



# LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

## MAY: SANCTITY OF LIFE

### Protecting Life – Then and Now

For 11 months after the battles of Lexington and Concord British troops occupied Boston, holding the city in spite of the colonial siege. In March, 1776, the British troops fled the city as Washington and his army were able to bring to bear cannons that gave him a military advantage.

In May of 1776 British troops were in the process of regrouping, repairing, and reorganizing in Halifax as they awaited reinforcements from Hessian mercenaries.

The siege may have forced the British to leave, but the people of Boston suffered. During the siege they faced extreme shortages of food and fuel, harsh winter conditions, disease, displacement, family separation, and constant fear of violence from the British and each other as Loyalists and Patriots – each saw the other as a traitor. After the siege conditions became worse as refugees flooded into the city that could not support them.

During this time, women labored and suffered to sustain their families, often alone as their husbands left to fight. These women provided food for their children, scrounged for fuel to heat their homes, sewed and wove clothes, and defended their homes from those would seek to destroy.

These brave and resourceful women chose life.

Although their names are lost to history, there was a smaller group of women who endured all of the hardships of the siege magnified by the preborn child they carried.

These women did not have the luxury of prenatal care, soft beds, and food to satisfy cravings. Instead, they labored under the harshest of conditions with their only help provided by a small circle of family and friends. These women preserved and sustained life while bringing new life into the world.

They are commended for their commitment to the sanctity of life.

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:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

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

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

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



*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*

