

Youth Pray for Life



***100 Pro-life Prayers
by Young People***

Young people have the uncanny ability to recognize right and wrong clearly and immediately, their vision undimmed by the relativism and learned equivocation that can muddle and mute adults' vision. That clarity gives them the ability to speak with passion and idealism, to give voice to their certainty that right will triumph over wrong and they will help lead the charge.

Youth Apostles, a Catholic community dedicated to youth ministry, has for many years provided young people with opportunities to express their pro-life views and why they hold them. In one such effort, young people were asked to write a pro-life prayer.

That resulted in this collection – 100 pro-life prayers by young people. Idealistic and fervent, in their own words. They truly, beautifully and eloquently embody Isaiah's words: "And a child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

We pray that their prayers are answered and that their entreaties will inspire others too.

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PRO-LIFE PRAYERS

I pray for what you cannot see
I pray for what you cannot hear
I pray for what you cannot feel
I pray for what the world is missing
I pray that people will find the answer. Amen

Kate

Merciful Lord,
Through the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
May our hearts be set on fire
So that through the gifts of the Holy Spirit
May we protect those unborn who are vulnerable and cannot shelter themselves.
Through your mercy please enlighten
Those who have wandered away from your truth
And bring them back as did the Shepherd of the lost sheep.

Chris

Please Lord, let abortion be a thing of the past and never happen again.

Chris

Oh God, please stop the evils of abortion.

Darrin

Give women the strength to protect life.
Give men the strength to trust God that no matter what, the newborn baby will bring only love and happiness to the family.
Please give the family the strength to believe that everything will be OK.
Protect the family of the unborn child.
Give the child the joy of being loved as much as possible in a faith-filled environment.
Give the child the strength to live a holy and happy life.
Please, let all families know that bringing a new baby into this world is only a good thing, never a bad decision.

Austin

O God, please help us to value all life from conception to natural death.

Becky

St. Brigid, patron saint of babies, please help us to be ready for a child and to start a new life.

Niklas

Every individual deserves respect, no matter how different they seem or appear. I understand that life is the most wonderful gift of all, and this gift should not be treated irreverently. Please let life be respected and honored.

Jonathan



FOR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S AT STAKE

Mary, please help those who don't understand that every life is a gift.
Please help us understand that we were made to be loved and not used.
Please help people remember before they end a life that God loves everyone, no matter how they look or act.

Claire

Help us to be able to see the importance and uniqueness in the soul of every person, whether they may be a baby, child or adult and help others see this as well. Please open their eyes as you have with mine so they can see how precious and special individual life is.

John

We ask that you empower our hearts and minds with the grace to acknowledge that from the moment of conception a baby has a soul and a mission from God to fulfill in life, and that the life of that person should be fully respected till natural death.



Julie

Lord, you gave each of us the gift of life — but not all know its worth. Selfishly, so many deprive your children of this glorious gift. Thinking that there is no choice, that they are doing no harm, that no one will care, they destroy themselves and others. Enlighten them, O Lord. Make the truth known to them. Show them the way.

Joshua

I pray that you would lay it upon their hearts to break the chain of uncertainty about the value of life so they and their children for many generations will walk with You and protect and value life.

George

We ask for a change in hearts across America that they understand what abortion really does and means.

Julie

Dear God, I pray that you instill fortitude and proper judgment into young women to stay pure until marriage.

Megan

Oh, Lord, help those who do not understand. Please influence mankind to have respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Please nudge our politicians in the right direction. Let the abomination of abortion be destroyed, and forgive those who have committed it.

Eamon

We pray to you for an increased awareness around the world of respect and dignity for all human life.

Julie

Oh Blessed Virgin Mary, please intercede before your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that His divine mercy gives hope to those who need it, to help them see that abortion is not an answer and to help them understand that He is the only One who is the owner of our lives.

Orlando

Dear God, by your most gracious and holy hand, help everyone to understand that a human has a soul from the moment of conception, and that soul should be cared for and comforted like a newborn.

Jonathan

God, help us to understand the gift of life. Help us to cherish it and keep it safe in our hearts. You have given us this gift.

Kieran

FOR THE UNBORN

Bless the babies who haven't seen your wonderful creation and might.

