

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -

cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

who roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Liturgy for the Preborn at the Time of Death

*Your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.*

Psalm 139:16

Liturgical Prayer for the Preborn

Part I. Liturgy at the Time of Death

This Litany is said on behalf of the preborn who are abandoned to death each day and are being discarded without any burial, blessing or commendation to God their Creator.

Opening Collect for the Preborn Children near Death

Almighty God, look on your children, lying in great weakness, and comfort *them* with the promise of life everlasting, given in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God the Father,
Have mercy on your servants.

God the Son,
Have mercy on your servants.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on your servants.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on your servants.

From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation,
Good Lord, deliver them.

6. For Pro-Life Charity

Almighty God, source of all strength and virtue, empower all those who labor for life and defend its sanctity. Compel them through the power of your love and grant fortitude in your truth, that they may persevere with patience in good works for the sake of the preborn and all those whose lives are threatened, promoting justice for the defenseless, mercy and truth for the ignorant, and the forgiveness of sins for all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

(Optional - closing worship music, if available)

Closing Prayer - For an End to Abortion

Oh God, who is the Beginning and the End, hear our prayers as we cry out to you to end the merciless shedding of innocent blood in our nation and throughout the world. Through death you have conquered death and through your life we experience eternal and everlasting life. Cause life to spring forth in the hearts of all people and bring forth a love and respect for life that will dominate our culture. May your kingdom and church apprehend and overtake the culture of death that has prevailed through deceit and selfishness; may the Seed of the woman crush the head of the serpent through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. Restoration of the Holiness and Protection of the Womb

Oh Holy God, our Rock and our Fortress, you used the womb of Mary to be a tabernacle for the dwelling of the Incarnation, where the Holy Son of God was to be nurtured and protected. You created the womb of woman that the miracle of human life might be nurtured and protected. Many women have been deceived to believe that their womb is not a place of holy protection for a human life, but that it is simply another appendage of their body. Renew and restore your purpose and will concerning the womb of all women throughout the earth, that you may be glorified.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For Governments

Oh Ruler of the nations, many of the kings of the earth have set themselves against you, they rebel against your rule. Yet you have set your King on your holy hill of Zion so that in every local, state, provincial and national government you would rule in the midst of your enemies. We pray that you would strengthen and uphold those rulers that, by your grace, are following your ways and purposes.

Lord, hear our prayer.

By your holy Incarnation, by your Cross and Passion, by your precious Death and Burial,

Good Lord, deliver them.

By your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver them.

We beseech you to hear us, Lord Christ: That it may please you to deliver the souls of your servants from the power of evil and eternal death,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant *them* a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give *them* joy and gladness in your kingdom, with your saints in light,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on them.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on them.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Grant them your peace.

Scripture Readings *to be selected*

OT: Genesis 1:26-28a or Isaiah 9:2-7 or 11:1-9 or
53:1-9, or Jeremiah 31:10-17
Psalm: 2 or 8 or 10 or 16 or 18:1-19 or 72:1-14
NT: Rom 8:35-39 or 1Cor 15:19-26 or James 1:12-18
or Rev 21 : 1-8
Gospel: Mt 11:25-30 or 18:1-5 or Mark 9:35-37 or
John 1:5-14 or 3:3-16 or 14:1-6

Homily *the Officiant*

The Apostles' Creed *Officiant and People together*

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 to the dead.
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 the life everlasting. *Amen.*

2. Kingdom Prayer

Oh Great King of Kings, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven for the sanctity of all human life. You have said that your Kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Where there is unrighteousness let righteousness come to bear; where there is hostility, cause your peace to reign supreme and where there is sorrow bring joy in the hearts of people. Lead us into your unshakable and everlasting kingdom in which you reign forever and ever, that truly the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For Forgiveness

Oh God of mercy and grace, as you hung on the hard wooden cross, you asked that those who were putting you to death might be forgiven. Please Oh Lord help us to offer that same forgiveness to those who participate in abortion, euthanasia, and the destruction of embryonic life and who by other means violate the sanctity of human life, that in all things the world would know the height, the depth, the breadth, and width of your love, your mercy and your grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Officiant then says:

Oh God of Beginnings, You are the Creator of all life. As we pray for the end of abortion, be near us as we unite with our Preborn brothers and sisters who are scheduled for death. May You, by your Holy Spirit and by the voice of your Church, lead your people to rescue from death the innocent children, and bring those who participate in their death to repentance and a saving knowledge of your love, that they may taste of your goodness, mercy and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions

It is suggested that the following intercessions be prayed by different people, in turn, in order to maximize participation. Alternatively, the intercessions may be led by one individual, clergy or laity; but followed by the response, said by all.

1. For Spiritual Warfare

Almighty and Powerful God, drive all evil spirits away from the innocent Preborn children and from the killing centers where their destruction is planned. Overcome evil with good in the hearts of those who reject your truth and who have believed the lies of the evil one who would say that good is evil and evil is good. Rebuke the enemy for the sake of innocent children.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebration of the Eucharist *(if desired)*

If the Eucharist is celebrated, the Liturgy continues afterwards with the Commendatory Prayers; if the Eucharist is not celebrated, then continue here below ...

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

Commendatory Prayers

Deliver your servants, the Preborn, O Sovereign Lord, from all evil, and set them free from every bond; that *they* may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Receive O Lord, your Preborn children,
for they return to you.

People: ***Into your hands, O Lord, we commend
our brothers and sisters.***

Officiant prays one or more of the following ...

Depart, O Christian souls, out of this world;
In the Name of God the Father who created you;
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeems you;
In the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you.
May your rest be this day in peace, and your
dwelling place in the Paradise of God. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom
live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brothers
and sisters into the courts of your heavenly dwelling
place. Let their hearts and souls now ring out in joy
to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those
who live. ***Amen.***

May *their* souls and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

(Worship music interlude - if available)

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² **even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are too
wonderful, I know that full well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was
made in the secret place. When I was woven
together in the depths of the earth,

¹⁶ **your eyes saw my unformed body,
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. *Amen.***

*(Old and New Testament Reading selections from Part I can be optionally used here
if Part I - Liturgy at the Time of Death was not prayed and hence also optionally
followed by a homily, the Apostles Creed and the Our Father, on pages 4-5.)*

Responsive Psalm

Officiant reads one verse and people respond with the next verse in bold.

Psalm 139:1-16

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.
- ² **You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O Lord.**
- ⁵ You hem me in-behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me
too lofty for me to attain.**
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ **even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

Part II. Intercessory Prayer for Life and the End of Abortion

*This Intercession is made for the preborn who are
threatened by abortion, for their families, and for all those
who are being deceived by Satan in regard to abortion.*

Almighty and merciful God, recognizing our own participation as a nation in the deaths of preborn children, and the deception of those who actively participate in their deaths, we ask that you would grant mercy and grace to the preborn and bring the deceived into a true conversion experience that they may know you, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, One God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray with the response,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

God the Father, Creator of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

God the Son, through whom all things were made,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the sin of abortion,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the daily killing of innocent babies,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the bloodshed through the land,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the silent screams of Your children,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the exploitation of women by abortion,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the abandonment of children by their fathers,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the rejection of children by their mothers,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the silence of Your people,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Pause...

*If bishop or priest is present, the General Confession can be optionally prayed.
Otherwise, continue below with...*

General Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and
sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. ***Amen.***

The Bishop or Priest alone says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you
absolution and remission of all your sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Continued...

Officiant: Lord, open our lips

People: ***And our mouth will declare your praise.***

**Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. *Amen.***