

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the *Dobbs v. Jackson* Decision

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Lord, God and Father of Life,
You love all that you have created,
And protect all who are in danger.

You entrust us to the care of each other
and establish earthly authority to protect
the rights that You yourself bestow.

Lord, for five decades, Your people
in America have prayed, marched,
educated, lobbied and voted, seeking to
end the destruction brought about by
abortion and the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

And now, before our eyes, You have
answered those prayers, with the
decision of the Supreme Court to
reverse *Roe* and allow the people to
protect the unborn once again.

We praise you for your faithfulness, and for
the strength of our American Constitution
that allows us to correct these mistakes.

We thank you for the work of all in
the pro-life movement over all these
years to bring about this victory.

Lord, throughout these decades,
we have mourned over every
child killed by abortion.

We have honored their bodies though
the abortion industry tore them apart.
We have given a proper burial to their
bodies though the abortion industry
threw them out in the trash. We have
established memorial stones to keep them
ever in mind, though abortion advocates
try to make the world forget them.

As we come together now for this Day
of Remembrance, enable your people
to encounter the humanity of these
children, and to pray at their graves and
memorial markers with the mourning
that marks a Culture of Life:

The mourning that flows precisely
from recognizing these children as our
brothers and sisters and that recognizes
their deaths as a loss to us all;

The mourning, furthermore, that is
filled with hope as we celebrate the fact
that more children now will be saved
and more Moms, Dads, and families
will be spared the pain of abortion.

Lord, as a result of this victory over *Roe*,
give the unborn, and our whole nation,
a new and refreshing season of Life.

Bring us a new breath of freedom, a new
measure of common sense, a rediscovery
of justice and wisdom and a big step
forward in building a culture of life.

Your Son Jesus Christ came to grant
freedom to the oppressed. Grant freedom,
then, to the children in the womb,
and in these days, keep our nation on
a course of rejecting the violence of
abortion, and treating children in the
womb with equal justice under law.

Thank you, Lord, for the Victory of Life!

**We pray in the Name of
Jesus the Lord. Amen.**