

Jericho March Scripture Readings, Prayers & Songs

Please join us in prayer from anywhere!

Opening Prayer

Father of Life and Love, we thank you today that you have called us to share in the life of the one human family. We thank you for all our brothers and sisters and ask You to deepen the bonds of love among us.

We thank you especially for our youngest and smallest brothers and sisters, those in the womb. Today, Oh Lord, we remember them, while so many choose to ignore and forget them. We remember those who are living and commend them to Your protection. We remember those who have died and we commend them to Your mercy.

Father, we dedicate to You these prayers outside of Planned Parenthood. We pray that it will serve as a witness to the humanity of our youngest brothers and sisters. We pray that it will serve as a testimony that we are responsible for them.

We pray, Father, that the brick and glass and stones of this building may likewise be witnesses to the dignity of life. Give us the grace to confront the evil of abortion and eliminate it. May we see the day when all people who look upon this building will remember abortion only as a thing of the past and may praise You forever for the victory of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Joshua 6:1-26 Living Bible (TLB)

6 The gates of Jericho were kept tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites; no one was allowed to go in or out.

²But the Lord said to Joshua, "Jericho and its king and all its mighty warriors are already defeated, for I have given them to you! ³⁻⁴Your entire army is to walk around the city once a day for six days, carrying a trumpet made from a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to walk around the city seven times, blowing the trumpet. ⁵Then, give one long, loud blast, and all the people are to give a mighty shout, and the walls of the city will fall down; then move in upon the city from every direction."

⁶⁻⁹So Joshua summoned the people and gave them their instructions.... They followed this pattern for six days.

¹⁵On the seventh day they started out again, but this time they went around the city not once, but seven times. ¹⁶The seventh time, as the people blew a long, loud trumpet blast, Joshua yelled, "*Shout!* The Lord has given us the city!"

²⁰So when the people heard the trumpet blast, they shouted as loud as they could. And suddenly the walls of Jericho crumbled and fell before them, and the people of Israel poured into the city from every side and captured it!

²⁶Then Joshua declared a terrible curse upon anyone who might rebuild Jericho, warning that when the foundation was laid, the builder's oldest son would die, and when the gates were set up, his youngest son would die.^[a]

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 power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

SONG: O, When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O, when the saints go marching in
2. O, when the drums begin to bang . . .
3. O, when the stars fall from the sky . . .
4. O, when the moon turns red with blood . . .
5. O, when the trumpet sounds its call . . .
6. O, when the fire begins to blaze . . .
7. O, when the saints go marching in . . .

SONG: At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
 every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis
 the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
 who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight: all
 the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones
 and dominations, stars upon their way, all the
 heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips
 of sinners, unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when
 from death he passed.

**Heavenly Father, have mercy on our nation and the world.
 Through the light and truth of Your Spirit, return our society to a
 system of justice that holds all life sacred. We pray for the
 children who will be returned to You today by the martyrdom of
 abortion. We pray for their mothers and fathers, who will never**

know the joy of loving and being loved by their child. We pray for their families, who will never know the gifts and talents which make this child unique. We pray for an end to abortion in our community, in our country, and throughout the entire world. We pray this in the most powerful Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scriptural Promise: (2 Chron 7:14)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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.

SONG: Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have built Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I
can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

Chorus

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal";
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on. **Chorus**

Pray the *Prayer of Repentance*

Prayer of Repentance is based on prayer by Pastor John Piper!

Father in heaven, it is a sober moment in which we come together to pray for the spiritual walls of the Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor, MI to crumble. And I pray that there would be in my heart and all of our hearts a kind of earnestness about what we are doing here. We want to just pause and stand in awe of you for a moment, because you made us. You made all the children. You made all the abortionists. You are our creator. You uphold all things by the Word of your power. You sustain all things. You govern all things. You say: "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose'" (Isaiah 46:9-10). You are God and we are not. We humble ourselves under your mighty hand and we stand in praise and awe of your justice and wisdom and goodness and truth and power and love and eternal mercies towards your creation.

