

Abortion Clinic Prayer

A prayerful witness to end the atrocity of abortion in America. Our prayers are directed to the unborn, their mothers and fathers, all who promote and carry out abortion, and our nation who sanctions this holocaust.

- Someone needs to assume the responsibility of leader. That person will need to make sure all rules are being adhered to and that an atmosphere of love is always conveyed.
- When selecting a site, you must be positive that abortions are being performed there. That can be easily accomplished by a telephone call inquiring about an abortion procedure.
- Contact the Police Department to inquire whether a permit is necessary in their city in order to pray in front of an abortion facility.
 - If a permit is required, they may allow you to pull it only once or twice a year, listing the dates you will be in front of the facility. The leader will be signing the application.
 - The leader must always have this permit readily available in the event that a police officer is called to the scene.
 - The Police Department will let you know what the rules are for picketing in their city.
 - The leader must be very clear on these rules and make sure all participants follow them.
- It is very effective to carry signs while praying. For information on ordering signs, contact the Respect Life Office at 305-653-2966.
- In the event that negative or hateful things are stated or yelled at the group, it is important that all participants understand that nothing is to be said back to these people. The group needs to just continue with the prayers being said.
- If anyone stops to ask questions, all communication needs to be handled by the leader.
- The leader should carry copies of the yellow Respect Life palm card, *Unexpected Pregnancy*. This card lists all of our office locations and can be given to a woman who may be looking for help.
- It is good to be consistent with the date and time of the vigil so participants will find it easier to remember to be there.
- Consistently putting the information of the vigil in the Church bulletin and a pulpit announcement allows for continued visibility of the awareness of the abortion holocaust .
- Please inform the Respect Life Office of any prayer vigils that are planned.

A prayer vigil is a powerful way to change hearts of those seeking or providing abortions as well as establishing an awareness of those living in the community of the existence of abortion in their neighborhood.

One Hour Prayer Vigil

INTENTION: For the Conversion of Hearts

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

PRAYER: (All)

Dear Lord, help us to show kindness to all, including the weakest of the weak, the unborn. Let us learn from you, who have never failed to lavish kindness and mercy on all creatures. “With enduring love I take pity on you” (Isaiah 54:8). Indeed “All the paths of the lord are kindness and constancy” (Psalm 25:10).

Kindness is, of course, love in action, so we beg you, Dear Lord, to fill us with love. You have told us that the greatest commandment is “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind: (Matthew 22:37), and only if we obey that can we truly obey the second, which is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).

INTERCESSIONS:

Leader:

Today, Lord, we invoke your intercession for the pro-life movement. We pray that all will look upon human life as a great gift from God and be accepted and loved, not an unwanted burden to be destroyed. We intercede for assistance from Heaven for the efforts of those on earth who have enlisted in the crusade of promoting the dignity and value of all human life, in particular the unborn. This we ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

That all doctors and nurses will have the courage to refuse to assist in abortions,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, we beg you to hear our prayer.

That all doctors will be kept from the temptation to profit by killing unborn children,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, we beg you to hear our prayer.

That doctors and nurses may remember the lesson of Nuremburg — that killing can never be justified as a medical procedure and that there is no privilege to participate in an atrocity.
For this we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, we beg you to hear our prayer.

That Those who escort mothers to have their children killed will be given the wisdom to see that their support of abortion results in the violation and degradation of women and mothers,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, we beg you to hear our prayer.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, hear us.

Leader: Christ, graciously hear us.

Leader: God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the word of God,
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,
Heart of Jesus, home of justice and love,
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus, perfection of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, sacrificed for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, victim of sin,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

R. Have Mercy on us.

IMMACULATE MARY (All)

1. Immaculate Mary,
your praises we sing,
You reign now in splendor
with Jesus our King.

Refrain:

Ave, ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed
your glory proclaim,
On earth we you children
invoke your sweet name.

3. To you by an angel
the father made known
The grace of His Spirit,
the gift of His Son.

4. In glory forever
now close to your Son,
All ages will bless you
for all God has done.

5. We pray for our mother
the Church upon earth,
and bless, holy Mary,
this land of our birth.

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A ROSARY FOR LIFE (All)

Glory and praise to You, Lord God our Creator. We, Your daughters and sons, come here to this place of death in prayerful love so that our unborn brothers and sisters will not die without love and prayer. We believe that You are always present, particularly in the midst of sorrow and suffering.

We ask You to bless us, to lift up our hearts to You and to consecrate and accept this hour of reparation in atonement for the great evil which takes place within this building. We come together to bear public witness to Your great love and mercy which can move hearts and forgive sins.

We ask for the intercession of the holiest of mothers, your mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Unborn, and Your first protector, St. Joseph, that they will join their prayers with ours to bring an end to our nation's slaughter of our innocents. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (ALL)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, or Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. ***Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen**

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. ***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. ***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell,
*lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy. Amen.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES (Leader)

1. The Annunciation.

“And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.”
We pray, that the Holy Spirit teach people, that from the moment of conception there exists a living, human person.

2. The Visitation

“Mary went as quickly as she could and greeted Elizabeth.” We pray, that like Mary, we may go quickly to support women with child.

