

MY 2022 COMMITMENT

1. Pray at least twice a week using the Life Support Prayer Calendar. We encourage at least once in the hearing of other Christians.
2. Encourage other individuals in your congregation to join in the Life Support Prayer ministry. Notify PPL of those who are interested in making the commitment.
3. Encourage public prayers by the church for the efforts to protect preborn children and for the care of their mothers and families.
4. As you are led, renew your commitment yearly.

PPL is so grateful for your prayers!

We know that the seasons of your life change. If you are unable to continue your commitment to PPL's prayer team, please contact us and we will remove you from these mailings.



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LIFE SUPPORT PRAYER CALENDAR

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Rejoice in the recent deliverance of the United States from our deadly national bondage to the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision permitting mothers to destroy their unborn children. Give thanks for those women who with grateful hearts and trust in God give birth to the children he gives them.

Exodus 1:17

"But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live."

A new school year is beginning for many. Ask the Lord to illuminate countless teachers and students to embrace a Biblical world view that alone provides a sound and lasting foundation for learning, living, and building a legacy for coming generations.

Luke 7:47-49

"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

By Deborah Hollifield, PPL Executive Director

*"He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him." Psalm 91:15*

Is June 24, 2022 seared into your memory? The anniversary of this date should always be remembered as the national pro-life celebration that it is: the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* (www.lifesitenews.com/tags/tag/roe-v-wade/) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (www.lifesitenews.com/tags/tag/planned-parenthood-v-casey/) by the decision of the Supreme Court on that day in *Dobbs v. Jackson* (www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-us-supreme-court-overturns-roe-v-wade-in-historic-ruling/). Was it the marches, the debates, the baby bottle drives, the Marches for Life that brought about this turn? Surely those efforts were not in vain, but we had been brought to the brink of victory many times before, only to be pushed back by legal and legislative defeat. What brought us victory – and saved the lives of millions of unborn children – was the very hand of God, in God's own timing, in response to fifty years of prayer by God's people.

In the way that God has of pointing us to Himself in these moments, it is worth knowing that for our Catholic brothers and sisters, June 24, 2022 was the **Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist**: the late-in-life miracle child, destined by God and called to ministry from the womb; the first to recognize the preborn Jesus (**6 months before the birth of Christ, which Christians celebrate on December 24**), and the herald of the coming Messiah. On that same date, the Catholic church also observed the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a day of meditation upon "...His threefold love: His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life." Pope Pius XII, *Haurietis Aquas*. June 24 also marked the **98th birthday of the late Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life**, first held in 1974.

Join PPL and others in meditating on God's faithfulness, celebrating so great a victory and praising Him wholeheartedly, loudly and at length in our personal and corporate prayers!

*The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*

SEP

Sep 4-10

1. Rejoice in the many quietly bestowed tokens of God’s love, grace, and mercy along the way as we do our part in our Lord’s campaign against darkness, speculations, and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6.**
2. Prayerfully reflect on two or three small changes you might make—with God’s help—to become a greater encouragement to your fellow soldiers in the spiritual fight we face together. Rejoice in covenant loyalty in all its expressions. **1 Samuel 14:6-7.**

Sep 11-17

1. While many recall the dreadful loss of life commemorated this week on the 11th, let’s confess our own national sin and the disgrace of a half century of needless slaughter and decline through the years the lives of many millions of young Americans were deliberately snuffed out. Ask the Lord whether he might extend mercy even to such a wayward nation as ours. **Nehemiah 1:4-7.**
2. Be glad in the remembrance of God’s mighty deliverances of all who’ve called on him in earnest, persevering prayer. Rejoice in him, that though historical circumstances constantly change, he who is our God and Savior emphatically does not. **Psalms 90:1-2; Hebrews 13:8.**

Sep 18-24

1. Beseech our ever-faithful Lord to send “rains from heaven and fruitful seasons,” that drought-stricken lands might recall anew the life-giving power and mercy of the Lord who opens his hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing. **Psalms 145:15-16.**
2. Pray for state legislatures across these United States to safeguard the life, liberty, and property of the citizens they represent, and that civil magistrates everywhere will feel the weight of their office, discharging their duties as “ministers of God for good.” **Romans 13:4.**

Sep 25 - Oct 1

1. As the seasons change, and another autumn is upon us, give thanks that this is the doing of the Lord, not of fretful men or nations clamoring—but impotent—to alter earth’s climates. Rejoice in God’s faithfulness to every promise he has made. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” **Genesis 8:22**
2. Changing seasons remind those aware of the change that seasons of *human history* change as well. Many fear the ongoing societal upheaval spearheaded and accelerated by emerging technologies. Ask God for courage and boldness to meet and replace that fear with the Biblical assurance and vision that comes by the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. **Rev. 11:5.**

OCT

Oct 2-8

1. Fuel prices alarm many now facing the onset of cool weather. Rejoice in God’s provision for his people in ways unexpected or marvelous. Rejoice and give thanks for Christ’s body the church, that leaves none alone to suffer abject need. **Acts 6:1-7.**
2. Pray for your Christian brothers and sisters who’ve entered a dark season in which strength and joy are failing them. If losses of love, of health, of good name, or of estate have made life seem a burden to them. Intercede for them! Ask the Lord how you might in his name lift up those brought low. **Heb. 12:12-13.**

Oct 9-15

1. The world is still at war with God and with itself. Pray the church will speedily awaken from her various distractions and return to her central mission of proclaiming Christ to the nations as their only Savior and Lord. But of those who, repenting, bend heart and knee to Christ he says, “I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him . . .” **Isaiah 57:18-21.**
2. *Roe v. Wade* is behind us at last, but other contests for life lie ahead, from the spiritual battles waged upon the *individual’s* mind and heart, to those influencing state and federal legislatures. Pray that by the clear and powerful preaching of the Gospel, Satan will feel anew the crippling effect of the cross on his own usurpation of power. **2 Cor. 10:3-6.**