And we acknowledge in the face of your holiness and power that we are sinners. Everyone in this gathering is a sinner in desperate need of salvation that you offer in Jesus Christ. We know that our conscience condemns us, and if our own consciences do, how much more your holy law. So we have not lived up even to our own standards, let alone to your standards. And we confess our sins corporately before you as individuals. As churches we have not given heed to your Word as we ought. As a nation we have not listened to the Word: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). And we are a sinful people. We have gloried in our shame and we have perverted your law and made good what you call evil. And we confess corporately that we are not what we ought to be. And, therefore, we fly to Jesus Christ. We love your Son. What would we do? We sinners gathered here, what would we do if there were no redemption in Jesus? So thank you for putting him forward to bear your holy wrath and take our punishment and put our sins on his back "that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (] Peter 2:24).

And that is why we are here, Lord. We want to dedicate ourselves afresh and we want to pray for Planned Parenthood that they might "live to righteousness." We want to ask that according to their title, Planned Parenthood, that they would bring about nurturing parents rather than helping parents end their children's lives. We ask that you would help them create and bring about nurturing parents by not taking the lives of future parents in the womb. We ask that you would grant that they would see, along with our nation, that killing children is not an acceptable solution to a crisis pregnancy. There are other ways forward. You are God. You make ways for people out of difficulties and killing is not one of them.

So, God, grant, we pray, that because of our prayers and all of our efforts which your Holy Spirit will inspire in our days, that truth would hold sway. We are not eager to pull the wool over anybody's eyes. We just want to see truth hold sway. So bring out the truth about what goes on behind the closed doors of Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities. Let it be seen for what it is. And so, Lord, when you do these mighty works, may your name be honored and may Christ be exalted, may the gospel advance in our land. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Reading from: (Daniel 9:18-19)

Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

***Ann Arbor Litany to End Abortion based on
Priests For Life Litany in Response to Abortion!***

RESPONSE after each petition is: Have mercy on us!

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, the Beginning and the End,
Lord Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Lord Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life,
Lord Jesus, Eternal Word of Life,
Lord Jesus, living in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
Lord Jesus, Lover of the poor and weak,
Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless,
Lord Jesus, Bread of Life,
For every sin against life,
For the sin of abortion,
For the daily killing of innocent babies,
For the bloodshed throughout our land,
For the silent screams of Your children,
For the killing of Your future disciples,
For the exploitation of women by abortion, rape and
human trafficking,
For the silence of Your people,
For the apathy of Your people,
For the co-operation of Your people in this tragedy,

New RESPONSE is: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our pre-born brothers and sisters killed by abortion,
For our pre-born brothers and sisters threatened by
abortion,
For our brothers and sisters who have survived abortion,
For mothers who have had abortions, to discover and
accept God's mercy,
For mothers tempted to have abortions,
For mothers pressured to have abortions,
For mothers who have refused to have abortions,
For mothers who have died after having an abortion,
For Cree Erwin who died in MI following a botched abortion,
For the fathers of aborted babies, to discover and accept
God's mercy,
For the families of those tempted to have abortions,
For the families of aborted babies, to discover & accept
God's mercy,
For abortionists, that the Holy Spirit may transform their
hearts and minds, making abortion unthinkable,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Sarah Walleth,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Jason Bell,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Lisa Hope Harris,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Glenn Taylor,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Laura Castleman,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Tim Johnson,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Vanessa Dalton,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Katherine Starr,
For Ann Arbor abortionist: Kimberly Remski
For all who assist and cooperate in abortions,

For security guards and escorts at Ann Arbor Planned
Parenthood,
For doctors and nurses, that they may nurture life,
For government leaders, that they may defend life,
For the clergy, that they may speak up for life and offer
God's mercy,
For the pro-life movement,
For those who speak, write, and work to end abortion,
For local pro-life ministries offering healing & support
following abortion,
For local pregnancy help centers, that help provide
alternatives to abortion,
For ArborWoman Health and Emmaus Health,
For Family Life Services,
For Guadalupe Workers,
For Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County,
For Mary's Mantle,
For an increase in foster care awareness,
For those who promote adoption,
For national, state and local pro-life groups,
For the **SIXTY SAVES** that we know of, since the fall of
2007,
For the spiritual protection of prayer volunteers and
warriors at Planned Parenthood and their family and
friends,
For the Ann Arbor 40 Days For Life campaigns,
For the financial means to maintain Bella our minivan,
For PLAN - Pro-Life Action Network,
For Ann Arbor Sidewalk Advocates For Life,
For Rachel's Vineyard,