Zed

Many unborn babies are not being treated with the dignity they deserve as your sons and daughters. Please help the world to see that these human beings are just as important as any other person.

Patrick

Bless all those who never had a choice to live or die.

Bobby

Dear God, please keep all unborn babies safe and loved.

Patrick

Mary, please watch over the young and innocent babies who cannot defend themselves, just as you watched over your own Son Jesus.

Julie

We pray today for the soul of those whose lives have ceased due to decisions by the beings who were supposed to defend their lives.

Orlando

We ask of you, oh Lord, that you save all those unborn.

Henry

Let us pray that the unborn will be recognized as human beings with souls and lives.

Jonathan

Oh God, I pray for the innocent unborn. With your divine power, please stop the killing of unborn babies. Let everyone know that human life is precious and is your gift to the world.

D.J.

Oh Lord, every day you give us the miracle of life. Please allow that those who are unborn will experience your majestic and unbelievable world.

Lauren

Dear God, please help the born and unborn babies to live.

Henry

Lord God, please know that all of your unborn children are always in our hearts and minds, and we are always praying for them. They will never be forgotten, and will always be important to us, and to generations to come. We will always have a special place in our hearts for your unborn children.

Sloane

Dear Father, for all unborn children, let us pray that their mothers will be enlightened with your wisdom and given the courage to allow each baby a chance to live.

Jackie

Dear God, please save the babies who are about to be aborted.

Marissa

Protect all unborn children and help their mothers take care of them and make decisions in their best interest.

Erin



FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Give families and friends the ability to encourage soon-to-be mothers, no matter how hard it may be. Lord, please send your Holy Spirit down to these mothers and help them raise their children. Help them to have a friendly and affectionate household to care for them while they grow.

Taylor

Heavenly Father, you created everything from nothing, including life. Give mothers knowledge about how important life is. Help them understand the way of life.

Megan



Mary, Mother of God, we ask that you reach out to all pregnant women and soon-to-be mothers. Guide those who are lost, confused, scared or doubtful. Aid the young and the weak, and strengthen those who are hurt, lonely and vulnerable. As you cared for your Son, Jesus Christ, let all mothers, too, care for their children. Help women to fight for justice and respect, but remind all women of their duties as mother. Together, in glory and with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may all women choose life and love their children through every point of their lives.

Erin

Lord, guide all mothers through their pregnancies and help them to see that they do not have a choice about abortion. Help women see how wrong and immoral abortion is. Help them to see the miracle and blessing pregnancy is.

Gabrielle

Lord, please help women to know that they are not alone and that they can seek help to raise their child. Please give them hope. Lead them to right way of thinking.

Kristin

Lord, please help expectant mothers to think not only about themselves, but also about the child they have conceived.

Cassidy

Please help all mothers to be like Mary, your perfect mother, and let them say yes to God and to the right to human life.

Carrie

Dear Mary, please give all young mothers the strength you had to accept Jesus into your life. Let all young mothers learn from your experience and show them that life is always worth the challenge.

Colleen

Dear God, protect and guide all mothers to be as they venture on the miraculous journey of motherhood. Wrap your Holy Spirit around them and remind them that their child is yours, too, and has the right to life.

Julie Ann

Dear God, You are the creator of life. You are the one who has the right to decide who is allowed to live, not we human beings. Please help and comfort the mothers who are considering having an abortion. Please help them to realize that whether someone has a right to live is not their decision.

Meghan

Oh, Lord, help all mothers to do what is right and to be guided in the Faith when it comes to making decisions regarding a baby's life.

Kristin

Dear God, you are a powerful God and you know all things. You hear the cries of the babies who are aborted, and the weeping of the hearts that are hurt by this action. Please enter the hearts of the women considering having an abortion, and help them see the cruelty of this decision. Make their cries never heard again.

Kaitlyn

Please send the Holy Spirit to guide women who are recovering from or considering an abortion. Guide them to the truth that children are not a punishment, but a gift.

Becky

FOR EXPECTANT FATHERS

Lord, help soon-to-be fathers. Help them to see that all life matters and that they must do everything they can to support the mothers of their children. Give them the grace to take care of their new child. Be with them as they make life-changing decisions during this time.

