

# PRAYER GUIDE

*Building a culture of life.*

The U.S. Supreme Court has issued a historic ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Court's landmark 1973 decision legalizing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Because of the Supreme Court's ruling, Congress and state legislatures around the country once again have the power to pass laws protecting unborn life. This victory is the result of decades of prayer. We should give thanks to God for this decision and pray earnestly for the day when every unborn child is protected, beginning at the moment of conception. Although we should celebrate, our work defending the unborn has just begun. Below are a few ways Christians can pray for life.

**1. Thank God for the unborn children whose lives will be saved because of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs.**

Psalm 9:1-2 "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

**2. Thank God for the mothers and fathers whose hearts will not suffer the pain of abortion because of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs.**

Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**3. Thank God specifically for the courage, wisdom, and strength of the justices who withstood intense outside pressure and stood firm in their commitment to truth.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

**4. Thank God for Mississippi's state legislators who courageously passed the Gestational Age Act into law, former Gov. Phil Bryant who signed it, and Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Gov. Tate Reeves who defended it, which led to the overturning of Roe v. Wade.**

1 Timothy 2:1-2 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

**5. Pray for the mothers and fathers of the over 60 million unborn children whose lives have been taken by the evil of abortion. Pray that their hearts would change and that they would come to know the mercy, love, and forgiveness of God.**

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

2 Chronicles 30:9b For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.

**6. Pray that local, state, and federal lawmakers would advance policies and legislation to protect unborn children and that our nation's courts would uphold these laws.**

Psalm 75:6-7 “For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.”

**7. Pray that members of the pro-life movement would be strengthened in their resolve to protect and defend the unborn until the right to life is guaranteed for every unborn child.**

Ephesians 6:10-12 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

**8. Pray that pregnant mothers facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies would receive the counsel, resources, encouragement, and support they need to choose life.**

Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

**9. Pray that fathers would choose life for their unborn children and take responsibility for them. Pray that fathers would support their child's mother.**

Psalm 127:3-5 “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.”

**10. Pray that pregnancy resource center workers throughout the nation would have wisdom, compassion, and empathy when interacting with women considering abortion or women who have had an abortion. Pray that these centers would continue to have the means to lend spiritual, medical, material, and emotional support to these women.**

Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

**11. Pray that churches and communities would support mothers who choose to parent their children in difficult circumstances. Pray for support for any mother who chooses to make an adoption plan for her child.**

Proverbs 31:8-9 “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

James 4:17 “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

**12. Pray that abortion would end not only in America but also in every nation around the world.**

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

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

