

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Prayer for the Mothers of the Victims of Abortion

Almighty and ever living Father,

We come to you today in prayer for the mothers of all the victims of abortion.

All human life is made in Your image and likeness, and each instance of abortion destroys one of your precious children.

But every abortion also damages the mother of the aborted child in a way that will stay with her for the rest of her life.

Whether driven to abortion by coercion, by feeling that she has no other choice, or simply by the desire to live without the responsibility of parenthood, each woman who chooses abortion is in need of Your mercy.

And so we pray for each of them today.

We pray for Your mercy and forgiveness to extend to them, since You tell us Your mercy is new every morning.

We pray that they find healing from the pain and regret that so often accompanies an abortion.

We pray that they might find solace in You and trust in Your lovingkindness to all of us sinners.

We pray that their grief and regret will not keep them from choosing to raise and love a child in the future, and welcome the gift of life that comes only from You.

We pray that we ourselves would not be taken in by the spirit of pride or judgment, knowing that our own sins are just as grievous in Your eyes.

We pray that our hearts would not be hardened to their pain, but that we would receive them into our lives and our hearts as Your Son receives all who come to Him.

Give us the courage to welcome and assist mothers who have had abortions, that through our love and care, they might find You.

Help us to love every post-abortive woman as much as You do, so that the pro-life community is known for its embrace of every child and every mother in true witness to the love you have shown to us.

**We ask this through Christ
Our Lord. Amen.**