Oct 16-22

1. After a victory, armies depicted in the Bible often divided the spoils of battle. Together they found a moment to rest, reconstitute, replenish, and celebrate the victory. Let those of us dedicated to protecting life at every phase take a moment to rejoice in the historic return of legislative power to state legislatures. But remember that the battle for human life continues there. Celebrate the moment. Rejoice always! But “pray without ceasing.” **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.**
2. Pray the Lord will today turn one heart from ambivalence to certainty concerning the value of every human life. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant singular conviction on the value of human life, for “a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.” **James 1:8.**

Oct 23-29

1. In the wake of *Roe v. Wade’s* overturning, young women are still becoming pregnant unexpectedly, new life taking wonderful shape and form within them. Pray that each may connect with God’s people and find in the church a circle of supportive friends who love them and love their babies. **James 2:14-16.**
2. The recent legal victory follows nearly a half century of relentless prayer and social action aimed at the recognition of the fundamental value of every human life. Pray for the clear identification of the next hurdle, and the perseverance to overcome it together in God’s time. **Ecclesiastes 3:1.**

NOV

Oct 30 – Nov 5

1. Pray that those in the late autumn of life may find gladness in the days and years remaining to them. Ask that families be reconciled and draw near to one another in love, that grandparents may come to know, love, and teach the legacy incarnate in their grandchildren. **Ecclesiastes 12:1-8.**
2. Contemplate the gift of personal, timely encouragement. Give thanks for the first reliably faithful encourager who comes to mind. Lift him or her up to God’s throne of grace. God sprinkles a precious few of these angels of mercy over the course of our lives and experience. Let us value them as we should. **Acts 4:36-37.**

Nov 6-12

1. Do you know a young person prone to making poor decisions in the important relationships of life? Lift him or her up to God in prayer. Ask that he not lose heart when friends fail him, and when his own heart deceives him. **1 Corinthians 15:33.**
2. Consider the lovely network of friendships with which God adorns and sustains human life. Give special thanks to God for one or two friends and kindred spirits who have sustained you at difficult junctures of your life. **Proverbs 17:17.**

Nov 13-19

1. Pray for your own state legislator and senator by name, asking that each of them will feel the substantial moral weight of public office. Pray that each will faithfully execute their respective oaths of office made in the presence of God. **Ecclesiastes 4:5-7.**
2. As many fear the projected global food shortages, give thanks that the solemn promises of Scripture infinitely outweigh the fears of men. Give thanks for your daily bread. “The eyes of all look to Thee, and Thou dost give them their food in due time.” **Psalms 145:15.**

Nov 20-26

1. The Scriptures speak of the autumn harvest as a metaphor of the coming harvest of nations, the putting in of the sickle, and the gathering into Christ’s barns of the good wheat harvested. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, pray for the Gospel’s continued success among the nations for the glory of God, the good of those nations, and the expansion of his kingdom in the hearts of men. **Psalms 67.**
2. Give thanks for God’s wise and glorious design of the family. Sadly, few families are all that a family can be. Too often we thoughtlessly irk and irritate one other. Pray that our time together with family during these present and upcoming holidays will become the grist of many lasting memories that knit hearts together. **Psalms 128.**

DEC

Nov 27 – Dec 3

1. By now the results of the midterm elections are known, and the elected officials preparing to shoulder the duties of their respective offices. Pray that God will use this brief season of political transition to establish working relationships that advance the righteous kingdom of God in matters of state. **Proverbs 28:2.**
2. Rejoice in the resounding victory of Christ Jesus over sin and death. This world is quickly passing away, but his mediatorial kingdom over men and nations is forever. **Daniel 7:13-14.**

Dec 4-10

1. Pray for the mighty operation of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men and nations, turning them from their pursuit of endless vanities to the pursuit of Christ and his righteousness. Only the Holy Spirit has such power, and such grace, to reverse the course of lives stubbornly careening toward hell. How wondrous, that he uses mere men to do it! **James 5:19-20.**
2. Remember in prayer your local pregnancy care center. Ask that caring staff will be endowed with the graces of patience, love, and endurance to enrich the lives of those in need, and to ignite the flame of earnest expectation and hope. **Psalms 113:5-9.**

Dec 11-17

1. Schools are now recessing for semester break and the return of students home for Christmas. Intercede for the safety of travelers, that the reunion of loved ones will occasion only the boundless joy of homecoming and not the withering grief of injury or loss. **Psa 121.**
2. Ask that this culture immersed in the secular—and largely mercantile—phenomenon of “Christmastime” might be given the grace to delve beneath the glitz to discover him who was born for us in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:11.**

Dec 18-24

1. Once again the seasons change, and the days are as short as they will be. Ask God to buoy up with the Gospel the spirits of those worn by these darker days and longer nights. **John 8:12.**
2. Pray for those struggling to make ends meet. The anxieties of many are sure to play upon minds vulnerable to despair. Ask God to bring many such souls under the hearing and influence of the Gospel, and into the circle of the Lord’s church. **1 Cor. 12:26-27.**

Dec 25-31

1. Praise God that according to promise and in the fullness of time, he “sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” **Galatians 4:4.**
2. Another year is ending, and each of us is older than we were a year ago. Give thanks for the agelessness and constancy of the living God across the generations and across time. In every age he is our refuge and our strength. **Psalms 90.**