

NATIONAL PRAYER FOR LIFE

10-Day Devotional



THANK YOU...

...for joining us in the first National Prayer for Life as we stand together to pray for the unborn and the communities surrounding them! For the next 10 days, you, your family, and your congregation will be joining others around the country in this daily prayer and devotional focused on life, hope, repentance, and restoration! We encourage you to form a prayer group or even host a prayer service in the coming days! Please tell us how you and your community are participating in these efforts by posting and sharing on our Instagram page! It will be encouraging to see how believers around the country are united in prayer!

We would be especially grateful for your attendance at the closing service of the National Prayer for Life event on **Friday, 22 September, at the Gardens of Life in Latrun (31.8411185, 34.9772172) from 10:00-14:00**. The venue is located at the end of the parking lot at the Armored Corps Museum (Yad Lashiryon) on Latrun Junction. This in-person gathering will include a time of worship and prayer as well as an opportunity to plant a memorial tree in the Garden. Please RSVP to nationalprayerforlifeil@gmail.com.

May this be a blessed time as we come together as one body unified in prayer!

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September 16-25

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10 DAYS OF GUIDED PRAYER
FOR LIFE WITH DAILY
DEVOTIONALS

NATIONAL GATHERING AT THE
GARDENS OF LIFE ON 22.09



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Day 1: September 16

Each One's Part in the Fight for Life

“Rescue those who are being taken away to death, hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter if you say, ‘behold we did not know this,’ does not He who weighs the heart perceive it?” Proverbs 24:11-12

“You will not let them kill me, but I will live to tell the world what the Lord has done for me.” Psalm 118:17

The God of heaven and earth, the Creator and loving heavenly Father, values the lives of all humans. We were created in His image, as a reflection of His glory and goodness. Will you ask the Lord how He wants you to become involved with saving the lives of unborn babies who are being killed through abortion?

In these 10 days, as we join in prayer from around the nation, may the Lord show us each what our part is. Perhaps we will form a group to keep praying on a regular basis for this issue. Perhaps we will give our time, talents, and resources to serve women and children in crisis in our area. Perhaps we will be motivated to teach

the young people in our congregations and communities about the value of life. Our Lord knows! “I know the plans I have for you, to give you a hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11). “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy: in thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalm 16:11)

Walking in the path of life, in God’s presence, we will experience joy and pleasure, but it doesn’t mean the culture around us will applaud our work. Standing up for God’s Word will not necessarily make us popular. “Followers of Yeshua are to be salt and light for this world. This might mean that some will disapprove of our values, opinions, and way of life. We might be rejected, ridiculed, or sneered at. On the other hand, someone might discover God’s truth through our influence. What a privilege this is for our life’s work.” (Seeds of the Kingdom, Liz Griffin). We are blessed when we share in the sufferings of Jesus. “So, consider carefully how Yeshua faced such intense opposition from sinners who opposed their own souls, so that you won’t become worn down and cave in under life’s pressures. After all you have not reached the point of sweating blood in your opposition to sin.” (Hebrews 12:3-4, Passion Translation).

Prayer Points:

1. Lord, show me what my role is in this question of valuing and protecting the lives of unborn babies. Proverbs 3:5-6
2. Don't allow me to listen to the enemy of our souls tell me I am unqualified to help. "God has a course mapped out for your life, and all the inadequacies in the world will not change His mind. He will be with you every step of the way." Pastor Charles Stanley
3. Lord, show me what my role is in serving those who are in need around me. May the women in crisis in my community know there are believers in Yeshua who will stand up for them and support them. "We will show mercy to the poor and not miss an opportunity to do acts of kindness for others. For these are the true sacrifices that delight God's heart." Hebrews 13:16
4. Lord, help me be an influence on the believers in my congregation to be aware and active in protecting all life.
5. Lord, help me be strong when the culture ridicules me for following Your Word. May our community stand together in unity, with one voice.



