

# *Prayers for an Abortion Clinic Setting*

Please pray regularly for

- Support and strength for mothers who are tempted by abortion
- Repentance and healing for mothers who have aborted and others involved
- Blessings for pregnancy centers and all who work to prevent abortion.
- Conversion for those who work in the abortion industry
- Conversion for those who promote abortion and encourage its practice through political or government action.
- Progress in building a culture of life in our nation and our world.

“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.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

We are here to pray for the mothers and babies and everyone who is harmed by abortion, and for a greater respect for human life in our nation and the world.

**Please use this time to PRAY, not to converse.**

We are not here to protest.

Conduct should be peaceful and prayerful.

Please give immediate passage to all pedestrians and do not block traffic in any way.

**Any misconduct by others  
should be met with silence.**

## **Prayer For Mothers Contemplating Abortion:**

Lord, so many women face pressures to abort. They think abortion is their only choice, or are deceived by others to think that it is their best choice. Help all women to acknowledge the truth in their hearts that abortion is wrong. We particularly pray for those women who may be inside this clinic this morning, or who may drive by or call the clinic today. We pray for the women and girls in this area, our neighbors, who are right now feeling pressure to abort. Help them to find the truth, the support, the courage and the grace they need to resist the temptation and pressures to choose abortion. Help their friends and family to be generous in offering their encouragement and help. Help them to connect to the pregnancy center or the Gabriel project, or other sources of support. Give them peace and confidence that their choice for life will truly be the best choice for themselves as well as for their child. Help them to feel your presence with them, Lord, and feel secure in your arms, knowing that you will be with them through whatever difficulties the pregnancy presents for them. Help the challenges that they face during the pregnancy serve to bring them closer to you. Help them to discern your will as they plan for the future of their child. Help them to understand adoption as a loving way to provide their child with a loving and stable home. Lord, we place these women in your hands and ask your mercy on them.

We pray also for those who are not yet pregnant but are risking an unwanted pregnancy by the choices they have made. Help them to come to know your beautiful plan for sexuality; help them to change their lives and know true love and peace in your friendship, by following your will for their lives.

## **Faith of our Fathers**

Faith of our fathers, living still,  
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whenever we hear that glorious word.

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, Holy Faith,  
we will be true to thee 'til death.

Our fathers chained in prison dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free,  
And truly blest would be our fate,  
it we like them, should die for thee.

Refrain.

## **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced Him the side?  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

## **Gentle Woman**

Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;  
you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
and for woman, shining one.

(Refrain)

Blessed are you among women,  
blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed are they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed are they with gentle hearts.

(Refrain)

## **Come Holy Ghost**

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
and in our hearts take up thy rest.  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,  
to fill the hearts which Thou has made  
to fill the hearts which Thou has made .

O Comforter, to Thee we cry,  
the heavenly gift of God Most High,  
Thou font of life and fire of love,  
the soul's anointing from above,  
the soul's anointing from above.

## **Prayer For Mothers Who Have Aborted:**

Lord, have mercy on women who have made the mistake of choosing abortion, and also on anyone who has pressured, coerced, or helped a woman to abort. Help them to get past any denial they may be in, and accept the truth that abortion is wrong. Help them to know your forgiveness and healing, and be able to forgive themselves. Help the mothers to forgive the others who pressured or coerced them to abort, or simply failed to offer the support they needed. Help all of us to treat post-abortive women, as well as others involved in the decision, with respect and compassion, rather than judgment. If you are calling them to share their experience in order to help prevent others from making a similar mistake, please help them to correctly discern that call and have the courage to respond in a positive way.

## **For those who work in the abortion industry:**

Lord, there are thousands of doctors in our nation that use their skills to take life rather than to preserve it. There are also nurses who help them, and other staff members who support their work and encourage abortion in various ways. Please, Lord, remove from their hearts and minds any misconceptions they may have that abortion helps women, or that the child is not a fully human child of God, worthy of respect. Expose the lies they may have been told to the light of your truth. Give them the courage to face the truth that abortion is grievously wrong and harmful to both women and their children. Help them to trust in your never-ending love for them, and in your willingness to forgive their sin. Give them hope that they can find other employment outside of this industry of death.

## **For a culture of Life in our nation and world:**

Lord, please bless the efforts of everyone in this nation and the world who is working to build a culture of life. Bless the pregnancy centers and other programs that reach out to women, the pastors who preach the gospel of life to their congregations, the lawyers and judges who work in the legal system to defend the cause of life, the elected representatives that work to promote laws that respect life, and all those who seek to educate the people and work to change our present situation of legal abortion on demand. Help all in government service to understand and accept the truth that abortion is wrong and harmful to all involved, and work for the benefit of all, to eliminate abortion in our nation. Help those in other nations, particularly those who live with government pressure to abort, or a society where abortion is nearly universally accepted, to have the courage and grace to continue to work toward a culture of life.

Help each of us to discern how you are calling us to contribute to this work. Help us to be faithful in prayer for greater respect for human life in all its stages.

Have mercy on all those who work to promote abortion and eliminate restrictions. Change their hearts to accept the truth of the evil of abortion, and to abandon any selfish reasons they may have to promote it. While we know that you will respect the free will that you have given them, we also acknowledge the ultimate victory of Christ over all sin and death. We ask for that victory to permeate our world and bring about a culture of life.

