



January's Prayer for Life

God our Creator, we give you thanks
Who alone have the power to impart the breath of life,
As you form each of us in our mother's womb;
Grant that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,
May remain faithful to this sacred trust
And constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.
Through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

News

Abortion numbers were significantly higher than in previous years during the pandemic as fears drove desperate mothers to conclude their best option was to end their children's lives. But during the 40 Days for Life campaign, reports of babies saved at vigils were up 28% from recent years! Former abortion workers reported that when people show up to pray in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for abortion appointments can go to as high as 75%. **Praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil could spare the lives of children scheduled to lose their lives in the abortion center!** Consider praying at a vigil at the next 40 Days for Life campaign that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Reflection

During this Christmas season, we continue to celebrate the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ and the great joy and hope that His birth brings to us all.

While each child brings untold joy into the world, a mother facing an unexpected pregnancy may find it difficult to receive the great gift God has given her. Concerns about a lack of material and financial resources, as well as minimal or non-existent physical and emotional support systems, can crowd minds and hearts. Fear and anxiety may push women to believe that abortion is their only option. But abortion is never the answer. Women deserve so much better.

During challenging periods in our lives, we all need the care and support of others to help us place our trust in God. For a woman who is pregnant amid difficult circumstances, the real, tangible support of others can help her see a way forward. Knowing she is not alone may help her to open her heart to God's plan and choose life for her child. Remembering the Christ Child in the manger, let us ask ourselves what our role is in helping moms in need.

Act (choose 1 or more)

- Pray daily this month's prayer for life
- Offer a sacrifice or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention
- Attend the Pro-Life Holy Hour on January 21 at 7:00 pm at Ascension Church
- Participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 29, 2021
- Visit CCASTA's Pro-Life website: <https://www.ccasta.org/pro-life>

Intercession

*May women considering abortion receive life-affirming care and support
to help them choose Life for their children.*