Day 2: September 17

Repentance

“For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” Jeremiah 1:5

Twenty-five years ago, I found out to my surprise that I was pregnant despite using birth control. I just was not ready to have a child and had passed through medical treatments and x-rays that I believed would have a negative effect on a healthy baby. I just did not want this baby. I tried to get rid of this pregnancy by jumping and lifting heavy weights, but nothing happened. The medical board advised me to have an abortion because I would not

have a healthy child. I turned to my leaders in the church for counsel and they said that it would be ok, that it would not be wrong if I had the abortion since the pregnancy was still in the beginning stage. They told me it would not be easy to take care of an unhealthy child. So, I went through with the medical board's decision and had the abortion.

It took me a while to recover physically, and life continued as normal. But, in the back of my head I felt that I had committed a crime and that I should be punished for it. As time passed, I realized that I had focused on all the excuses for why I shouldn't keep that baby instead of going to God and asking His mighty hand to help me in the situation.

3 years later I became pregnant again, and this time I was ecstatic to be a mother. I thanked the Lord for giving me this gift, and I did all the right things to stay healthy and have a healthy pregnancy. I went to the gynecologist for my first pregnancy checkup. To my devastation, the ultrasound showed nothing! My womb was empty. No life, no heartbeat... Nothing!

Here started a long journey of pain. Physically, it took me a long time to recover. Worse, my emotions went spiraling down and I had a nervous breakdown. I could not pray anymore. I felt that I was being punished by God for taking matters into my own hands and not relying on Him concerning my first baby. I did not feel good enough to be called His daughter. I felt so much shame and believed I was unworthy of His love, that I am a sinner and a killer. But it was too late to do anything now. I could not go back in time.

I never thought to come in repentance before Him. I just lived as a shameful daughter who was a disgrace to the Kingdom of God. I lost all hope. People at church used to tell me that I must go see a psychologist to help me, which added to my feelings of shame in the eyes of people.

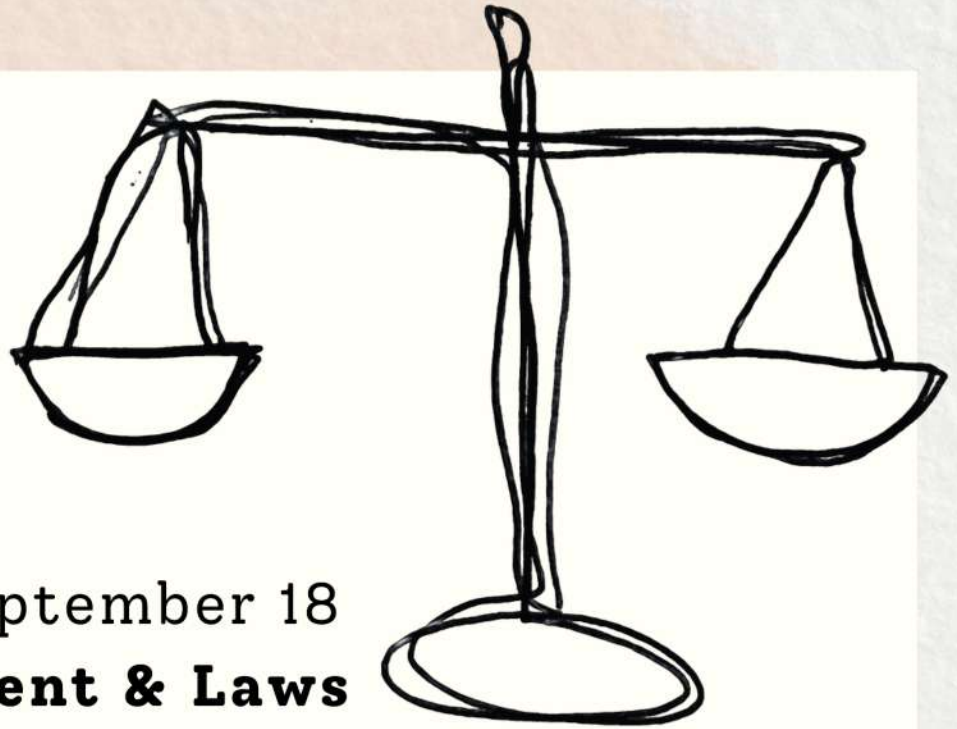
At rock bottom, He came to me! I finally got down on my knees in despair, praying and asking my Father for help. I asked Him to fill me with His love. I started repenting of neglecting my First Love towards Him. Then I started repenting for taking the matter of my unborn “unhealthy” baby in my hands, not seeking Him or His mighty hand.

