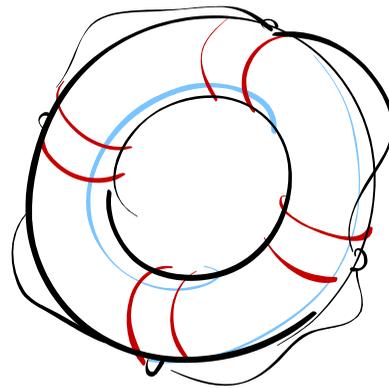


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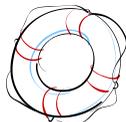
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Call to Prayer

Alexis wasn't sure what to do about her pregnancy.

Abortion seemed like the better way out, but Alexis feared the caustic crowds who gathered at the local clinic. She had volunteered there herself, just a couple years ago, and never quite got used to the militant Christians chanting slogans and pressing hard after the women who came for help.

So Alexis monitored the pro-lifers protests and deliberately slipped in late on a Tuesday, when no one was around. "I just didn't want anyone giving me any trouble," she later told a friend. "There was just all of this shouting," she recalled. "I suppose things might have been different if someone had been willing to just talk *to* me instead of talking *at* me." And then with sorrow in her voice Alexis acknowledged, "I suppose I might be here with my baby now, if someone had only done that."

In a chapter entitled "Abortion and Church Discipline" authors Terry Schlossberg and Elizabeth Achtemeier remind Christians of our gospel instruction to be gentle in dealing with those caught up in abortion.

Some women confess their sin in contrition, while others demonstrate hardened or deadened consciences in defending their decisions. The church should approach every woman with gentleness, extending to her the forgiveness available in Christ, as well as the hope of complete restoration to fellowship with God and with the church, and of new and obedient, joyful life in Christ.

(Not My Own: Abortion and the Marks of the Church. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995. pg. 101)

This season let's sprinkle our prayers with a desire for the spiritual fruit of gentleness in our ministries and witness. Desiring to be like Christ, we are called to be apt reflections of the Savior's love and grace, displaying the "wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere" (Jas. 3:17 ESV).

Rev. Craig Kephart
Executive Presbyter, Washington Presbytery
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SEPTEMBER

Sep 3-9

1. Give thanks that God has provided life instead of death through the birth of a child, His Son, Jesus Christ Our Savior.
2. Pray that thousands of Presbyterians, motivated by the Gospel, will promote, protect, and champion human life at every stage.
3. Read Genesis 3:15-21 & John 3:14-16

Sep 10-16

1. Read Deuteronomy 24:17-22 & Psalm 136
2. Pray thanking God for his steadfast love for you and his people throughout history.
3. As pro-life Presbyterians gather in Pittsburgh on Saturday ask God to raise up leaders to work with PPL who desire to share God's love with today's sojourners, fatherless, and widows.

Sep 17-23

1. Read Matthew 20:26-28 & John 10
2. Give praise to God for Jesus, the Good Shepherd who lay down his life for us and who modeled leadership by serving.
3. Give thanks to God for the many pro-life groups in our society and ask that God work in our hearts to purge away competition and rivalry and bring unity in Christ that empowers us be a mighty force defending the dignity of every life.

Sep 24-30

1. Read Genesis 1:26-27 & Exodus 20:13, 21:22-25
2. Give thanks to God that he created humans in his own image and pray that our government leaders will fear God and protect life from fertilization to natural death.
3. Pray that God will empower PPL to equip leaders to teach young children that they are made in God's image and are intended to enjoy God and glorify him forever.

OCTOBER

Oct 1-7

1. Read Psalm 78
2. Thank God for those in your family, congregation, and community who have reached "old age and gray hairs."
3. Ask God how you, PPL, and those in your congregation might create opportunities for older members to teach God's truths to the next generation.

Oct 8-14

1. Read Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; James 1:27
2. Pray for the protection of unborn babies, for their father's hearts to be compassionate toward their children in the womb, and for mothers to love them.
3. Pray for God's presence, guidance, and safe travel for the PPL Board as they meet in Fair Oaks, CA to ratify new mission and vision statements, define core values, and set forth a strategic plan and budget for championing life in 2018.