3. Jesus is born.

Mary has the joy of seeing and holding her child, the Savior. We pray, that every mother may have the joy of seeing and holding her baby.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES CONTINUED

4. Mary and Joseph present the child Jesus in the temple.

We pray, that all parents may have the joy of seeing their child born to new life and dedicated to God in baptism.

5. Mary and Joseph, after three days, find the boy Jesus in the temple.

We pray, that childless couples may know the joy of finding their child.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Leader)

1. Jesus agonizes in prayer over his coming passion.

We pray that any woman agonizing over her pregnancy may have the courage to accept the situation.

2. Jesus is scourged at the pillar.

We pray for women suffering all the trauma of abortion.

3. Jesus is crowned with thorns.

We offer this decade in reparation for the killing of babies and the maiming of their mothers.

4. Jesus carries the cross.

We offer this decade for couples whose child has died at an early age or before birth.

5. The crucifixion.

On the cross Jesus cried out: "Father, forgive them." We cry to the Father to forgive all who promote and carry out abortion.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Leader)

1. Jesus rises to new life.

We pray that all members of the medical profession keep in mind, that they are dedicated to preserving human life.

2. Jesus ascends into heaven.

Raised to the right hand of the Father, Jesus pleads for us. We pray that those who are mocked for their belief in the sacredness of human life, may be encouraged by contemplating Christ pleading for them.

3. The Holy spirit enlightens and strengthens the apostles.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and strengthen all who are struggling to uphold the sacredness of human life.

4. Mary is carried up to heaven after meeting her responsibilities amidst suffering.

We pray that both parents may accept their responsibilities with regard to the baby and to each other.

5. Mary is crowned, sharing Christ's kingship after sharing his passion.

We pray that we all may suffer willingly with Him, because then we shall live and reign with Him.

(All)

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY (All)

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the Divine assistance be always with us.

R. And may the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL (All)

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

HELPERS' LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader:

Holy Spirit, Mutual love of the Father and Son,
Holy Spirit, Source of all creation,
Holy Spirit, Breathing upon the Waters of Life,
Holy Spirit, Moving the prophets to proclaim Your word,
Holy Spirit, Guiding Your people in the column of fire,
Holy Spirit, Hovering over the tent of Your majesty,
Holy Spirit, Filling the sanctuary with awe,
Holy Spirit, Overshadowing the womb of the Virgin,
Holy Spirit, Inspiring the attentive to proclaim Your presence,
Holy Spirit, Speaking in the silence of the desert,
Holy Spirit, Accompanying the innocent Lamb to the slaughter,
Holy Spirit, Poured forth from the side of Jesus,
Holy Spirit, Restoring life in the power of the Resurrection,
Holy Spirit, Giving birth to the Church in the upper room,
Holy Spirit, Coming to rest in the heart of Mary,
Holy Spirit, Enlightening the minds of all believers,
Holy Spirit, Giving rebirth in the waters of Baptism,
Holy Spirit, Confirming us in Your gifts,
Holy Spirit, Anointing Your ministers for sacrifice,
Holy Spirit, Effecting the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist,
Holy Spirit, Bringing peace to the repentant,
Holy Spirit, Binding us together in covenant,
Holy Spirit, Groaning within us,
Holy Spirit, Crying out in the oppressed,
Holy Spirit, Hidden in the hearts of the unborn,
Holy Spirit, Healing the wounded,
Holy Spirit, Calming the troubled,
Holy Spirit, Befriending the lonely,
Holy Spirit, Moving leaders to justice,
Holy Spirit, Consecrating us in truth,
Holy Spirit, Strengthening us in the moment of trial,
Holy Spirit, Enriching us in our poverty,
Holy Spirit, Calling us to Your Kingdom,
Holy Spirit, Praying "Abba" within us,
Holy Spirit, Giving us Your Peace,

R. We adore You.

All:

Come Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, we beg You to continue Your Pentecost within us. Inspire us to bring about the new creation in reverencing all of human life. Help us to proclaim the Gospel by bearing witness to the Lordship of Jesus. We ask You this through the intercession of Mary in whose womb dwelt the fullness of divinity and who now enjoys the completeness of redemption promised to those who do the will of the Father. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION (All)

God Our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the *culture of death*. Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: (Leader)

- We offer up this hour of prayer for an end to abortion in our country and throughout the world.
- We pray for women everywhere who are pregnant and contemplating abortion that they will get the support needed in order to bring their babies to term.
- We pray for all those involved in the abortion industry, that their hearts will be touched by the truth and they will come to respect all human life, born and unborn.
- We pray for this clinic that we stand in front of here today, that they will stop the deliberate killing of unborn babies. And we pray for the women who have entered this killing chamber today.
- We pray for all involved in past abortions that they will be able to be healed from this terrible atrocity.
- We pray for our President and all political leaders that they will understand their duty is to defend life.
- We pray for all those involved in the pro-life movement, that they will never become discouraged, and will remember that all things ultimately rest in Your hands.

AMAZING GRACE (All)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
T'was grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we've first begun.

Praise God, Praise God

Amen!

Thank you for coming to pray; to be a light in the darkness;
to be a witness to the truth of God's great love
for each and every one of His precious children.