

Lord, renew within me  
The joy and gratitude that life brings.  
In life and death, I belong to you,  
And today I entrust myself again to your care.

Bless my family, and give us your protection.  
Bless my present and my future,  
And give me the gift of your salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer for Sibling Survivors of Abortion

Father of life,  
How marvelous is your care for us.  
You have made us little less than the angels,  
And have given us the call to eternal life.

We cry out to you as a wounded people,  
Daily carrying the scars  
That abortion has unleashed upon us.

We pray in particular for those who have  
lost siblings to abortion.

We ask you today  
To ease any anxiety or sense of guilt they may have.  
Lift their minds and hearts to you  
And let them know that  
You welcome and protect them  
With infinite and unconditional love.

Give them the freedom to talk about their loss  
And to grieve it with confidence in your healing power.

Strengthen their love for their parents  
And unite their families in service to your Kingdom.

Show these sons and daughters of yours  
That your love is stronger than death.  
Reveal to them your plan for their lives  
And strengthen them to live their calling  
With faith, eagerness, and perseverance.

May we be witnesses to them  
Of the care and welcome you provide for all your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer of A Sibling Survivor of Abortion

Lord, Author of Life,  
I come before you with thanks and praise.

You made all things out of nothing,  
And created us without our asking or earning it.

You guide and protect all you have created  
And your love knows no measure.

You brought order out of the ancient chaos  
And calmed the stormy seas.

Day by day, you calm the storms of our lives  
And bring to our hearts the peace  
That passes all understanding.

Lord, I praise you today  
For my own being,  
You love and welcome me,  
Without reservation, without conditions,  
And without end.

You also love my parents and my sibling(s).  
In life and death, we belong to you,  
And you ask us to entrust ourselves to you.

Lord, fill me with your love and your peace.  
Heal me of the wounds that abortion has inflicted  
Upon me and my family.

Receive my sibling(s) into your eternal care,  
And let me experience that same care day by day,  
As I make my journey toward you  
And fulfill the vocation you have given me in this life.

Give me your joy,  
Give me the vigor of life,  
And enable me to be a life-giver to others.

I pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of a Parent of Sibling Survivors of Abortion

Father of mercy and peace,  
Come to me today.

You are close to us in every difficulty.  
You heal our past,  
And you walk before us in our future.

Forgive all my sins,  
Of which I repent again today  
With confidence in your unfailing love.



Bless my child(ren)  
Who have lost (a) sibling(s) to abortion.  
Teach us how to talk about this loss with each other  
With the honesty that comes from your Spirit.

Teach us how to grieve this loss together  
And how to encourage each other  
To trust in your love,  
Which is stronger than death.

Teach us that  
While nobody can replace those we have lost,  
Your presence among us  
Always draws us closer to you and to one another,  
And gives us the power to live  
With all the peace and joy that mark your Kingdom.

As we thank you for the life you give our family,  
And mourn those who are missing from it,  
Make us witnesses of hope to one another  
And to the world,  
And enable us to look forward to that day  
When we will all be reunited  
And when there will be no more death,  
No more sorrow,  
No more crying out or pain.

Lord, make all things new!  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer of the Family, the Sanctuary of Life

Father, all life comes from you,  
And you call the human family  
To live in communion with you  
And with one another.

As you are one with your Son  
And the Holy Spirit,  
So you call us to live as a family,  
United in self-giving love.

You entrust us to the care of one another  
And call us to be especially attentive  
To the weakest and most dependent  
Members of our family.

You call us to welcome life  
Even when it is unexpected  
And to nurture and protect it  
Just as you nurture and protect us all.

You call us to bear witness in the world  
To the bonds of unity and peace  
Which are inspired by your Spirit  
And which overcome division and unforgiveness.

You call us to serve the Church  
And to encourage other families,  
Especially those in difficulty.

Bless and protect us as a family  
And let us be witnesses  
In word and deed to the Gospel of Life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for Families Wounded by Abortion

Father of life,  
You are the origin of every family  
And you are the healer  
Of every wound.

We know that there is nothing  
That destroys the family more than abortion.  
It is the greatest destroyer  
Of love and peace.

Today we pray for all families,  
And in particular for those  
Who experience the deep wounds of abortion,  
And the division that it brings.

We pray for those whose marriages  
Have been broken due to an abortion,  
And for those alienated from parents,  
siblings, or other relatives.

We pray for those  
Who today are alone  
Because abortion has taken others  
Out of their lives  
And out of their families.

Lord, bring hope into their despair  
And bring light into their darkness.  
Show them the path to healing,  
And set them on the road to peace.

And even if their family  
Can never be one again here on earth,  
Fill them with the hope  
Of all who look forward to the world to come,

Where there will be no more death,  
No more crying out or pain,  
And where you,  
Lord God of Life,  
Will make all things new.