Oct 15-21

1. Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8 & Ezekiel 34
2. Give thanks that God has chosen you to be among his called ones and pray that we will follow his model in caring for those who are weak and unable to care for themselves.
3. Pray for PPL's Exec. Director, Marie Bowen, to be refreshed as she vacations with family this week.

Oct 22-28

1. Read John 10:27-30 & Romans 8:14-17
2. Give God thanks that he keeps us close—making us adopted sons and daughters!
3. Pray for children who are orphans, or whose parents are unable or unwilling to care for them, that God would both draw them close to himself and provide a home with a mother and father who love them.

Oct 29 – Nov 4

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 & Philippians 2:1-10
2. Pray that God would make you and PPL ambassadors for Christ and champions for human life at every stage.
3. Ask God to send leaders to the work of PPL who are united in Christ and humble in Spirit so that God may be glorified as vulnerable lives are dignified.

NOVEMBER

Nov 5-11

1. Read Joshua 4:5-9, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Ezekiel 33
2. Ask God to cause Presbyterians to tell the stories of God's faithfulness to them in difficult circumstances so that women and men will trust him and choose life.
3. Pray that God will lead PPL with boldness to warn brothers and sisters in the Lord who have strayed from the truths of Scripture that they may repent and turn and God may bless them and life may flourish.

Nov 12-18

1. Read John 13:34; 14:15-21; 15:1-11
2. Pray thanking God for his love and for the companionship of his Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Pray that those approaching death may know his love and presence and the companionship of God's people.
3. Pray that God's love will be exhibited in you and in PPL as we embrace those who are pregnant and considering abortion and those who have already chosen abortion and are broken by their decision.

Nov 19-25

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-14; 6:10-17; and Philippians 1:6
2. Give thanks to God for all those who have invested in equipping you as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a champion of life.
3. Pray for opportunities to equip others to trust in God and to be leaders who risk all to promote and protect human lives at every stage of development.

Nov 26 – Dec 2

1. Read Genesis 9:6, Exodus 3:7-8, Deut. 10:18-22
2. Worship God for his acts in delivering his people from oppression and bondage and for his holiness and justice toward the weakest and most powerless human beings.
3. As millions pour out generosity on Giving Tuesday, this week pray that God will open hearts to give abundantly to PPL's work of equipping leaders to champion life.

DECEMBER

Dec 3-9

1. Read Luke 1:5-25
2. Give thanks to God for the blessing of life in the wombs of barren women. Pray that he will also bring the blessing of life to places of spiritual desert in the church and the world.
3. Ask God to cause you to be sensitive to the grief of couples who desperately want a child and have been unable to conceive that you might encourage and bring comfort to their hearts.

Dec 10-16

1. Read Luke 1: 26-56
2. Thank God for the joy of hope found in his word and in the witness of his Holy Spirit. Praise him for the miracle of Jesus' conception in the womb of Mary, for her humble obedience and all this means for us and our salvation.
3. Pray that God will defend and champion all those whose lives are threatened in the womb by abortion and at the end of life by euthanasia. Plead for God to protect human life at every stage.

Dec 17-23

1. Read Luke 1:57-80
2. Pray giving thanks to God for those people he has used in your life to prepare the way for you to meet and know Jesus Christ.
3. Ask God to bring an end to abortion in our nation and the world so that every child may be born and have the opportunity to receive God's salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Dec 24-30

1. Read Luke 2:1-21
2. Give glory to God for the birth of His Son and for the peace that lives in our hearts through Jesus Christ.
3. Pray, thanking God for the many voices who have been raised in the past year in defense of human life at its beginning and at its end. Thank God for leading PPL through this year and renewing our vision and passion for the promotion and protecting of life.

Dec 31 – Jan 6

1. Luke 2:22-52
2. Praise God for faithful servants who have completed their service to God on this earth this year and have gone to God's presence and his reward.
3. Pray for God's blessing and empowering for PPL in the coming year and for the provision of all that we need and for complete trust in his sovereignty.