

A Trimester of Prayer

You can make a meaningful difference by including these thoughts in your daily devotion and prayer time.

Week 1 - This week, pray for the unborn and their mothers. With the dawning of this day more than 14,500 women in America have just become aware of the presence of a new life within them. About 3,560 end that precious life as a matter of convenience. Pray that God would move some courageous believers to encourage those mothers to keep their pregnancies and to share the comfort of God's word during their time of confusion. *(These statistics are estimates since current statistics are not available.)*

Week 2 - By God's grace, every day this week there are Christian Life Resources volunteers acting like heroes. They are people who are sacrificing personal comfort, giving up free time and putting their faith on the line in order that lives might be saved. Pray that God would fortify the brave women and men who are counselors and helpers and Christian Life Resources pregnancy counseling centers.

Week 3 - Even before Solomon urged that a child be torn in two to discover its rightful mother, judges and lawmakers have held great power over the lives and well-being of children. The legislative and judicial battle over rights (the mother's vs. the baby's) has never been more passionate nor intense. Pray this week that the law of the land would be transformed to reflect God's view that each life is unique and valuable and deserves to be protected.

Week 4 - Do abortion clinic physicians wrestle with the morality of their work? They must. How many times can they execute the "harmless procedure" of "pregnancy termination" before coming to grips with the fact that they are enriching themselves by killing children? Pray this week that the Holy Spirit would burden the consciences of these doctors so that they would turn their backs on abortion and be led to turn their hearts to Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

Week 5 - Pray this week that the young unmarried people in your congregation and city would find a new devotion to purity. Pray that they would act responsibly now so they won't be tempted to act irresponsibly later should a pregnancy occur. Pray that parents, concerned teachers, and friends would encourage young people toward abstinence. Pray God would help people see the potential heartbreak they face by giving themselves to anyone but their marriage partner.

Week 6 - Ask God to move the hearts of more and more devoted followers to volunteer their time, energy, encouragement, and financial resources to strengthen or begin chapters and branches of Christian Life Resources.

Week 7 - One adopted child has been quoted as saying, "I always knew I was really loved and wanted because I was chosen." What a powerful statement! As the chosen children of God who believe not only in life for unborn children but in adoption as well, pray that God would touch more hearts among us with the notion to adopt. Pray especially that more loving, caring Christian homes would be found for children who are hard to place because of race or disability.

Week 8 - Jesus has called us to walk as He walked. He calls us to talk as he talked. Pray this week that you would have the courage to speak the truth in love about abortion; that you would share your concern for the unborn with others. And pray that you would be bold in your presentation of both the law and the gospel.

Week 9 - Pray this week for the families you know (and those in your community whom you may not

know) who face long-term-care situations with their terminally-ill loved ones. Pray that God would strengthen and empower them for this difficult time. Pray too, that temptations toward quick, easy answers would be met with the conviction that life is precious in God's eyes even when "the quality of life" seems to have diminished.

Week 10 - Pray that God would work in the hearts of those Christians who have, until now, been content to stand on the sidelines regarding abortion. Pray that they would see abortion for what it is a terrible, murderous, and sinful miscarriage of God's design for life, a wrong that needs to be made right.

Week 11 - Please pray that God would continue to bless the efforts of the National Office of Christian Life Resources as it seeks to strengthen and undergird its chapters and branches. Pray that God would give wisdom, insight and perseverance to the National Board members and the staff as they go about their work.

Week 12 - Give thanksgiving to our gracious God for moving in the hearts of so many women during this trimester. Thank Him for helping those mothers make the right decision to do whatever it takes to give their children life.

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