We pray in the Name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer of a Friend Who Was Complicit in an Abortion

Lord Jesus,  
You told your apostles  
That you no longer called them servants,  
But rather your friends,  
Because you made known to them  
What you heard from your Father.

Today, Lord Jesus, you call me your friend as well,  
And I rejoice that you are close to me.

I thank you also for all the other friends I have,  
And I entrust them to your care.  
I thank you for the ways I have been good to them,  
And I ask your forgiveness for the ways I have failed them.

In particular, Lord,  
I ask forgiveness for my friend's abortion.  
Forgive me for my role in that sin.  
Forgive me for not trying to save that child.  
Help me and my friend to grieve that child  
And to entrust that child to you.

Not even you can change the past, Lord,  
But you can give us peace and strength for the future.  
Wash us in your blood,  
Fill us with your grace,  
And enable us to save other lives from abortion,  
And to heal the hearts of all who suffer.

I pray with confidence,  
for you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer of a Friend Who Could Not Stop an Abortion

Father in heaven,  
You have entrusted us to the care of one another.  
Our lives are in Your hands,  
And you call us to do our best  
To protect one another.

Receive, Lord, my pain and grief  
Over my friend's abortion.  
Console her, and console me.

Accept my efforts, although they did not save that life,  
And receive that child into your everlasting embrace.

Enable my friend to find the healing  
and forgiveness you promise  
To all those who turn to You in faith.

And enable me, Lord, to be present to my friend,  
To provide a sign of your presence  
And a channel of your peace.

Make me alert, Lord, to the future opportunities I will  
have to save lives from abortion,  
And to heal those who are wounded by abortion.  
I ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Former Abortionists and Clinic Workers

Lord, you call all people to be saved  
And to come to know the truth.

We thank you for your powerful grace,  
Unleashed upon the world  
By the saving death and resurrection  
Of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We praise you for how that grace  
Sets free our brothers and sisters  
Who are in the darkness  
Of the abortion industry  
And brings them to repentance and healing.

We pray today for these men and women  
Who once used their skills to kill children  
But who now, like the Centurion at the cross of Jesus,  
Have dropped their weapons and declared,  
“Surely this was an innocent man!”

Lord, continue to heal  
All who have left the abortion industry.  
Let them know that they are not alone,  
And that your mercy never fails.

Give them strength for the journey of healing.  
Enable them to connect once again  
With their own humanity  
And with the humanity of the children  
Whose lives they took.

Restore the relationships that were broken  
As their lives spiraled out of control  
And resentment and despair filled them  
During their days and nights of child-killing.

Bring them now to a new day,  
And to a new awareness of the value of every life  
And of their own lives.

May we, the People of Life,  
Be a sign to them of your welcoming mercy  
And of your saving grace.  
And may the witness of their conversion  
Lead many others to leave the industry of death  
And devote themselves to the service of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer of a Former Abortionist or Clinic Worker

Lord, you alone are the Creator and owner  
of every human life,  
No matter how small or young.

You give us our humanity  
From the first moment of conception,  
And your own hand  
Guides our development at every moment  
In our mother's womb.

Indeed, we are fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works, O Lord!

You have entrusted each new life  
To the care of his or her parents,  
You also entrust to doctors and their teams  
The privilege of caring  
For the life and health of each person.

Lord, I come to you today  
Deeply aware of the value of life  
And of the ways I have denied it.

I repent of having lied to myself  
About the unborn child,  
About his or her mother,  
About the violence of abortion,  
And about my own actions.

Lord, I need your light  
And I seek your healing.

I embrace the humanity of each child  
In whose death I participated,  
And I entrust those children to you.

I pray for the mothers who were harmed  
By the abortions in which I took part.  
Give them forgiveness, healing, and peace.

Lord, you have great plans for me,  
For my prosperity,  
For my calling within your plan.

Enable me to see and follow your will  
And to serve your people.

May I always proclaim you  
As the Lord of Life and Hope,  
Of true freedom and salvation.

I pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for the Healing of Pro-life Advocates

Lord, You call us to defend the lives  
Of our youngest brothers and sisters,  
The children in the womb,  
And to bring an end  
To the violence of abortion.

Today we pray for strength and healing  
For ourselves and all who work to end abortion.

We know, Oh Lord, that despite our faithful efforts  
And our most effective strategies,  
There are many children who are killed each day by abortion.

We could not reach or save them,  
And we are wounded by the violent act of abortion  
That took their lives.

Lord, we entrust these children to You,  
And we grieve the loss of their lives,  
Knowing this is a loss not only for their families,  
But also for us.

Heal us of the pain of this loss.

As we feel the weight of these abortions,  
Never let us be crushed by it;  
As we experience sorrow because of these deaths  
Never let us despair.

Bless all pro-life advocates.  
Enable us to mourn in a healthy way,  
Rather than to be absorbed by bitterness,  
anger, or discouragement.

