

LITANY *from The Liturgy for the Preborn*

Almighty and merciful God, recognizing our own participation as a nation in the deaths of pre-born children, and the deception of those who actively participate in their deaths, we ask that you would grant mercy and grace to the pre-born 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,
God the Son, through whom all things were made,
God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,
Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless,
For the sin of abortion,
For the daily killing of innocent babies,
For the bloodshed through the land,

For the silent screams of Your children,
For the exploitation of women by abortion,
For the abandonment of children by their fathers,
For the rejection of children by their mothers,
For the silence of Your people.

PSALM *from The Liturgy for the Preborn*

To be read responsively by whole verse.

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.**
- 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.**

PRAYERS *from The Liturgy for the Preborn*

1. For Spiritual Warfare

Almighty and Powerful God, drive all evil spirits away from the innocent Pre-born 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.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

Response: **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.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

Response: **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.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 pre-born 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.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.**