

Standing in the Gap Prayer Booklet

Consider Young Mother

Consider, young mother, before it's too late,
You've only a little while longer to wait
Till your beautiful baby will come into view
In the image of God and the image of you...
There are those who would lay down their own lives for you,
Who would lay down their lives for your little one too,
Would you shutter your heart to your own baby's fate?
Consider, young mother, before it's too late!
Think, ere that life from your body is torn,
Your baby, like you, has a right to be born,
There's naught for you here in this chamber of death
But the cruel suffocation of God's Holy Breath
Of one who is growing in your vibrant womb,
---Don't let the abortionist make it a tomb!
Your body is youthful and throbbing with life,
And now bears another whose right to that life
Is sacred as yours--do not let it die,
Give ear to Love's whisper: "Fear not, it is I!"
Would you shutter your conscience to that baby's fate?
Consider, young mother, before it's too late!
Be guided by Him in His heaven above you,
Choose life and that Infant forever will love you!

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"God bless you for answering God's call to stand in the gap for God's precious unborn children. This booklet on prayer is a powerful and effective tool compiled with God's Word to pray. James 5:16 *'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,'*" Pastor Al and Judy Howard.

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The Lord Calls Us To Pray

Ezekiel 22:30 *"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."*

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**“Prayer is a shield to the soul, a delight to God,
and a scourge to satan,”** John Bunyan

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER: “The scope of intercessory prayer is boundless. It is the work to which God has called us all,”

Dr. J. Gordon Henry

Acts 1:14a “They all joined together constantly in prayer...”

Below are suggestions for verbal and silent prayers led by a pastor or others. Possibly take turns praying aloud for each topic. Those who feel led can kneel and pray together or separately for the remaining moments coming together for a closing prayer.

SALVATION: Pray that couples in a crisis pregnancy will turn to God.

PROTECTION: Pray for the protection of unborn children and moms.

FORGIVENESS: Pray God’s grace and healing on those who have had abortions. Pray for local crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life healing-support ministries.

MOTHERS, FATHERS: Pray that couples will choose life for their babies; that fathers will encourage their wives and girl friends to have their babies; that couples will chose adoption instead of abortion and that couples will stop living in immorality conceiving babies out of wedlock.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: Pray God’s sovereignty against abortionists. Pray that doctors will stop recommending abortion to their patients. Pray that God will open the eyes of many doctors to see that abortion is the taking of a human life and is wrong.

WITNESS: Pray that motorists, who witness our praying, will have receptive hearts and minds.

PEOPLE: Pray that God will open the eyes of all peoples to the truth that abortion is taking a precious, innocent human life. Pray that Christians will repent from their complacency and begin to act according to their convictions. Pray for perseverance in fighting the evil of abortion.

LAWS: Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes and soften the hearts of our nation’s leaders towards God and the unborn. Pray for Godly wisdom in our government and courts; that God will strengthen pro-life officials. Pray specifically for our President/Vice-President and their wives. Pray that our Congress and State Legislature will pass laws that will fully protect the rights of the unborn; that the U.S. and State Supreme Court will make decisions that protect the rights of the unborn; that ungodly judges will be removed and that God-fearing judges will replace them.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING: Pray that God will direct a profound spiritual awakening in our local churches, communities and Nation.

BABIES SAVED: Pray that babies will be saved as a result of our prayers.

FINAL PRAYER BY PASTOR, LEADER OR VOLUNTEER

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: “Prayer is my response to the invitation of God to bear one another’s burdens, to be intercessors,” Peter M. Lord

I John 4:4b “...the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

Praying for the hearts of the fathers and mothers:

Malachi 4:5&6 “See, I will send you the prophet Elijah...He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

Pray: Father, in Jesus name, we pray that You turn the hearts of the mothers and fathers toward their unborn children. Please help them see that these are their own precious children. Please help them choose like for their unborn. Please help the sidewalk counselors touch the hearts of these mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers for life. In Your Precious name. Amen



TURN THE HEARTS

Turn the hearts of the children to their parents;
Turn the hearts of the parents to their young.
Turn the hearts of us all to one another;
Turn the hearts of us all unto the Lord. (end second time)
Hear their cry, won't someone save the children?
Hear their cry, won't someone save the children?
Don't let them die,
O Christian we must try!