Bless all those who counsel pregnant moms,  
In pregnancy centers or on the sidewalks;  
Bless all those who educate, teach, and preach,  
And who elect pro-life candidates and pass pro-life laws.  
Bless every facet of the pro-life movement  
And every variety of pro-life work.

As all of us in this great movement do this work,  
Enable us to endure misunderstanding,  
ridicule, and persecution,  
With the patience and joy  
That mark those who are filled with your Spirit.

Lord, as we work to change the world,  
Let us also be changed by You.  
And as we defend life,  
May we find life eternal.

And as we rejoice In the lives that are saved,  
Continue to increase in us the hope  
That comes from you  
And that points us to the day  
When all death and violence  
Will be conquered by justice, love, and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

## Prayer for the Coming of the Savior who Heals

God of Life,  
We rejoice in the promise of your coming.  
You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem.  
He is the Prince of Peace,  
And the one in whose name all oppression shall cease.  
He is the one who brings healing in his wings  
And in whom God and sinners are reconciled.

Father, we are aware of the devastation abortion has brought  
To those who undergo it,  
To those who participate in it,  
To those who lost a love one because of it,  
And to those who try to prevent it.

We know we need the Savior to come.  
We need him to make us right again with you;  
We need him to heal our broken relationships with one another;  
We need him to replace despair with hope  
We need him to make all things new.

May we welcome his coming each day  
And prepare for his coming at the end of time.  
May we build a culture that welcomes him  
By welcoming every child, born and unborn.

We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Prayer for Changing the Culture

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we come into your presence in His name.

We have heard the voice of your Son,  
And therefore we can make our voices heard.

We have been justified in the blood of your Son,  
And therefore we can oppose every form of injustice.

We have repented of our sins,  
And therefore we can lead the sinner to repentance.

We have done battle with the power of evil,  
And therefore we can have compassion  
on those still within its grip.

We have been freed from the kingdom of darkness,  
And therefore we can bear witness  
to your Kingdom of Light.

Lord, as we come before you today,  
we repent, we resolve, and we rejoice.  
We repent of every instance in which fear  
has made us silent when we should have spoken.  
We repent of the ongoing bloodshed in our land,  
And for ever daring to think that we can deprive  
the unborn of protection but keep it for ourselves.

We resolve that we will work more generously  
to advance your Kingdom.  
We resolve that we will advance the cause

of righteous candidates for public office,  
And that we will be more afraid of offending  
You by our silence  
Than of offending the government by our speech.

We resolve that we will declare boldly to our people  
that no public official who fails to respect the life of a little  
baby can be trusted to respect our lives.

Father, today we rejoice, because we are not  
simply working for victory;  
We are working from victory.  
The victory of life, truth, and grace has been won  
by your Son's death and Resurrection.  
Today we hear his voice again.  
"I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End.  
I hold the keys of death and of hell.  
Behold, I make all things new."

Father, we rejoice that we have been made new,  
And as we work to renew our culture  
We look forward to the great day of his coming,  
When every eye will see him,  
even of those who pierced him,  
And every knee shall bend, and every tongue confess,  
to the glory of God the Father,  
**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

In his Blessed Name we pray. Amen!

## Prayer for Healing of the Black Community

Lord God,  
You have revealed yourself as the Father of all peoples,  
And have taught us that we are all of one family,  
United by an equal human dignity.

We come before you today  
Deeply aware of the wounds that have been inflicted  
On our brothers and sisters in the Black community.

We pray for healing of the long historical mistreatment  
That this community has endured,  
And we pray for protection today  
From the efforts of the abortion industry  
To continue that mistreatment.

Lord, enable your people to rise up  
And resist the efforts of those who would promise advancement  
At the cost of the lives of our children.

Strengthen our families,  
Deepen our resolve to say yes to life,  
And heal the wounds abortion has brought to our families.

Grant that the Black Community, and all communities,  
May enjoy the freedom that comes  
When every human life is respected and protected.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for Healing of the Hispanic Community

Father of all,  
Out of many nations and cultures,  
You form one people and guide them by the light of faith  
To know and love you And to love their families.

We pray today for all our Hispanic brothers and sisters,  
For their communities and families.

Sustain in them the love they have for life  
And the values they hold dear.

Keep them safe from the efforts of the abortion industry  
To target, exploit, and manipulate them.

Give them wisdom and understanding  
To know how to defend their faith and their children.

Heal the wounds that abortion has inflicted upon them,  
Individually, as families, and as a culture.

Give them the strength to follow their vocation  
As disciples of Christ and as citizens on this earth,  
And to enrich our nation with their special gifts.

Bring all of us to a culture of life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Healing of Church Communities and their Pastors

Eternal Father, You lead your Church to yourself through  
Jesus Christ your Son.  
He is the Good Shepherd,  
Who knows his sheep, binds up their wounds,  
and gives his life for the flock.



