



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

JANUARY: SANCTITY OF LIFE

I Love You Mommy

Oh. Mommy, I am so excited! I heard you tell Grandma that today was the day that you were going to the clinic. Today is my birthday! Mommy, I can't wait to see you, I just know that you are the prettiest mommy that ever lived. I am so happy.

Mommy, I can't wait to start learning: to walk, talk, run, throw a ball, skip, jump, and roll in the grass. I want to learn math and reading and language, and computer, and science, and – and – and everything! Mommy, I will be the best ever, because I want you to be proud of me. Mommy, I love you.

Mommy, I can't wait to learn who I am: my first date, homecoming, prom, driving a car, cashing a paycheck, buying my shoes, finding peace after getting dumped. Mommy, I know I will say, "I hate you." Please do not be mad at me, it is just that I will be frustrated and won't know what to do or say. Mommy, you are a big part of me and I could never, ever, hate you. I will always love the "you" that is part of "me." Mommy, I will always love you.

Mommy, I can't wait to have a family of my own: calling you grandma, changing diapers, and watching my babies sleep in my arms. Mommy, I know that there will be a time when you are no longer with us and I will be very, very sad. When I am sad, I will remember that there is a big part of "you" that makes up "me," and there is a part of "you" that is in my children. I will look at my children and see you. My heart will ache and my eyes will fill with tears as I remember all the times you were there for me. You protected, comforted, fed, clothed, counseled, taught, and much more – thank you. Mommy, I loved you then and I love you more now.

Oh, Mommy, we are at the clinic! Is it my birthday? Is today the day?

Mommy, the nurse just called for us to go into the room. Mommy, I am a little scared, but I hear your heart beating with mine and I know that you are with me. I promise I won't be frightened.

Mommy, what is an abortion?

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty asks for your partnership in praying for those who advocate for life! It is these organizations and people who reach out in acts of compassion and care to speak for life!

This story is a heartfelt reflection on the profound and complex emotions surrounding the topic of abortion. Each life, no matter how brief, carries with it unique potential and significance. We recognize the deep sorrow and loss felt by those who have experienced the journey of pregnancy and the difficult decisions that may have accompanied it. It is essential to approach this subject with compassion and understanding. If you or someone you know is grappling with feelings related to this topic, we encourage open dialogue and support from trusted friends, family, clergy, or professionals.

Remember, healing and understanding take time, and you are not alone in your feelings. Together, we can foster an environment of empathy and respect for all experiences related to life and loss.

Let Us Pray:

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Father, You are the Lord of life. We give you thanks for the gift of children. By Your grace, enable all people to embrace all human beings, especially the most vulnerable; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, we cry to You on behalf of the unborn, that their lives may be preserved with the full protection of the law and their care supported by the full resources of the medical arts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that labor on behalf of the unborn during the month of January.

Not only do we ask that you would pray, but that you would share this prayer request with your family, friends, neighbors, and congregation.

Please see:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry>

for one such organization. You may be familiar with other local or national organizations.

The LCRL would like to share that you are praying for these organizations. We plan on informing them that there are many people praying for their ministry. In order to do that, we need your help.

Please let us know the name(s) of the organization(s) you prayed for AND the number of people who prayed. For example: if you pray with your family of 3 for LCMS Life Ministry, please send us the count of 3 for LCMS Life Ministry. If you publish a prayer request for a different life organization in your church bulletin and pastor prays with 234 people in attendance, then use the number 234 and the name of the organization. Please count all numbers and send them by January 30.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NUMBERS TO:

LCRLPray@gmail.com

Please include the website information of the organization you are praying for.

Please feel free to personalize this bookmark with the name(s) of the organization(s) that you will pray for in January, cut it out and keep it in your Bible for handy reference.

Life –
Especially the Unborn

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