LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

My Mother's Legacy

I was alone in the quiet hospital room as I sat holding my mother's hand, watching her as she finally succumbed to the power of the pain killing medication, her body finally able to pause for a rest. For weeks she fought the cancer ravaging her body, enduring the surgeries, treatments, and chemicals that promised a return to health. Soon the battle would end, cancer the victor.

Loud conversation announced the return of the family. She opened her eyes, blinked away the confusion and took in the sight before her. The tubes prevented her from speaking, but she raised her finger as she pointed at her three sons, three daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, and her husband. The love in her eyes filled the room as I reassured her that her entire family was with her.

Mom's family came at a price. She sacrificed her plans for a college education, gave up her desire for going to the hair salon, owning a new coat, picking out furniture, working at an office, and even her health. Each child brought more complications and challenges to be overcome.

The ominous, continuous tone from the machine heralded the end of her earthly struggles.

Mom's legacy is a rich one as her children became leaders in education, finance, and science. Her grandchildren became prominent figures in finance, education, marketing, healthcare, pizza delivery, and entrepreneurship. Her great-grandchildren stand on the threshold of making contributions to better their communities. Society has been blessed because mom chose life.

Today politicians and citizens alike are growing in their support of the outrageous notion that a child can be aborted up to the time of birth and even after it is born, as long as the mother and the doctor decide.

I grieve for the millions of hearts that never saw the light of day. I weep as they will never be able to offer their unique contributions to society.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for the sanctity of life and believes it is incumbent upon God's people to be that voice in the culture for the sake of the culture and the mission of the Church.

Let Us Pray:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 1 Timothy 2:1 ESV

Lord, grant us the courage to protect and cherish every life—born and unborn, young and old, strong and vulnerable. Guide us as we speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves and as we extend love, care, and support to those facing difficult decisions; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, bless all efforts to uphold the sanctity of life, and unite us in the mission to share Your love with the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who brought us eternal life, we pray. Amen.; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that advocate for life during the month of May.

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

LCMS Life Ministry is one organization that speaks up for life, cares for people in body and soul, and teaches about the sanctity of human life.

- We speak for human life by witnessing to our Lord's creation of life and His design for marriage and the family, and by advocating for the God-given value of all human life in the public square.
- We care for human life by sharing Christ's love and mercy, caring for people in body and soul by sponsoring human care efforts in local communities through districts and congregations, and internationally through our missionaries and partner church bodies.
- We educate by providing resources and events for people of all ages.

Please see:
https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry

for more information

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Please feel free to cut out this bookmark and keep it in your Bible for handy reference and a reminder for prayer.

LCMS LIFE MINISTRY

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV

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