We pray today for your Church  
And for all who have been given a share  
In the ministry of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Heal the wounds of all who believe in you.  
Enable us each day to rise from our sins  
And to experience the new hope of reconciliation.

Grant that all who have been wounded by abortion  
May find forgiveness and peace  
In the community of the Church.

Grant to the pastors of your Church  
The grace to repent of any way that they have failed  
To lead the flock with the truth of the Gospel  
And to bear witness to the Culture of Life.

Father, make your Church, which is the Bride of Christ,  
All that she is called to be.  
Let her light shine to all the nations  
With a brightness that overcomes every shadow of death  
And leads all your people to the fullness of life  
In this world and in the world to come.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Healing Mission of the Church

Father, you have entrusted to your Church  
The ministry of reconciliation,  
Through the power of the Blood of Christ.

He is the Author of Life,  
The Conqueror of sin and death,  
The Divine Physician who heals every wound.

May your Church stand as a witness in every land  
To the saving power of your truth  
And to the healing power of your love.

Grant, O Lord, that as disciples of Christ gather  
In communities around the world,  
They may receive a deeper awareness  
Of how abortion has wounded them  
And a deeper experience  
Of how you can heal them.

Let the power of your Word  
And the workings of your grace  
Lead to the healing of all their relationships.

May all your sons and daughters,  
As the People of Life, extend to the whole world  
The urgent invitation to salvation and healing.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Pastor's Prayer for Healing

Lord, I thank you for my faith,  
And for my vocation as a minister of Your Gospel.

You have called me and you command me  
Not to be afraid.  
"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth,"  
you told Jeremiah.  
"You must say whatever I command you,"  
was your instruction.

Lord, I too am ready to respond anew to your call.  
Banish all fear and doubt from my heart.  
Enable me to preach your Gospel,  
Which is the Gospel of Life,  
Without any compromise or hesitation.

Make me a voice for the child in the womb.  
Enable me to proclaim that you alone are Lord of life and death,  
And that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters,  
We do to you.

Make me a vessel of reconciliation.  
Enable me to reach all who are hurting after an abortion  
And to let them know that we know their pain  
And long to bring them to your peace.

Forgive me, Lord, for any times I have failed  
To speak the fullness of your message of life and mercy.  
Lord, make me a Good Shepherd after your own heart.  
I pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for One about to Share His/Her Testimony

Lord God of Peace,  
Thank you for forgiving and healing me.

Once again I entrust myself and my child(ren) to You.  
Your mercy is infinitely greater than my sins,  
And your healing greater than my pain.

Lord, You speak to your people  
Through the word of testimony.  
Your Son Jesus Christ is the Eternal  
Testimony of you, our Father.  
The apostles gave testimony to his Resurrection.



Believers through the ages have testified  
to the power of your grace.  
And we your people continue that testimony today.

Lord, as I share with others  
My experience of despair and pain, of healing and redemption,  
May those who hear me be blessed.

I pray that those tempted to abortion  
may find the strength to say No,  
And that those who think abortion  
helps may see that it does not.  
May others who have lost children to abortion find new hope  
And through my testimony, may they draw closer to you,  
The source of their healing.

May all who fight against abortion  
Find new strength to continue that important mission.  
May all who are in despair because of any sin,  
Know that they too can repent and be healed.

And may I, your child and your servant,  
Grow closer to you,  
As I proclaim through my testimony  
That we have a Savior,  
In whom is all our hope, our joy and our life,  
In whom is the victory over death  
and the hope of Resurrection,  
And that his name is Jesus! Amen!

# Prayer to Begin a Gathering of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign

Lord God of Life and Healing,  
You have proclaimed your Word to all the world  
In your Son Jesus Christ.  
He is the Gospel, the living Testimony  
to your Love and Mercy.

With him, you have also poured out  
your Spirit on your people,  
Calling and equipping them to be  
Living witnesses of your unchanging love.

Today, we gather to continue that witness.  
We thank you for the courageous men and women  
All over the world  
Who have come to you for healing after abortion  
And who now share their testimony with your people.

We thank you for those who have joined  
us today for this gathering.

May the words they share with us today  
Inspire and strengthen us with new hope  
To turn to you, Lord, for the healing and forgiveness  
That we all need every day.

May their testimony be a clear sign to everyone  
That Your response to those who have had abortions  
Is not punishment but peace, not rejection, but  
reconciliation.

Thank you for the courage of those  
who share testimony today.  
May we meet their courage with our courage  
As we echo and share their testimonies with others.

May the voices of those who are Silent No More  
Continue to grow throughout the world,  
Until all the pain of your people is absorbed by healing,  
All their despair absorbed by hope,  
And all the power of death absorbed  
by the everlasting victory of Life!

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.



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