I started feeling His warm heart again beating within me, and a glimpse of hope started peeping in my heart and brought a warm smile into my face. I knew in my heart that I was forgiven, for I felt the heavy weight on my shoulders just being lifted off. I was assured that I have received forgiveness. Slowly, I understood that I need to forgive myself as God forgave me as it is said in the Lord’s prayer “...And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6: 12).

As the years passed by, I released both my unborn babies to God and said farewell to both of them asking God to take care of them. Today, I am totally healed, serving my amazing God, and having 3 beautiful healthy children.

Prayer Points:

1. Lord, help your children know that there is loving forgiveness with You. Make me a messenger of hope to those living in shame.
2. Lord, may we repent in our churches for giving wrong counsel. May we not make abortion an easy way out of difficulty. Help us to speak truth and encouragement. May we be people of faith.
3. Lord, convict us as a nation for how lightly we handle the lives of our unborn children. Bring a wave of your Holy Spirit to move the hearts of the people, to choose life.



Day 3: September 18 **Government & Laws**

“Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

For some of us when we read these words, we might find it a very difficult challenge to think about praying for ungodly, maybe corrupt, or dishonest government leaders. What about leaders that we completely disagree with? How do we pray for them? Well, as we know in becoming believers, God has entrusted each of us with a very special and significant role and responsibility in society.

Ultimately, we recognize that Jesus Christ is the most important sovereign leader as the King of Kings, and yet he has called us to be His priests, which is an important function. What does this mean when it comes to our role

and responsibility in society? Well, we know from the Scriptures that one of the principal roles of the priest was to represent God before the people and also secondly to represent the people before God.

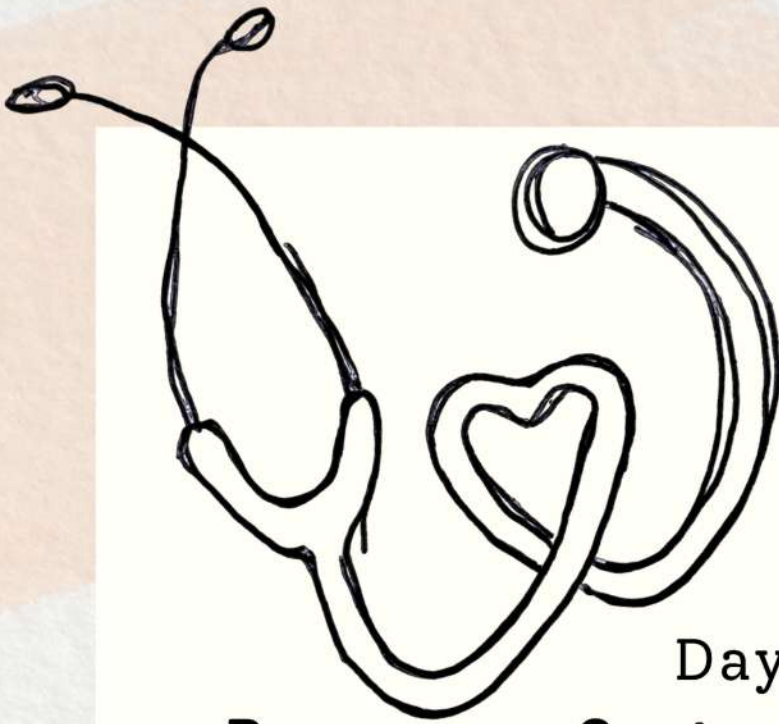
In other words, the duty of intercession is essential for priests. To hold up the people before the throne of God. The throne of grace where we can obtain mercy and find grace to help in times of need. We are called to “stand in the gap” on behalf of the people, but specifically Paul is saying here, we need to be praying for the leaders.

Again, we might think, ‘but they are corrupt.’ Well, Jesus has called us to be salt. To heal and bring help to that condition of corruption. We might say, ‘but they are just lost and in the dark. They have no understanding.’ We must pray for them to see what is true and we must be that light that Jesus has called us to be.

