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I. Pray for Life – Pray that the dignity of every human life will be respected and protected at every age and stage of life from conception to natural death (Prov. 24:11-12). Visit prolifeapp.com for a “Prayer App.”

II. Take Action for Life – Here are some 5 practical ways to make an impact:

1. Affirm newly elected President Trump for his pledge to only appoint Pro-Life Justices and Judges to the Courts: www.whitehouse.gov/contact.

2. Contact your Representative and Senators by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or visit www.FRC.org and click on “More” tab, then “Contact Officials.” Urge them to support pro-life legislation:

- A budget reconciliation bill that defunds Planned Parenthood and eliminates the abortion subsidies in Obamacare.
- The *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act*, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), to permanently codify the annual appropriations rider known as the “Hyde Amendment,” to prohibit the funding for elective abortion and apply it to all federal agencies. FRC found that President Obama’s claim that Obamacare did not subsidize abortion in the health plans is untrue. Results of FRC’s research can be found at www.ObamacareAbortion.com.
- The *Unborn Child Pain Capable Protection Act*, sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks (R-NJ) and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), to ban abortion at 20 weeks, when unborn babies can experience severe pain.

3. Educate yourself on pro-life arguments. Read the best arguments from science, the law, and women’s rights to advance the pro-life case against abortion to your friends, family and neighbors. To find out more about how to promote the pro-life cause in your daily life, check out www.FRC.org/life.



4. Support a Pregnancy Care Center in your area. To find out a life-affirming ministry to women in your area who are expecting a child, check out <https://www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory>.

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