

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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Genesis 16:13

"Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

Genesis 21:1

"The LORD did to Sarah as he had promised."

I Samuel 2:1

My heart exults in the LORD.

Luke 1:37

Nothing will be impossible with God.

Pregnant With Promise: A call to prayer

By Deborah Hollifield, PPL Executive Director

One of the most common pro-abortion tactics is to project dark and dire futures for both mother and child: “Abortion is preferable to a life in foster care.” “Abortion is safer than pregnancy and childbirth.” “Your boyfriend will leave you.” “You’ll never be able to finish your education.” “He’ll just grow up to be a criminal.” “Having a rapist’s child will just traumatize you a second time.” “You can’t afford another mouth to feed.” At a time when a woman is most vulnerable, fearing the future and acting under duress, the Enemy commands an army of foot soldiers: callous boyfriends, anxious and embarrassed grandmothers, angry grandfathers, busy-body friends, unsympathetic employers and a well-organized front from Planned Parenthood, all of whom advance, surround, pressure and “advise.”

None of these speculations is remotely certain, and most often are simply untrue. Sometimes all that is necessary to change an abortion-minded woman’s mind is a moment of clarity sparked by hearing her baby’s heartbeat or seeing her child’s ultrasound image. Other times, it may be a word of encouragement from a friend or a promise of guidance and support from a pregnancy care caseworker; or the tangible support of a few months of rent and an outfitted nursery from a local church.

Scripture records the experiences of a large sisterhood of women dealing with the demands of pregnancy and the complications of motherhood: From Eve, who lost one son to murder and another to exile, yet became “the mother of all the living,” to Mary, the scandalized mother of Jesus, these women did not know the details of the destinies of their own lives and the lives of their preborn children – *even when an angel from God told them explicitly*. Women like Sarah, Leah, Hannah and Elizabeth dealt with infertility; Hagar and Zilpah were surrogates; Rebekah suffered a difficult pregnancy with warring twins; Rachel died from childbirth on the road to Bethlehem; Ruth was twice-widowed and childless before birthing Obed to Boaz, “a man of standing”; Jephthah’s mother bore Gilead’s illegitimate child; and Hosea’s wife, Gomer, bore the children of her adulterous affairs; Tamar, Rahab and Bathsheba were shamefully exploited by the men in their lives, yet Matthew includes their names among the ancestors of the Savior of the world.

These stories are all stories of hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). All of these women – those who were married with protectors and those who were alone and undefended - were accompanied by God in their uncertainty and trials. Some, whose children, because of the circumstances of birth, would have been expected to meet sorry ends, saw their children grow up to be rulers of nations and leaders of men. God provided for them all – even the reprobate children some bore.

No one needs to be pregnant to be taught and encouraged by the circumstances and faith of this sisterhood. We, who struggle with our own fears and uncertainties, are living out our futures with the promise of the same hope and provision extended to them by the same God who is familiar with all our ways (Psalm 139:3). In our own times of crisis, we can have peace.

In the weeks to come, pray for those women and children – born and yet unborn – living among us, and wrestling with their own difficult circumstances; and whose lives hang in the balance. Pray for those who will rise to encourage and help them. Pray for the ways it could be you who steps up.

¹PPL has a wonderful resource written by former Executive Director and current Administrative Director, Marie Bowen: a book titled, *Pregnant with Promise*, a Bible study focusing on the pregnancies found in Scripture.

JAN

Jan 2-8

Genesis 3:13, 16-20 (ESV)

1. Give thanks to God for His great mercy that turned a death sentence for humanity into a birth story setting in motion His plan for redemption—a Savior's birth—many generations later.
2. Pray for women who are pregnant and see only darkness for their future that God will shine the light of hope into their hearts. Ask God to provide help and someone to share the merciful, life-giving plan of God for their lives.

Jan 9-15

Genesis 16:1-4 (MSG)

1. Pray for couples who long for children but have not been able to conceive. Ask God to provide wisdom and insight in seeking solutions to infertility—to pray and discern the morality of posed solutions and the long-term effect on relationships.
2. Pray that God will equip churches to meet the needs of pregnant women for material provision, spiritual guidance, parenting.
3. Pray for the PPL Board as they meet Thursday, January 13.

Jan 16-22

Genesis 16:7-12 (NRSV)

1. Give thanks to God for those offering ultrasounds to women that allow them to see their unborn child as a living human being. Pray for God's blessing and provision for these ministries.
2. Ask God to help mothers to know He sees and loves them and will care and provide for them and their children.
3. Pray for all those traveling to Washington D.C. or locally for the March for Life on Friday. Pray that national leaders will have eyes to see & ears to hear that all human life is to be protected.

Jan 23-29

Genesis 17:1,5,15-17 (NIV)

1. Give God thanks for those you know who have reached a good old age—who remain faithful witnesses to God's life and presence, and who continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.
2. Pray God will equip PPL (an aging organization) to birth new life into the mission of equipping the church to protect human life *at every stage*. Ask God to multiply leaders and grow impact.