As believers, we trust that God has placed those in authority over us for a reason, and that our prayers can have a powerful impact on their decisions and actions. Moreover, as citizens of a country, we have a responsibility to contribute to the common good by praying for our leaders.

Prayer Points:

1. Lord, I am sorry for the times I neglect to pray for the leaders of our nation. As believers we are the salt and light, and priests to our God. Today is the day for us to pray for all who are in authority to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth, as God's Word has instructed us.
2. May God shine His light into the hearts of our leaders and make them able to see the need to protect the sanctity of life in this country.
3. In all their leading and legislating, may our leaders make decisions to "Choose Life" that we might live. Give them wisdom and discernment: We can ask God to give our leaders wisdom and discernment as they make decisions that affect our country and our lives. We can pray that they would seek God's will above all else, and that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit.
4. We pray that God would give our leaders a heart for peace, and that they would work tirelessly to promote peace and reconciliation between all people in our country.
5. As well we pray that God would protect our leaders from harm and danger, and that they would be kept safe and secure as they carry out their duties. Finally, we pray that our leaders would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and that they would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.



Day 4: September 19
Pregnancy Centers & Medical Field

“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.” Isaiah 61:1-3

The same doctors and nurses who work hard to deliver babies and fight for life, also **take** the lives of babies. There is so much joy when babies are born, yet when abortions are done it seems that hospital staff close their eyes and hearts to the humanity of the unwanted unborn children. Some nurses, however, have shared their struggles and pain because of the abortions.

There are also faithful people serving in pregnancy centers with hearts of mercy who bravely defend the

innocent preborn children and help mothers make the choice of life. These are those who groan and mourn over the deaths of the preborn and who work to protect them. Rescuing babies, protecting broken hearted women, turning the ashes and fears of broken lives into joy as they hold a baby - is holy work. God allows these servants share His heart for the mothers and babies.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for revelation so that the eyes of the doctors/nurses/hospital staff will see the preborn as people. Pray for medical staff, including gynecologists, nurses and anesthesiologists to refuse to do abortions and for all hospitals refuse to do late term abortions.
2. Pray for abortion committees to stop performing as a 'rubber stamp' as they grant permission for abortion for 99.6% of applications. These abortions are government funded through our national health care.
3. Pray that it become a legal requirement to inform women of the procedures, consequences, and alternatives to abortion.
4. Pray for women in crisis to find available help through pregnancy centers and that every woman in crisis pregnancy will easily find life alternatives to abortion. May the Lord give grace and wisdom for the counselors in the various pregnancy centers so that life chooses will be made.
5. Pray for the Lord to strengthen and protect all the counselors and their families as they serve the Lord and those in crisis.



Day 5: September 20

Communities & Leaders

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26

Those people who have faithfully served the Lord for many years along with their families, by God’s grace, may mistakenly expect that their lives will be without any pain. They may be surprised that they must carry the cross in its different forms. God is loving and very good, but the world is filled with pain and sin that affect our lives no matter how hard you try to avoid them.

This is what I experienced last year. Our hearts were

filled with joy when we learned that our daughter was pregnant with our granddaughter, a beautiful gift of God for her and her husband after 8 years of marriage and many prayers. But we were shocked when the medical tests showed that our granddaughter may not survive until birth, or that she might not make it for long if she were born. Our pain was such that words couldn't describe. We continued to trust the Lord; we pleaded with heaven for a miracle and did everything we could. Our granddaughter was born in the ninth month but her heartbeat only in heaven, and not here on earth.

It was a loss that was greater than our spirits can take, or our bodies and emotions for that matter. Yet the God of hope kept holding onto our depths and holding us steadfast with a grace that we hadn't experienced before. Great pain and questions overwhelmed us: the eyes of our daughter, her husband and all our loved ones surrounding us and their tears, expressed their broken hearts, and we could put them together again. God, the Father of all comfort, met us in our weakness.