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword--
His truth is marching on!

CHORUS

Glory, glory Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!
2) I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps--
His day is marching on! CHORUS
3) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet--
Our God is marching on. CHORUS

Guidelines: Standing in the Gap Prayer Booklet

PURPOSE:

1. To use as a guide for prayer at an abortion clinic by individuals or groups especially by churches. Sometimes a Bible Study group is a good place to initially go through the booklet before planning to go to a clinic. This will take about an hour.

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE:

1. Meet as a group at a designated location such as a church or clinic. Have a Prayer Booklet for each person and a map to the clinic marking where to park and where to stand.
2. Have a designated leader or pastor go over this page.
3. At the clinic site, follow your prayer leader's directions: reading, singing, and praying in unison, individually and silently. A leader may want to read the titles and/or Scriptures.
4. Those with a physical problem or with young children, may want to stay at the church and pray for the hour.

Guidelines for Peaceful Prayer Participants:

This is not a demonstration or protest. It is not even a time for debate or confrontation. Then why are we here? We believe that God wants us to be at these places of death, as living, loving witness to this world and to our city that God is aware of what is happening here to His precious children and He is not pleased.

Please adhere to the following rules:

1. This vigil is legal and we cooperate with the local police. Follow any instructions from the police and the prayer leaders. Obey traffic lights. Don't block drive-ways, stay on the sidewalk, and stay with the group. Don't speak with the media.
Please carry no signs, banners, fliers or posters.
2. Keep the strict discipline of prayer. No talking to anyone until the hour of prayer is complete. Don't respond to word or action to anyone who may express opposition to our pro-life views. Our conversation is with God.
Some may want to kneel where indicated. This is voluntary.

Sidewalk Counselors

There will be sidewalk counselors trying to speak with those seeking an abortion and those involved in the abortion. Please just pray for them. If you feel God wants you to become a sidewalk counselor, let the prayer leader know and you will be invited to a training session.

God bless each of you as you allow God and the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus to use you. The abortion clinic is Satan's stronghold but we know who is the final victor.

Matthew 26:40b “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?”

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Introduction:

First and Foremost we are here because of our love for and obedience to God's words...

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world (the abortion clinic is part of the world) and preach the good news to all creation."

Proverbs 24:11-12 "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?"

Second we know we have access to the throne of God to come boldly by the blood of Jesus and in His name.

Hebrews 4:16 & 10:19 "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive and find grace to help us in our time of need."

"...since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus."

WHY PRAY?

KEY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

ARE YOU READY TO PRAY?

2 Timothy 2:22b "...call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

LET'S FORGET ABOUT OURSELVES

Let's forget about ourselves and magnify the Lord and worship Him.
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify the Lord and worship Him.
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify the Lord and worship Him.
Oh worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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S - SUPPLICATION: INTERCESSION (pages 9,10,11)

SUPPLICATION: INTERCESSION - "Focus the power of God on another person or on a specific situation. God unleashes His POWER, SPIRIT, AND REDEMPTIVE LOVE." Dr. J. Gordon Henry

Isaiah 59:16 "He saw that there was no one, and he was appalled that there was no one to intercede;"

Jeremiah 5:28 "They do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it."

Deuteronomy 30:19 "...I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants," Mark 10:27b "all things are possible with God."

Prayers for those involved in an abortion.

Matthew 5:44 "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

Pray: Lord, we need your power as we pray to find the forces of evil in this abortion clinic. We also pray for the abortionist, workers, guards and anyone else working at this clinic. Open their eyes to the evil of killing unborn children. In Jesus name we pray.

WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

What a mighty God we serve!

What a mighty God we serve!

Angels bow before Him,

Heaven and earth adore Him

What a mighty God we serve! (2x)

Prayers for the unborn babies:

Psalm 102:17-20 "He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea. Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord: The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death."

Proverbs 6:16,17b "the Lord hates,...hands that shed innocent blood.."

