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**BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR
PRO-LIFE ENGAGEMENT
PRAYER GUIDE**

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1. Pray for an end to abortion.

Since the *Roe v. Wade* decision, more than 60 million unborn babies have been aborted in the United States. Although abortion rates have trended downward over the past few years, nearly 600,000 babies are killed in the womb annually. Pray for hearts and minds to change concerning abortion. Pray also that abortion ends not only in America but in every nation around the world.

Key Passages:

Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart...”

Proverbs 6:16-17 – “There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: ...hands that shed innocent blood.”

2. Pray for mothers.

Pray that women facing unplanned or unwanted pregnancies would choose life for their babies. Pray that their children’s fathers wouldn’t abandon them. Pray that they would receive God-honoring counsel and support through pregnancy resource centers, churches, and caring families. Pray that those who have lost children to abortion would experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Key Passages:

Proverbs 15:31 – “Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise.”

Acts 3:19 – “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

3. Pray for fathers.

Tragically, many fathers facing unplanned or unwanted pregnancies abandon their families or encourage the mother to abort the child. Pray that men would choose life for their unborn children and take responsibility for them. Pray that men would support their children’s mothers. Pray that men would receive good counsel and support and find godly mentors.

Key Passages:

Psalm 127:3-5 – “Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them...”

Proverbs 10:31 – “Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.”

4. Pray for parents of daughters in unplanned pregnancy situations.

Parents want the best for their children and responding graciously to an unplanned pregnancy in the family can be challenging. Also, fear of being judged or ostracized by family members can contribute to a woman’s decision to get an abortion. Pray that parents would navigate these situations wisely and counsel, support, and love their daughters well. Pray that parents would encourage their daughters to choose life for their babies. Pray that families facing unplanned pregnancies would be strengthened rather than weakened.

Key Passages:

Galatians 6:1-2 – “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently...Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

5. Pray for abortion doctors, nurses, and all those who work at Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities.

Thousands of people work in the abortion industry. These doctors, nurses, and technicians are not enemies; they are people in need of redemption and our prayers. Pray that those working in the abortion industry would have ears to hear the truth about abortion and eyes to see the human dignity of the unborn. Pray for repentance and spiritual healing. Pray that abortion facilities would close and that the lies of the abortion industry would be exposed.

Key Passages:

Acts 26:18 – “To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Ezekiel 33:11 – “Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways!’”

6. Pray for those who counsel individuals considering or affected by abortion.

Pray for anyone counseling women who are contemplating abortion or recovering from the trauma of an abortion, that they would have wisdom, compassion, and empathy. Pray that they would have opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for the safety of sidewalk counselors who stand outside abortion clinics to pray and talk with women.

Key Passages:

1 Thessalonians 5:14 – “We urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”

Colossians 4:5-6 – “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

7. Pray for pro-life organizations and ministries.

Many organizations and ministries are actively working to end abortion and help those affected by it. Some of these groups advance pro-life legislation, others provide services to expectant mothers, and still others work to elect pro-life leaders. Student groups seek to counter the lies peddled by the abortion industry on their campuses. Pray that all these organizations would have wisdom as they seek to create a culture of life and work toward the day when abortion is morally unthinkable. Pray that their efforts would be successful.

Key Passages:

Galatians 6:9 – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Ephesians 5:11 – “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”

8. Pray for our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Pray that our government leaders would make wise decisions about laws and restrictions. Pray that they lead with integrity as they legislate and work toward creating a more just society. Pray that there would be more pro-life individuals in positions of leadership.

Key Passages:

Proverbs 10:9 – “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.”

Daniel 2:20-21a – “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others....”

9. Pray for our nation.

Many Americans are ignorant of the horrific nature of abortion and the morally harmful effect it has on our nation. Pray that our nation would come to recognize its complicity in the sin of abortion and repent. Pray that God would be great in mercy and forgive us.

Key Passages:

Psalm 34:14 – “Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

10. Pray for the church.

Pray that pastors would equip their members to think biblically about abortion. Pray that pastors and church leaders would speak intentionally and wisely about the sin of abortion, and about the redemption that is possible for those who have had an abortion or have participated in the abortion industry. Pray that churches would consider partnering with crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations in their communities. Pray that Christians would stand courageously for the unborn.

Key Passages:

Proverbs 31:8-9 – “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

James 4:17 – “If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.”



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OUR MISSION

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