As congregations, as communities of faith, we must support one another in all the pains of life. When one part of the body suffers, we all suffer. May pastors, elders and lay leaders all speak with honesty and transparency about our shared suffering, and about the need to address the crisis of life that each of us might encounter. It is not healthy when some subjects are "off limits" - a crisis pregnancy, the fear of risky pregnancy, the loss of unborn children.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that our communities of faith will be places of truth and love, where biblical truth is our common agreement and where mercy is found. May we will recognize His comfort at all times and be open to receive it (2 Corinthians 1:3).
2. Lord, give pastors and teachers courage to stand up for the value of each life in both word and deed. Help us see the importance of instructing our younger generations in God's view of each human life and how to reflect His truths with His love.
3. Let us pray and intercede for one another, and empathize for each other's weaknesses as He taught us, and to feel with and moan with one another - this will make our healing faster and healthier. (Hebrews 4:15)
4. Lord, keep us from judging each other, and allow us to embrace one another and cry together as Jesus cried with the sisters of Lazarus, and to trust that the Holy Spirit is present.
5. Lord, help us acknowledge our need for fellow believers who will be present with us in calmness and patience - and we will make it through.



Day 6: September 21

Education System & Teachers

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

Today the followers of Jesus are in a struggle on all sides. Every area, principle and spiritual truth is under attack from outside and even from within the church: divorce, homosexuality, sex and sexual identity, the sanctity of life, the status of women, intended abortions, the biblical creation account. The culture and society we live in is soaked and flooded with sexuality and sensuality, like sewage flowing through a broken pipe.

The education system in all its stages affects children and teenagers in all these areas .

Satan, the ruler of this world, who has power, but is limited, is active within our school systems to destroy youth and children's appetite for spiritual, clean, and righteous things. He wants to dull their conscience so that their hearts will become harder and harder. Indeed, today many of the youth have lost their sensitivity to the images in the space in which they are. The enemy uses

their senses, sight, smell, and sound, so that they rely on human wisdom instead of depending on God.

Tragically, the Bible lessons taught in schools are shallow and described as a legend but not the words of the God of Israel and his prophets. There are few lessons or encouragement from the words of the Bible. On the contrary, there is often ridicule and joking. While we do not have the power to change the world systems around us, we do have the power that lies in God's word. Each generation of the youth and children needs to find "the book" again like in the days of King Josiah. As a child, God began to work in his heart, in difficult days like today.

Daniel the prophet, a young boy who came from the royal seed from Israel, was exiled with his friends to Babylon and put into the schools of Babylon to learn their culture. But everyone knew who their God was. Their identity was shaped by the family unit that was familiar and knew the Word of God. Those teenagers received their early education and the foundation of their faith from their spiritual teachers who taught them the Word of God. Just like today, the struggle is between two cultures. As Daniel chose to honor God again and again, his message was "God has put me in Babylon but did not create me in Babylon. I live in Babylon, but Babylon does not live in me."

Will we prepare our children to live in spiritual Babylon with all the tools they need? How important it is to raise our children in "Yahweh's discipline and instruction " (Ephesians 6:4). It is important that we do not leave the children's education in the hands of others but fully accept the parental authority and the community of

faith's responsibilities that are given to us by God. "Father, we need an army of believers, who hate to be lukewarm and will stand by Your Word above all else" (from the movie "War Room").

Prayer Points:

1. Let us pray for believing teachers who will be able to educate, teach and be light and witnesses in various educational settings. Please give them courage and wisdom.
2. Let us pray that our children and youth will grow up like the Lord Jesus: in wisdom (intellectually), in stature (physically), in favor before God (spiritually) and in favor before man (from a social point of view, they will have favor, grace and be a light, testimony, and encouragement to those around them).
3. Lord, in the religious education classes in our schools, may you raise up those who will honor your Word. May you provoke the children themselves to hunger after truth. Reveal Yourself through whatever seeds of Your Word are shared.