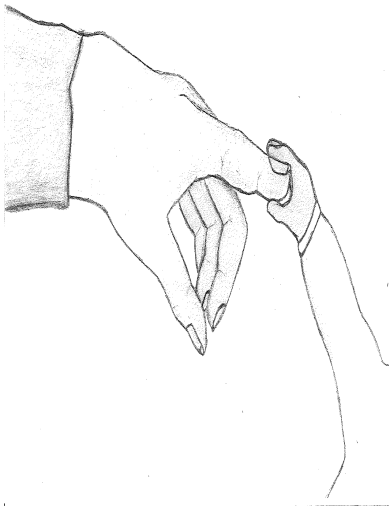
Erin

Let us pray for the fathers of unborn children, that they take responsibility and, with their love and support, encourage the mother to continue on with the pregnancy.

Megan

We pray that soon-to-be fathers will support the mothers of their children in every way possible: physically, mentally and spiritually. May they appreciate Your great gift of life.

Monica



Dear Joseph, please give all young fathers the strength you had to stand by Mary when others would not. Please show them that a new life is always a blessing and that though the road may be tough, God will guide you through it and the rewards will be everlasting.

Colleen

Heavenly Father, bless the fathers of daughters who are going through labor and birth, that they may guide their families in this hard but great time.

Chris

FOR FAMILIES

We pray for future grandparents, aunts, uncles and all extended family, that they may receive a child into their family with open minds, arms and hearts, regardless of the situation under which the baby was conceived.

Monica



We pray for family members who are struggling with a loved one contemplating abortion. Give them the strength to help their loved one understand that taking a life is wrong. Guide them with your love, oh Heavenly Father, and help them to see that all life is precious.

Kristin

FOR PARENTS

Dear Mary, Mother of God, please help everyone make morally correct choices that will bring them closer to God. Help children everywhere get the support and care they need, and help their parents be the best parents they can be.

Erin

Fill the hearts and minds of mothers and fathers with all your love and guidance and help them to see that life is precious and should be respected. Fill them with the confidence and faith they need to choose life.

Kristin



Father, teach the parents of the unborn to pray to you for guidance. Teach parents of the unborn that abortion is wrongdoing. Encourage parents to turn away from abortion. Show parents the more holy option and guide them to the right path. Save the children, give new hope to parents.

Ophelia

Let us pray that all parents will know that abortion is wrong. Let us pray for the unborn babies whose parents are considering ending their lives for selfish reasons. Lord, give all families the strength they need to make good decisions and follow Your word.

Kristin

FOR LEADERS

We pray for all politicians, that they will stand up for life and pass laws that protect it. May they feel the Holy Spirit within them and make the right choices Help them realize that they are in a position of power and the good they can do with that power. Give them the strength to support all life. Amen

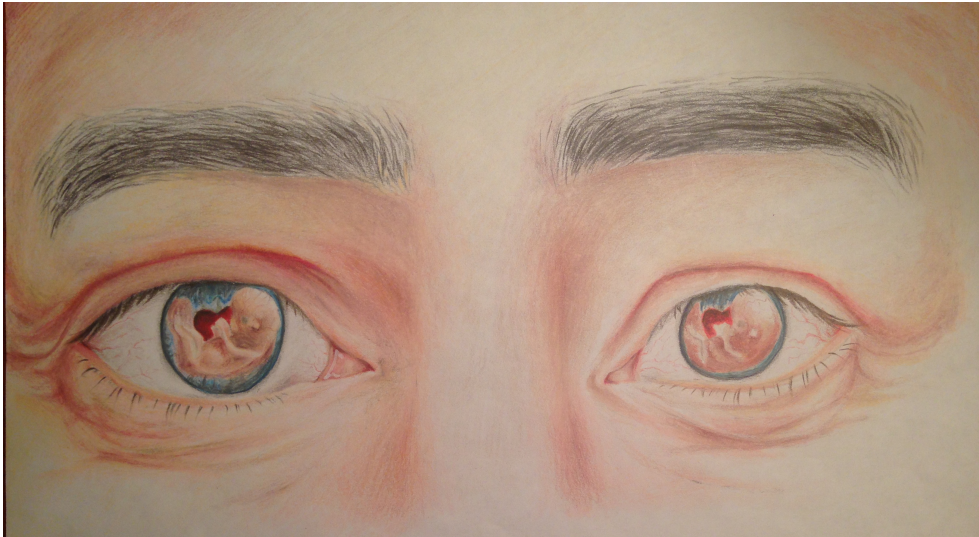
Ciara

Give the politicians the strength to vote for and pass the bills to make abortion illegal. Give them the sight so they can realize that it is murder and should be illegal. Forgive the politicians who have already made the mistake and voted pro-choice and give them the chance to make up for their mistake.