Pray: Father, in Jesus name, we pray that you hear the groaning of your precious innocent unborn children who are imprisoned and scheduled to die. We ask you to loose them that they may live.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Red, brown, black and white, They are precious in His sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

(Second time: sing in the womb where it says of the world.)

SUPPLICATION: PETITION - a humble request for self

PRAY: Our heavenly Father, please prepare me to pray for others.

TO BE HOLY SPIRIT CONTROLLED:

Romans 8:26-27 "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;" Ephesians 6:18a "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions..."

FOR THE WILL OF GOD:

Ephesians 6:10-17 "...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground,"

PRAY: Lord, gird my loins with the BELT OF TRUTH; give me the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; the GOSPEL OF PEACE; the SHIELD OF FAITH; the HELMET OF SALVATION; the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD. AMEN



BIND US TOGETHER
Bind us together Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken;
Bind us together Lord; bind us together Lord; Bind us together with love.
There is only one God; there is only one King;
There is only one body; that is why we sing. (Repeat first two lines.)

PRAY FOR A LISTENING HEART:

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."

Pause a few moments. Let your heart be still. Listen for God to speak to you.

- Ask God how you can best help end abortion in the days, weeks, and months ahead. **Pause for silent prayer.**
- Pray for love and unity among God's people, that we will submit to God's will for our lives, our families and our nation. **Pause for silent prayer.**
- Pray a personal prayer of repentance for past failure to actively oppose 8 abortion and for not aiding pregnant moms. **Pause for silent prayer.**

ADORATION and PRAISE

"Praise God for who He is. Seek His face. Adoration is glory we give GOD FOR WHO HE IS HIMSELF. Contemplation of the glorious nature of God. PRAISE for what He is in Himself." Dr. J. Gordon Henry
"It is the most appropriate way to enter into His presence." Peter M. Lord

Psalm 34: 1&3 "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips." "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together."

Psalm 8: 1-9 "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, What is man, that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; You put everything under this feet: All flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,... O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus, be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from His throne, unto His own,
His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high,
the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

GLORIFY THY NAME
(1)Father, we love You,
we worship You,
and adore You.
Glorify Thy Name in all the
earth. Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name. Glorify
Thy Name in all the earth.
(2)Jesus, we love you...
(3)Spirit, we love you...

Luke 2:14a "Glory to God in the highest,"

Isaiah 6:3 "And they were calling to one another; Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Revelation 5:13b "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Revelation 7:12 "„Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen"

Silently worship the Lord.

**CONFESSION: “Agreeing with God about sin:
it is your response to His holiness.”** Peter M. Lord

I John 1:10 “If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”

Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Isaiah 59: 1,2 “Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; Your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

Psalms 66:18 “He would not have listened if I had not confessed my sin.” (TLB)

Mark 11:25,26 “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

2 Corinthians 7:9 “yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.”

Psalms 51:1,2 “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from mm sin.”

Isaiah 1:18b “Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;”

I Timothy 1:2:5 “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

I 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.”

PRAY: Thank you Lord for loving me and for your forgiveness of my sins. We pray for the many who are suffering from the guilt of past abortions. We pray that they - the parents, grandparents, doctors and all others involved, will come to the saving grace of Christ through forgiveness. Amen



<p>AMAZING GRACE 1-Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.</p> <p>2-Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.</p>	<p>3-Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; „Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.</p> <p>4-When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, Than when we first begun.</p>
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End with “The Lord’s Prayer”.

**THANKSGIVING: ENTER HIS GATES WITH
THANKSGIVING**

Luke 17:17 “*Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?’*”

Psalms 100:4,5 “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Psalms 116:12,17a “What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits toward me?”
“To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving.” (NAS)

Psalms 103:1-5 “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.” (NAS)

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 4:2 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

<p>THANK YOU LORD (FOR SAVING MY SOUL) Thank you Lord for saving my soul. Thank you Lord for making me whole. Thanks you Lord for giving to me. Thy great salvation so rich and free.</p>	<p>HE IS LORD He is Lord, He is Lord He has risen from the dead, and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.</p>
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PRAY: Praise and thank you Lord for your forgiveness, for Your goodness, Your graciousness and Your many blessings.

Each person offer a silent prayer of thanks for the Lord’s blessings.

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