Day 7: September 22

Fathers

“He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:9-14

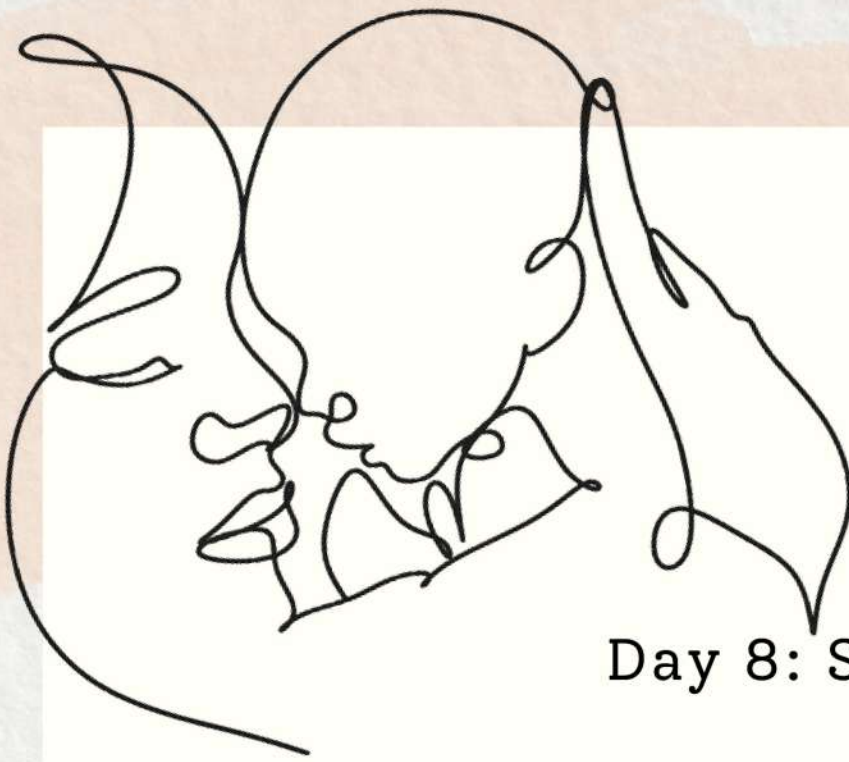
The focus of today's prayers is fathers. Being a father is more than just participating in a life-generating act. It is a responsibility, with eternal consequences. There are multitudes of fathers, however, who never demonstrate their love towards their children, either while both are alive, or because the lives of their children are terminated before they leave their mother's womb and breathe the breath of life. When the life of a preborn child is terminated by abortion, women are not the only ones who suffer the aftereffects.

Men also - fathers, grandfathers, brothers, sons, and other male members of the family- who have participated in the taking of the life of his pre-born child can experience long-term guilt and shame, causing them to become among the walking wounded, crippled in their relationships and commitments as a men and fathers. It can reasonably be said some men have followed the example of our forefather, Adam (Genesis 3), who became passive in light of God's instructions. Adam failed in his headship and leadership responsibility, failed to be alert to an attempt to cause him to be disobedient, failed in his role as protector, failed to take the initiative and respond, but left his wife alone to make the decision when Satan tempted her. All these, and more, caused sin to enter into the world and with it, death.

In some cases, the man did not choose or want the abortion, but had no choice in the matter. This may result in resentment and anger towards the woman who made the decision without his consent. These men need to be freed from the roots of bitterness that can affect multiple areas of life.

Prayer Points:

1. We pray for fathers, that they would fulfill the role that God intended for them, that they would make decisions that lead to life and not yield to the excuses offered by the world that urge them to do otherwise.
2. We pray for fathers, that they would not be passive in their relationships but act to protect and encourage life, both for themselves and for those over whom they have familial responsibility, as well as to realize that children are gifts from the Lord (Psalm 127:3) and can bring potential future blessings (Ruth 4:15).
3. We pray for post-abortive fathers - those who in one way or another, actively or passively, experienced the death of their pre-born child - that they would experience "godly sorrow" that shoulders responsibility for wrong attitudes (2 Corinthians 7:10).
4. We pray that the post-abortive fathers would forgive the women who decided to terminate the life of their child and be freed from the prison and consequences of unforgiveness and anger (Mark 11:26, James 1:19-20, see also Ephesians 6:4).
5. Lord, we prayer that fathers would teach their children about the value of life, as well as the Giver of life (Nehemiah 9:6, Job 10:12, Ezekiel 37:5, 1 Timothy 6:13), the Defender of life (Psalm 27:1) and the Grantor of life eternal (John 3:15-16; 5:24, 1 John 2:22).