FEB

Jan30 – Feb 5

Genesis 25:21-24 (NRSV)

1. Pray for God's comfort for couples whose hearts have been broken by miscarriage and infertility.
2. Pray for women, whose pregnancies are difficult: multiples, health concerns for mother or baby, prenatal diagnosis of genetic anomalies or life-threatening conditions. Ask God to intervene and bring a joyful birth.

Feb 6-12

Genesis 29:31-35 (MSG)

1. Pray for men & women seeking love by pursuing sexual relationships outside of God's plan for marriage, to turn, repent, & find His love fills every need.
2. Pray for children growing up in homes where marriage is broken and one parent is struggling to parent alone. Ask God to connect these children with church families that model God's plan for families.
3. Pray for the PPL Board meeting Thursday, Feb 10.

Feb 13-19

Genesis 30:22-24; 35:19-20 (ESV)

1. Pray that God will graciously fulfill the desires of women and men who desperately want to be parents in the way He has planned for them—birth, adoption, teaching, coaching—to be fruitful in the lives of children.
2. Pray for courage for mothers when a pregnancy threatens their own life. May they fully trust God knowing that He will never leave them but gives eternal life.

Feb 20-26

Exodus 1:15-22 (NRSV)

1. Pray that God will tear down the stronghold of Planned Parenthood and thwart their efforts to establish abortion facilities among the poor, and people of color.
2. Pray for the protection of every unborn child threatened by abortion. Ask God to move in miraculous ways to protect the lives of these most vulnerable humans.
3. Pray for God's blessing upon all those who speak out to champion human life at any stage!

MAR

Feb 27 – Mar 5

Exodus 2:1-10 (MSG)

1. Thank God for His Sovereign care over babies of the world who are at risk of death from evil authorities, natural disasters, poverty, and abuse or neglect. Thank him for adoptive families and ask God to provide all that they need.
2. Praise God that he chooses leaders before they are born and directs the course of their lives so that the gifts they have been given for God's people come to maturity and bless many.

Mar 6-12

Judges 13:2-5, 24 (NIV)

1. Worship our God who is able to do the impossible including bringing children into the wombs of the barren.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to direct parents in the care and nurture of their children so they will grow up in the Lord, believe in Jesus Christ, and fulfill God's purposes for their lives.
3. Pray for the PPL Board of Directors meeting, Thurs., Mar 10.

Mar 13-19

Genesis 19:30-36 (ESV)

1. Pray for women and girls who are pregnant because of rape or incest. Ask God to be near them, guide them, give them hope & trust in God for their life and their child's life.
2. Pray for God to move His people with compassion and tender care for women and girls who have been abused. Ask God to guard and protect them, and provide for their material and spiritual needs.

Mar 20-26

Genesis 38:13-18; 24-30 (NRSV)

1. Pray for God to rescue women who are devalued and treated as sexual property: those who are sold into sex slavery or prostitution. Ask God to give them justice and provide for them (and the children born to them) safe and loving homes.
2. Worship God for his mercy and grace in bringing the Son of God into a lineage that included children born of rape, incest, prostitution, and adultery. We are purified from fertilization to natural death by Jesus' blood, death, and resurrection!

APR

Mar 27 – Apr 2

Ruth 4:13-22 (NRSV)

1. Praise God for loving us while we were yet sinners, for taking a man descended from the child of a prostitute and an outcast immigrant woman and putting them in the ancestral line of Jesus.
2. Pray that men and women who conceive a child and feel unready or unworthy to parent would catch a glimpse of the hope found in Christ and trust him to equip them to be good parents.

Apr 3-9

I Samuel 1: 4-20 (ESV) excerpts

1. Pray for mothers to have hearts like Hannah's, instilling a passion to serve God in their young children and while caring for their needs, modeling total trust in God to guide and protect them.
2. Pray for parents to receive the children God gives with joy and to understand parenting as a service unto God.
3. Pray for the PPL Board as they meet Thursday, April 7.

Apr 10-16

II Samuel 11:1-13 (NIV)

1. Thank God that the failures and sins of King David are recorded along with God's discipline, David's repentance & God's mercy in keeping his promises to David.
2. Pray for men and women having sex outside of marriage to have their eyes opened to their sin and to turn and repent, receiving God's salvation through Jesus Christ .

Apr 17-23

Luke 1:5-24 (MSG)

1. Thank God for His mighty ability to do the impossible!
2. Pray for women considering abortion out of fear of pregnancy due to age, marital status, career, education, finances. Ask God to show them that he will care for them and their child.

Apr 24-30

Luke 1: 26-38 (ESV)

1. Worship The Risen Son of God who entered into the dark, damp, smallness of a woman's womb to redeem humankind and endow each human at every stage with dignity and worth.
2. Pray for each human being who is feeling small, alone & afraid to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and find hope & joy and, in believing, receive the gift of eternal life!