For Citizen's for a Pro-Life Society,
For the Knights of Columbus,
For the Center for Medical Progress,
For The New Life Center and Rachel's Project,
For pro-life student organizations working on our local high
school & university campuses,
For Father Gabriel Richard High School Pro-life Club,
For Protect Life Michigan and ProjectRosie.com,
For Protect Life at Eastern Michigan University &
Washtenaw Community College,
For Students For Life at the University of Michigan,
For the Concordia University Life Team,
For Madonna University Protect Life,
For students of Divine Child & St. Catherine of Siena,
For Catholic Student Evangelization at U of M,
For unity in the pro-life movement,
For courage and perseverance in pro-life work,
For those who suffer ridicule & rejection for their stand for
life,
For those imprisoned for defending life,
For those injured & mistreated for defending life,
For legal professionals,
For wisdom and the protection of our President,
For public officials,
For courts and judges, especially our Supreme Court
Justices,
For educators,
For media professionals,
For Ave Maria Radio,
For WAAM Talk Radio,

For our community to have receptive hearts and minds to
the prolife message,
For the gift of sexuality to be used for the Glory of God in
accordance with His will,
For those who suffer physically, mentally, spiritually &
emotionally, that their sufferings be joined with Jesus'
sufferings for the unborn,
For efforts to defund Planned Parenthood,
For the **NINE** patients taken from the Ann Arbor Planned
Parenthood by ambulance since 2015,
For the Holy Spirit to shower the pro-life movement with
guidance, strength, wisdom, love and a compassion
for **ALL** victims of abortion,
For the success of the movie UNPLANNED, that it will
transform hearts and minds,
In thanksgiving for the closing & transfer of spiritual
ownership of the Ypsilanti Planned Parenthood
Resource Center to Family Life Services,
In thanksgiving for the closing of the Brighton Planned
Parenthood Resource Center,
In thanksgiving for the babies saved from abortion,
In thanksgiving for the mothers saved & healed from
abortion,
In thanksgiving for the former abortion providers who have
become pro-life,
In thanksgiving for all those who take a stand against
abortion,
In thanksgiving for the call to be part of the pro-life
movement and all those praying with us today.

Reading: (Proverbs 24:10-12)

If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength! Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

Does not he who guards your life know it?

Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?

Reading: (Psalm 139: 13-16) For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

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

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

SONG: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou
 in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
 Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
 Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
 Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

SONG: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me! I once
 was lost, but now 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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And
 grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures; He
 will my Shield and Portion be, As
 long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease, I
shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, Will
be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Praise God, Praise God...

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to crumble the spiritual walls of the Planned Parenthood at 3100 Professional Drive in Ann Arbor, MI, so that in our community, Planned Parenthood's chambers will no longer be used to destroy children, so that workers and mothers and fathers and children and families and communities and our nation can be freed from their deadly influence. Almighty and ever-living God, You have created all things through Your Son Jesus Christ. He trampled the power of death by His Passion, Death & Resurrection. May all who acknowledge You promote the sacredness of life and always serve You faithfully, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: Joshua fought the battle of Jericho

Chorus

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho

And the walls came tumbling down

You may talk about your men of Gideon
You may talk about the men of Saul
But there's none like good old Joshua
At the battle of Jericho

Chorus

Right Up to the walls of Jericho
They marched with spears in hand
"Come blow them ram horns," Joshua cried
"Cause the battle is in our hands."

Chorus

Then the lamb ram sheep horns began to blow
And The trumpets began to sound
Joshua told the children to shout that morning
And the walls came tumbling down

Chorus

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
And the walls came a-tumbling down
And the walls came a-tumbling down

Conclude with: *Our Father...*