Day 8: September 23

Mothers

“For this is what the Lord says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” Isaiah 66:12-13

In the last chapter of the book of Isaiah, God brings to a crescendo the beauty and harmony of a redeemed world with a reigning Messiah. The Lord declares, “the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see my glory.” What powerful word picture does God use to communicate the peace and wholeness that those who follow Him will experience in those times? The loving care of a mother! As we pray for the mothers in this land, let’s take a look at how God describes their unique role.

There is nothing like the relationship between a mother and her baby. Here in Isaiah, God describes some of the gifts a mother can give her children:

Verses 11 and 12 describe a nursing child, totally dependent on their mother. A nursing baby finds satisfaction of their needs, consolation from their fears and sorrows, and happy delight because of their mother's abundant provision. In the presence of their mother, verse 12 shows that a child experiences "peace like a river" and "glory like an overflowing stream." The Lord goes on to describe the way a child is "carried on the hip" and "bounced on the knees." During the early years of a child's life, physical closeness and connection to their mother gives them the gift of security. While a mother is at work, or walking along the way, she carries the child on her hip. While the mother is at rest, she plays with her child and consoles them with a happy bounce.

Psychologist John Eldridge writes, "Before we even learn speech, we are forming our deepest beliefs about the world and our place in it through our interactions with our mothers." (Resilient, by John Eldridge; Nelson Books, 2022, page 76 of Kindle Edition).

Verse 13 repeats the word, "comfort" three times. The word literally means, to sigh, to groan, to breathe deeply for the purpose of receiving relief and rest. Our mothers are a safe place to express our needs and to cry out for help. This is another beautiful picture of how we are to relate to our Creator too, the one who sent His Son to bring us peace.

When a mother fulfills her role, reflecting the very love of God, she gives her children the opportunity for their hearts to rejoice and for their bodies to flourish (see verse 14). Even as the world around them offers cheaper gifts, shallow promises and dark paths, a mother's love and a mother's prayers lay a foundation for a child to

walk on a straight path.

Prayer Points:

1. O Lord, may the mothers of this land see and know that motherhood is a precious gift from Your hand. May they embrace the opportunity to show selfless love, abundant love, joyful love to their children all the days of their lives.
2. We pray that the Lord will show mothers their mission to reflect the goodness of God, the faithfulness of their Creator. May they hold their children close, as they work and as they walk along the road. Move them to stop and play, to laugh with their children and show them a future that is not fearful (Proverbs 31:25).
3. May the mothers in this land open their mouths with wisdom and may the teaching of kindness be on their tongues (Proverbs 31:26).
4. Help older mothers reach out and disciple younger mothers, to teach them how to love their husbands and children (Titus 2) and to encourage them in their sacred work of mothering.
5. Help the congregations to celebrate motherhood, value those who are raising the next generation, so that they may not grow weary in well-doing and so they may not feel isolated. Wrap Your loving arms around those who are with young and lead them tenderly.



Day 9 : September 24 **Soldiers & Students**

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

2 Timothy 3:1-4

In the twelfth grade we were asked to write our matriculation thesis in English about dilemmas. I immediately jumped at the opportunity, and I decided to write about abortion. It was a topic that at the time was not as talked about in school as today but was very close to my heart. I did the work together with a classmate, who told me something amazing: when her mother was pregnant with her, she tried to abort her, but the abortion was unsuccessful. When I heard her amazing story, I was so excited that I found someone who thinks like me, and I thought 'what an amazing testimony she has to strengthen our work.' So, imagine my