Connor

Lord, please let the politicians make wise decisions and pass laws against killing innocent helpless human life, and that they will try their best to stop it.

Chris



We ask that you help all those in government power around the world to see the evils of abortion.

Henry

We pray for our government, that it will make good decisions and end abortion. Give our leaders the strength they need to ensure that every baby is born.

Kristin

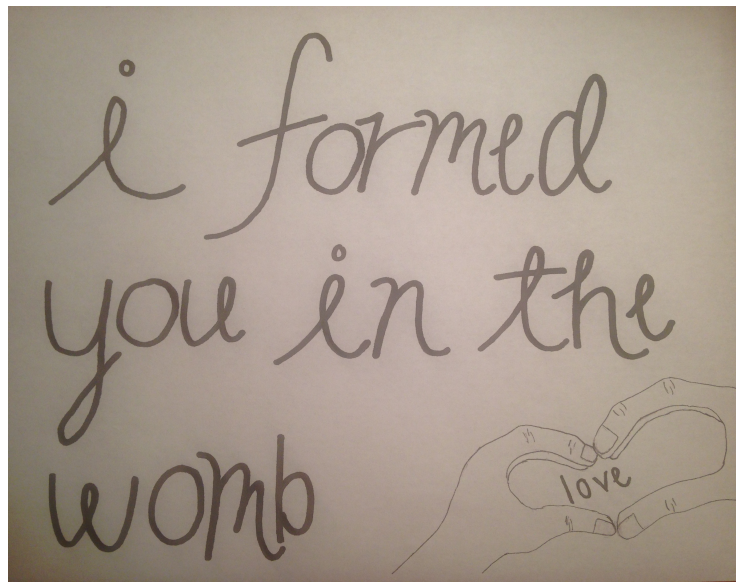
FOR PRO-LIFERS

God, I pray for your guidance and the help of the Holy Spirit, that I may be a living example of the goodness of life that you give, and that I may be your disciple in everything I do to promote this right to life.

Jackie

Show all the power and beauty of life. Give your followers the tongues of life to preach against abortion. Lord, please continue to speak through the Church on the topic of abortion. Let us show the world what it means to be pro-life.

Zed



We know we are not very strong, but with your grace and blessing, we will have the fortitude to preach and remain firm in the Church's teachings on abortion.

Matthew

Let us pray for the strength and knowledge to teach others to respect life, to truly love life, and to fully value life.

Jackie

O God, please inspire your people here on earth to speak out and stand up for innocent life and all life.

