

Pro-Life Meditations to the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Annunciation - Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will.

The Visitation - John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who "might" come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

The Nativity - God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

The Presentation - The Child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government. They - and we - belong to God Himself.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

Christ is Baptized in the Jordan -When Jesus is baptized, the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son." All are called to become adopted sons and daughters of God through baptism. We pray that children in the womb may be protected, so that they may be born and welcomed into the Christian community by baptism.

Christ is made known at the Wedding of Cana Jesus revealed His glory by the miracle at Cana. The new couple was blessed not only with wine, but with faith in Christ. Let us pray for strong marriages, rooted in the Lord, and open to the gift of new life.

Christ proclaims the Kingdom and Calls All to Conversion "Repent and believe the Good News." Let us pray that these first words of Jesus' public ministry may be heard by all who have committed abortion. May they know that the Lord calls them to conversion, and may they experience life-giving repentance.

The Transfiguration Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see His glory. May the eyes of all people be transformed, that they may see each and every human life as a reflection of the glory of God Himself.

Jesus gives us the Eucharist "This is My Body, given up for you." The Eucharist teaches us how to live and how to love. Let us pray that parents who sacrifice the babies for the sake of themselves may learn instead to put themselves aside for the sake of their babies.

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Agony in the Garden Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives, and may they make use of the help that is available.

The Scourging As Christ's flesh was torn by the instruments of those who scourged Him, so the bodies of babies in the womb are torn by the instruments of the abortionists. Let us pray that abortionists may repent of these acts of child-killing.

The Crowning With Thorns Jesus suffered the pain of thorns in His head, and did so silently. We pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse. So many suffer in silence, because others tell them it's no big deal.

The Carrying of the Cross Jesus was not condemned by the power of wicked people. He was condemned because of the silence of good people. Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion, but rather will clearly speak up to save babies from death.

The Crucifixion As we ponder the death of Christ, let us remember the many women who have died from so-called "safe, legal" abortions. Let us ask forgiveness and mercy for them. May their memory save other women from making this tragic mistake.

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

The Resurrection - Christ is Risen! By his Resurrection, He has destroyed the power of death, and therefore the power of abortion. The outcome of the battle for Life has already been decided: Life is victorious! Let us pray that all proliferators will spread this victory to every segment of our society.

The Ascension By ascending to the Father's throne, Christ takes our human nature, given to us in the womb, to the heights of heaven. He shows us that human beings are made to be raised to heaven, not thrown in the garbage. Let us pray that the world may learn this truth and reject abortion.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit is the Advocate: He pleads our cause, for we cannot save ourselves. We pray that He will make us advocates for the babies, who cannot speak or write or vote or protest or even pray.

The Assumption The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, "Why can't we love them both?"

The Coronation Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

PRAYER GUIDE for CBCC 40 DAYS for LIFE

- Start with worshipping and adoring the Lord Jesus who is THE Life! Tell Him how incredibly awesome He is! Check out Psalm 48, 63, 65, 84, 89, and 92.
- Thank God for the gift of life. Recognize what an awesome blessing it is just to be alive. Let that enhance your prayer for those yet unborn to have the chance to experience how great life can be.
- **Pray for the woman in your community who at this very moment is considering an abortion. Consider her emotions (fear, anxiety, maybe even contempt or indifference) and pray that the Holy Spirit would minister to her; teaching her to recognize, respect, and love the “personhood” of her unborn child. Pray that God would grant her the courage she needs to carry and deliver him/her. If you know someone personally, please mention her to our Lord by name! (This one is in bold because this is the one request we ALL need to pray for. *Please pray this one request!*)**
- Pray that the families, friends, churches of those who choose to carry their babies would support their decision to let the child live. Especially pray for the fathers of these babies, that their hearts would be softened to love and support their child.
- Pray for the “inner conversion” of those who perform abortions. (In Bethesda, pray specifically for Dr. Carhart and his staff). Pray that their hearts would be softened and their eyes would be open to the truth that their actions are ending lives. Also pray that the funds and resources for this clinic would ‘dry up.’ Pray for the businesses surrounding this clinic that they would want to see the clinic closed. If you know names of specific people or other places that offer elective abortions, please mention them by name!
- Pray for all those in the community who support, urge, and rally for abortion – especially for those who profess faith in Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move them in such a way, that they would realize the great detriment of the “culture of death” that they are promoting.
- Pray for those in your community who have had abortions. Pray that God would heal their wounds and give them grace and courage to testify to the destructive nature of abortion. Pray that the Body of Christ would have open doors and hearts to those who have had abortions. Pray that our local churches would be beacons of hope and healing to those who regret their decision to abort their child.
- Pray that adoption agencies would be successful in finding loving families for babies that are placed in their care. (This is a very Pro-Life issue! We not only want to see babies saved, but loved and nurtured as well!)
- Pray for all Pro-Life ministries that you can think of that God would supply all their needs and inspire them with ideas of how be the most effective in the fight against abortion. Again, if know any by name, mention them specifically!

- Pray for the leaders of our churches that they would receive inspiration and strength from God to remain steadfast in their convictions against the murder of innocent unborn children. Pray for the unity of the Body of Christ in Montgomery County on this issue and that God would stir up more believers to 'stand in the gap' for the unborn. Pray that Christians in Montgomery County would all be obedient to our spiritual leaders as they guide us in the battle for a "culture of life".
- Spend time repenting on behalf our nation which has allowed this legalized murder for so long. Even though you may not have been actively involved, there is great power and merit in begging mercy for others!
- Pray for society that we will come to an understanding of God's design for life, especially the family unit and uphold His law above our own desires. Pray that all marriages would be open to life.
- Pray for all those fighting abortion at various levels in society. Pray for God to protect them against all evil, and grant them strength and courage to "keep it up!" Pray that people of influence would be raised up and given a platform to promote the value of the unborn's life.
- Pray for those in positions of civil authority that they would heed the voice of their Pro-Life constituents as well as for them to be personally involved in the movement! Pray that those men and women in authority would actively present and pass laws that respect all human life from conception to natural death.
- Pray that the right of conscience would always be protected for all medical personnel.
- Pray for another minute thanking the Lord again for hearing the needs that you have offered to him in prayer. Ask him for strength to be a voice in any way possible for the "Gospel of Life".
- Spend the final minute of prayer in silence listening for God to inspire you as to what ways you should be involved with the local Pro-Life movement.

Father, all life is in Your care.

You have entrusted us to one another that we may show our brothers and sisters the same love You have for us.

We pray then for the least among us, the children in the womb. Protect them from the violence of abortion.

We pray especially for the preborn babies scheduled to be killed in Carhart's facility. Save them from death.

Give new hope to their parents that they may turn away from the desperate act of abortion.

Grant conversion to the abortionist Leroy Carhart, his wife, and their staff.

Show us how we are to respond to the bloodshed in our midst, and lead us to the day when this place of death will be transformed into a haven of life.

Guard us with Your joy and Your peace, for in You, life is victorious.

We pray in the name of Jesus Our Lord.

Amen.