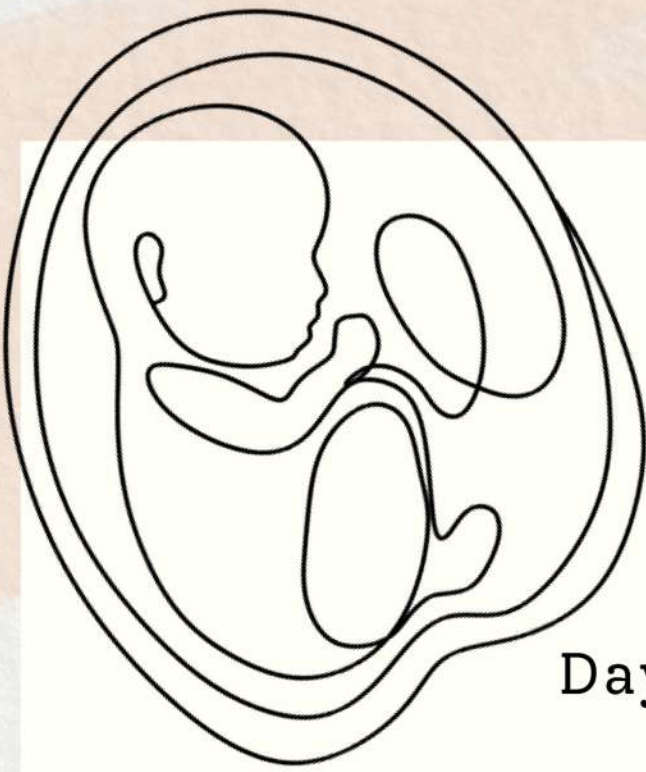
astonishment and disappointment when I found out that she was actually pro-abortion. I remember myself, a 17-year-old girl, unable to grasp how she could be in favor of what almost killed her? How can she be okay with her mother not wanting her to live?

This is the world we live in today. This is the common perception that our young adults are exposed to in their environment - at home, in schools, and in social media. There is an intensification of the liberal concepts in the world, which sanctify the "self", and always encourage us to do what feels good to us at that moment. We have easy access to sexual content and the age of sexual experimentation has become earlier over the years. Young people believe abortion is a necessary option, in order to live without restraint and please themselves. Young people learn from a young age that this is not a moral dilemma, but that there is only one correct answer: the woman, her body and her rights are at the center, therefore abortion (murder) is a good and necessary thing. God has already reproofed his people on such distorted views: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight" (Isaiah 5:20-21).

Prayer Points:

1. **For the families of believers and the churches** - pray for wisdom for the parents (and the leaders of the churches and youth groups) to educate their young people according to the Word of God, and pray that they may have ears to hear, a heart to accept, and courage to stand for this Truth in a world that does not accept it. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)
2. **For education** - It is impossible to separate the issue of abortion from the world's distorted view of sexuality, relationships, and marriages. Pray for the protection of youth and young people from pornography and exposure to content that promotes unsafe sexuality and abortions. Pray for a revolution and a change in our culture that will restore the center value of life and give youth and young people the healthy education for relationships, sexuality and taking responsibility.
3. **For the girls and young women who have become pregnant and want/are considering aborting their baby** - we will pray for protection from these thoughts, to open their eyes and their hearts to the precious life in their belly, that they will love their baby. We will pray for a supportive environment that will help them keep the baby and not destroy it, and if such an environment is not found, that they will find the centers that offer help, and will want to come and receive their help.

4. **For the IDF** - the army that is supposed to protect the residents of its country, does not protect the smallest, but sees them as a burden and finances abortions at government expense for the young female soldiers who become pregnant. Pray for a change in perception and policy that sanctifies the value of life that they have sworn to protect.



Day 10: September 25 **Children & Babies**

“When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under.” Matthew 2: 16

“And he said, when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them but saved the men children alive.” Exodus 1:16 -17

In these two biblical stories we find descriptions of cruel death for innocent children. Satan's plans are against God's plans for the salvation and spiritual life of the next generation.

Herod promoted his personal interest when he heard from the wisemen that a new king was coming. Herod wanted to ensure his own comfort, his secure place as king, In order to continue to rule, he will even murder

innocent babies.

Pharaoh had the same things in mind many years earlier as he looked at the people of Israel. To secure his place and control over the kingdom, Pharaoh committed a massacre of small children. In these stories, two men with evil intentions planned to stop the line of the Messiah as well.

This is Satan's old story: he comes to "steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Jesus, required childlike faith, bringing a child before the disciples as an example. He also said to His disciples, "let the little children come to me" when they believed the children were an irritation to Jesus.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:1-5

Prayer Points:

1. Let us pray and ask for forgiveness for the continuous murders that still exist, and we will ask for God's mercy.
2. Let us pray against spiritual opposition that lowers the value of man - our war is not with flesh and blood but with spirits of this world.
3. Pray for our nation, our communities, our churches and our families to celebrate the life and value of each and every child.
4. Pray that God would intervene to eliminate the evil of abortion in our land.

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