## **Peace is Flowing Like a River**

Peace is flowing like a river,  
Flowing out of you and me.  
Flowing out into the desert,  
Setting all the captives free.

[Repeat with “Love is flowing...”]

## **Here I am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone;  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

## Songs

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

### **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### CHORUS:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his son not sparing  
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

#### CHORUS.

## The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

We pray for God’s mercy on our nation and our world, for all the intentions expressed in the preceding prayers. We meditate on his passion in order to understand the immensity of his love for us, and we know that Jesus wants to pore out his tremendous mercy on every sinner who will accept it.



Begin by praying one “O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You.” Then Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Apostle’s Creed. Then pray five decades consisting of one opening prayer (“Eternal Father”) and ten decade “For the sake of his sorrowful passion” prayers.

Opening prayer: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Decade prayer: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

You may wish to meditate on the five Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary while praying the five decades:

- The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22:39-46)
- The Scourging at the Pillar (Mark 15: 6- 15)
- The Crowning with Thorns (John 19:1-8)
- The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:16-22)
- The Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)

Conclude by saying the following prayer three times: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Conclude with: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

**The Rosary:** The rosary is a meditative prayer, in which one meditates on various mysteries in the life of Christ. We ask Mary to pray to Jesus on our behalf, because she is much loved and honored by God, and her intercession is powerful. The rosary begins with the Apostle's Creed, one Our Father, three Hail Mary's and one Glory be.

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then five decades are prayed, consisting of one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory be. While the voice is saying the prayers, the mind is meditating on the mysteries. We include here the Joyful Mysteries, traditionally used on Saturdays, and have added a short prayer relating the mystery to abortion.

**5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple** *After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions., and all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.... and his mother said unto him: "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety". And he said unto them: "Why were you looking for me? Did you know not that I must be in my Father's house?"... and His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. (Luke 2:41-51).*

Lord, your parents sought you in sorrow and found you with joy in the Temple. Saint Augustine, a convert to the faith at age 33, once said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Lord, the workers at this clinic who participate in and promote the act of abortion are far from your hearts. Help them to find their way back to you. Open their eyes, Lord, to see the truth of the evil of abortion. Call them to repentance and forgiveness. Give them the courage to walk away from their participation in this grave sin. Give them hope that they can find other employment more pleasing to you. Help us to always treat all your children with the respect they deserve, and leave judgment to you.

Our Father.... Hail Mary....

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The Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism by John, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, the Institution of the Eucharist.

The Glorious Mysteries: the Resurrection, The Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption of Mary, the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

**4. The Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple** *“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord... and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and the rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (Luke 2: 22-35).*



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Our Father.... Hail Mary....

Dear Jesus, Simeon foretold that your mother’s heart would be pierced with sorrow over your suffering. The mothers and fathers whose children have been aborted often suffer greatly in silence and loneliness. Help them to acknowledge their mistake and find forgiveness and healing in your loving arms. Help us all to treat these women and all involved in the abortion decision with love and compassion rather than judgment.

## The joyful mysteries of the Rosary:

**1. The Annunciation:** *“The angel Gabriel said:”Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you...Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus....Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:26-38)*



Mary, faithful daughter of God, you accepted a pregnancy before marriage in order to give birth to our savior. You risked rejection by Joseph and knew that there would be gossip about your pregnancy. Please intercede with your Son on behalf of young women in crisis pregnancies today. Ask that they find the support, the courage, and the grace they need to resist the temptation and pressures they may be facing to abort, and choose life for the child that God has created in their womb. Just as you said yes to Gabriel, ask Jesus to give us the courage to say ‘yes’ to whatever God is asking of us to bring His love into our world.

Our Father.... Hail Mary....

**2. The Visitation** *Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Luke 1:39-45)



Mary, mother of God, as you carried Jesus in your womb, you were welcomed with joy by Elizabeth. Please intercede with your Son on behalf of the family members of young women in crisis pregnancies today. Ask that they be given the grace to be generous in offering the physical and emotional support the mothers need to choose life for their children. Ask that the whole family be enabled to understand both the evil of

abortion and its sorrowful consequences, and have the courage to prevail over pressures and temptations to choose what others tell them is the easy answer. As you, Mary, brought Christ into Elizabeth's home, ask your Son to enable us to bring the Love and Truth of Jesus Christ to those around us.

Our Father.... Hail Mary....

**3. The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem** *While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn... (Luke 2:6-7)* "He became a child, so that the Word could be grasped by us. In this way God teaches us to love the little ones...it is the Child of Bethlehem who is crying out to us; it is the God who has become small who appeals to us. Let us pray that the brightness of God's love may enfold all these children. Let us ask God to help us do our part so that the dignity of children may be respected." - Pope Benedict XVI



Dear Jesus, you chose to relinquish your power and glory as God to become a humble human child, dependent and vulnerable. You were welcomed by Mary and Joseph but there was no room for you in the inn. Help all of us to respect the God-given life of every child, and make room in our hearts to help their parents to care for them. Bless families who welcome children through adoption, and help every child to have a secure and loving home.

Our Father.... Hail Mary....