

My 2025 COMMITMENT

- **Pray at least twice a week using the Life Support Prayer Calendar.** We encourage at least once in the hearing of other Christians.
- **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.
- **Encourage public prayers by the church for the efforts to protect preborn children** for the care of their mothers and families, as well as for the aged and those suffering with chronic disease or disability.
- As you are led, **renew your commitment** annually.

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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1 Peter 1:14-16 ESV

***"As obedient children,
do not be conformed
to the passions of
your former
ignorance, but as he
who called you is
holy, you also be holy
in all your conduct,
since it is written,
'You shall be holy, for
I am holy.'"***

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The Quest Toward Pro-Life Partnership

By Rev. John Hopkins, PPL Board Member

Picture with me an acre of wheat. From that parcel of land, the usual harvest provides a grocery store with 2450 loaves of bread. Suppose a creative person decides that he could generate simpler productivity by turning grain into crumbs instead of loaves. What foolishness! How pathetic and tragic it is when churches serve crumbs instead of the Bread of God. Literal distribution aside, does the average American citizen describe the Church's witness as crumbly or unified?

God has called us to holiness (Leviticus 20:7-8, 1 Peter 1:16). However, before we can be holy, we must first become children of God. This is done by receiving Jesus as the Bread of Life and the perfect sacrifice for sin. Every believer must feed on Jesus as the Bread of Life and obey His commands as recorded in Holy Scripture. Too many Christians concentrate on their own personal path of applying the Gospel. We remain crumbs! Too many churches focus on their turf as if that "sacred" property were the sole purpose of God's eternal Kingdom. Can anything more than crumbs result when churches are divided?

The unity of churches stems from adopting a perspective based upon the authority of the Bible. The Church family of Christ has far more in common in the essentials of faith than the non-essentials that segregate it. Consider this: When a person's body is laid to rest after death, denominational labels cease to matter. What are some critical defects caused by the divided testimonies from our churches? The American Family Association publication, *The Stand*, states in their August 2025 issue: "Planned Parenthood received \$792.2 million in taxpayer dollars and performed 402,230 abortions in 2024" (p. 10, "Guess who's paying for all those abortions"). These statistics reveal a pervasive passivity and lethargy among the sleeping congregations in the United States.

But we can be assured God is not ignoring the sin of abortion while we snooze! When bonded together in obedient service, corporate alliances and Christian actions emerge! Jesus said, "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (John 6:33 NIV). Children in the womb and the vulnerable among us need to know that gift of life, too! PRAY that the sovereign Lord will shape churches of the United States into unified communities that exhibit the pro-life standards of the Bible. Anything less is crumbly and crummy! How can our nation ever be remorseful about killing babies and medically assisting in death of the vulnerable, if our churches fail to lead the way of Christ?

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SEPTEMBER

August 31- September 6: *"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you."* Joshua 1:7a (Galatians 5:22-23, Exodus 20:2-3)

- O Mighty God, we pray for young men to stand with courage for what is holy and be filled with self-control.
- We pray that young people will put God first in their lives.

September 7- 13: *"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,"*

Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV

- Jesus, the Bridegroom, we pray that young men will honor and love their future wife, as You did the Church.
- May young and old understand that true love desires what is best for others. (John 21:15-17)

September 14- 20: *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4 ESV

- Lifter Up of Mine Head, provide comfort and healing for men who have lost children, with or without their knowledge, consent, and encouragement/coercion.
- Holy Spirit, help fathers to take responsibility for their families in regard to time, spiritual leadership, and financial support. (Ephesians 6:4 and 1 Timothy 5:8)

September 21-27: *"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers."* Proverbs 17:6 ESV (Psalm 22:29-31)

- Everlasting Father, direct grandparents to have a heart for their grandchildren (advocating for and supporting them and their parents before and after birth).
- Gracious Lord, provide friends for both men and women with an unexpected pregnancy who can give emotional and practical support throughout the pregnancy and beyond. (Proverbs 17:17; 27:9) Raise up volunteers!

Sept. 28- October 4: *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."* 2 Timothy 4:1-2 ESV (continue above)

OCTOBER

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Sept. 28- October 4:

- O Spirit of Truth, equip and embolden pastors with wisdom to speak the truth in love, and not just what tickles the ear.
- Creator God, help churches and parents to teach youth Your plan for marriage, (Gen. 2:18-25, Deut. 6:4-7, Matthew 19:3-6), and how You created us from a zygote to natural death: **"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."** Psalm 139:16

October 5- 11: *"And he [Jesus] said to them [the Pharisees], 'Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' ... and his hand was restored."* Mark 3:4-5

- Thank you, Merciful God, for life-affirming physicians who seek to "Do No Harm" and not intentionally kill their patients by assisting in their death.
- We pray for medical professionals and genetic counselors to encourage parents to love and protect their child, however short or long their life expectancy. (Isaiah 42:3, 64:8)

October 12-18: *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins"* 1 John 2:1-2

- Redeemer Lord, lead those in the abortion industry to repent, be forgiven and redeemed to righteous living.
- **"Rescue those who are being taken away to death;"** (Prov. 24:11) All-knowing God, also expose the deception of those who are promoting medical-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

October 19- 25: *"... But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:44-45 ESV

- Lord Jesus, Man of Sorrows, embrace those who lost siblings to abortion; help them to forgive those responsible and heal.
- We pray for men and women to recover from the grief and forgive the killers of their children or vulnerable loved ones.

Oct. 26- November 1: *"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ..."* (Eph. 5:32-33) Continue in Nov.-Dec.

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