Becky

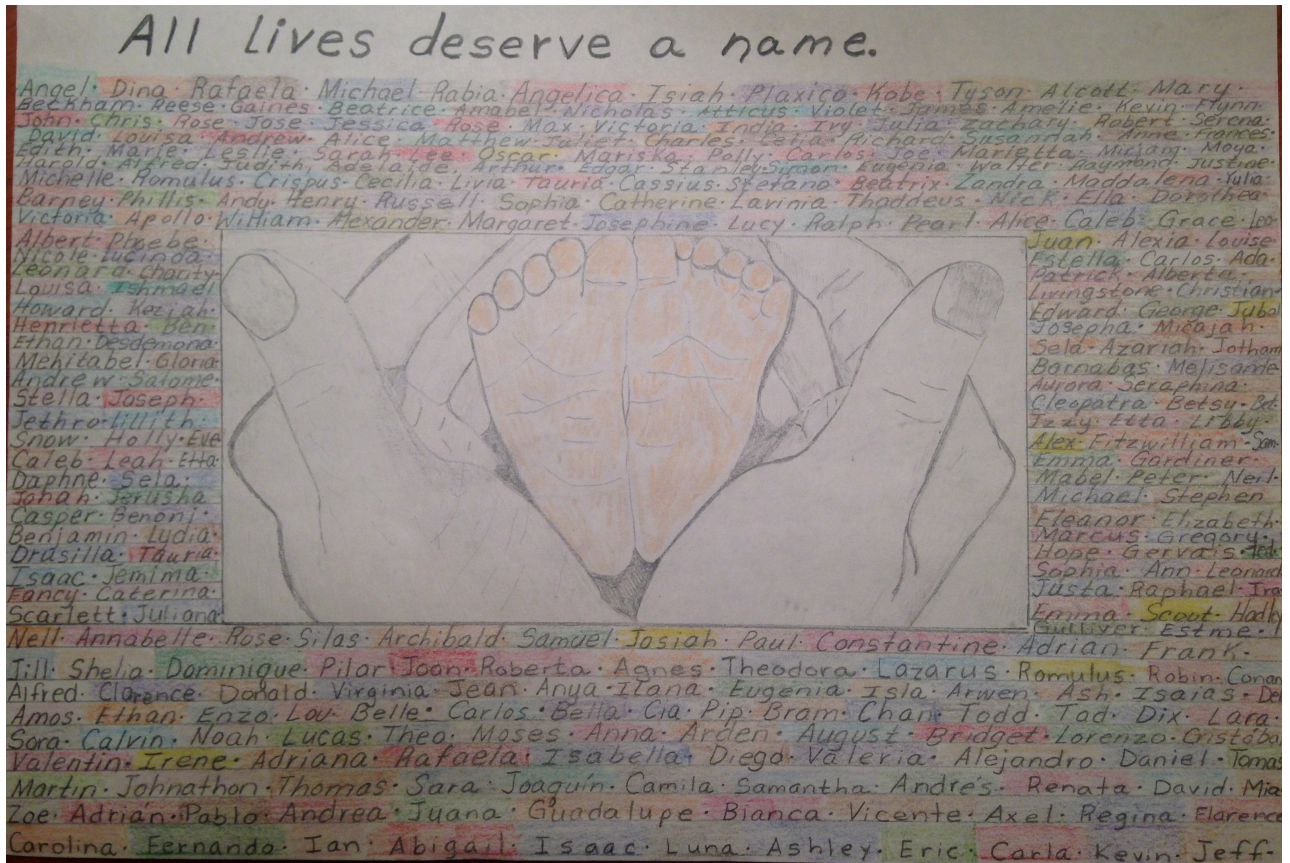
FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT ABORTION

We pray for those who believe it is acceptable to end the life of an unborn child. Help them to realize that all life, no matter what stage it is in, is beautiful, sacred and wonderful. Soften their hearts and open their minds to Your love. Show them that every human being from the moment of conception has a soul and should not be harmed.

Ciara

Dear God, give grace to the people who are for abortion, to change their opinions and let them make the moral choice when they have to. Bless with extra holiness the people thinking of taking away life so they will believe in what they hear at Mass. Before people commit the sin of murdering a creation of God may they be filled with the Holy Spirit and decide to take care of their baby.

Quinn



Oh Lord, help those who are in favor of abortion to see what they would be taking away from an unborn baby and their family. Help them to understand that by supporting abortion they are destroying the miracle of life you gave us. Help them to change their ways and to see what you have truly created: life.

Lauren

Dear God, You are the creator of life. You are the one who has the right to decide who is allowed to live, not we human beings. Please help and comfort the mothers who are considering having an abortion. Please help them to realize that whether someone has a right to live is not their decision.

Meghan

Please help those who are pro-choice to see that abortion is not an option and that there are many other options available to them.

Erin

Let us pray for all those who have not supported life and for those who suffer as a result of others not being pro-life.

Allison

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ord, please protect all life around the world. Please show pardon to those who have taken life, and in their hearts make them protectors of life. May abortionists see the true meaning of life.

Zed

St. Brigid of Ireland, the patron saint of babies, please help the doctors of our country realize what they are doing when they abort a child.

Niklas

FOR THOSE WHO ARE MAKING CHOICES

Lord, please help all going through having a baby and considering abortion, that they will not have one.

Chris

God, please help those living in poverty who feel pressured to make decisions about life because of financial issues, and because of living circumstances.

Nora

We ask that you show the light to all those who may be thinking of having an abortion.

Henry

Oh Jesus, please help all the women contemplating abortion to make the right decision and have their child. Please help them to remember that respect for life should be from womb to tomb.

Caitlin

Heavenly Father, please help those who are considering abortion. Help them know that life is a gift, not a choice.

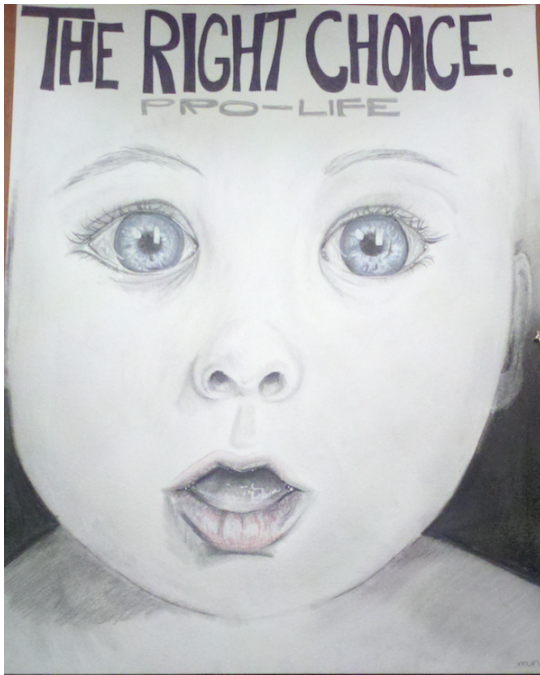
Henry

Dear God, grant wisdom to those who are considering abortion. Arouse their conscience so they will think about what they are planning to do. Let them understand the immorality of this crime and prevent them from making such a mistake. Send the Holy Spirit upon these people so they can avoid committing this sin.

Joe

Dear God, Please help people of all generations to choose life over death.

Sloane



Let us pray that those people who are considering having an abortion might have a change of heart.

Kaitlyn

Lord, guide those who are thinking of having an abortion. Watch over them and guide them, Lord.

Allison

St. Brigid, you cared for children and the poor. Now, please care for us. Help us to never be in a situation in which we don't want to have our children. Please be our guide in our times of need. Show us the right paths and help us make right decisions in our lives and our children's lives. Keep close and protect all the infant children in this world.

Niklas

Send your spirit and confirm the faith in those who need it most. Those making decisions relating to the lives of your innocent children.

Chris

END-OF-LIFE

Lord, please help people to make the right choice about euthanasia. Help us to see that although a person may not look like they are helping us in a physical sense, they still help us spiritually by giving us hope. Help us to see all life as inspiring, even life that is on the verge of entering death, because that person's will to live might help to remind others of how precious their life really is, and it might help to give them a revamped love for their own lives. Please help us, God, to see the value in all life.

Eric

Please give your grace to those seeking to end a life, so that they will see other alternatives.

Orlando



We pray that the aged, elderly and dying will be cared for and treated with reverence.

Jonathan

Lord, guide those who are considering euthanasia. Watch over them and guide them, Lord.

Allison

FOR FORGIVENESS

We pray for the repentant mothers who chose to end the lives of their children through abortion. Please forgive them and help them forgive themselves. Let them find harmony in You and let them experience your infinite mercy. Allow them to grow from their mistake and become stronger from it. Help them recover physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Ciara

Oh, God, please forgive the doctors and nurses who perform the procedures. Please forgive the politicians who vote for laws that allow abortion.

Darrin

Lord, we ask you to forgive us for the times we have not treated life with dignity and respect.

Becky

Send your abundant mercy on all those harmed by abortion, because they are in most need of it.

Chris

GIVING THANKS

Lord, I give you thanks for my life and for giving me a wonderful family that has taught me respect for life.

Orlando

Dear God, I thank you for all the babies whom you have so lovingly saved from abortion.

Marissa

I thank you, God, that there are people who are fully against abortion.

Kaitlyn

O Dearest Lord, I thank thee with all my heart and with all my words for those who have remained alive. I thank thee for all those who have chosen life over death.

Allison