

Affirming **LIFE PRAYER CARD**

Ephesians 6:11-18 reminds us to put on the full armor of God and stand firm against the schemes of the enemy. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil. We invite you to join together in prayer, to affirm the sanctity of all life.

1ST WEEK OF EACH MONTH:

Pray for myself and my neighbors.

- Pray for personal repentance, renewal, and a heart of compassion.
- Read Romans 3:21-26. Praise God for his grace and forbearance and that all are justified freely by the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Praise God for his righteousness, a righteousness that is freely offered to us by accepting his sacrifice.
- Read I John 1. Confess our sins.
- Read Psalm 5:1-12. Ask God to listen to our cries for help.
- Read Psalm 139:13-18 in preparation for praying for your neighbors.
- For women considering abortion, pray they will find the support they need to carry their baby to term and find life-giving support after their child is born.
- For women who have had an abortion and men who have been affected by abortion, pray they have an encounter with our loving God and experience how wide and long and high and deep his love is (Ephesians 3:16-19).
- Pray that Christian parents would teach their children God's design for sex, marriage, and families.

2ND WEEK OF EACH MONTH:

Pray for the Church and organizations like Caring Network & Evangelical Child & Family Agency (ECFA).

- For The Compass Church and other churches in the Chicago suburbs, pray we would work together in the name of Jesus to demonstrate God's love in tangible ways.
- For the Church everywhere, pray we are a place and people of welcome, grace, healing, and hope.
- For Christ followers everywhere, pray we would be compassionate, approachable, non-judgmental, loving listeners.
- Read James 1:27. Praise God for ministries like Caring Network & ECFA that care for vulnerable women & children.
- For Caring Network and ECFA, pray for leaders, staff, volunteers, clients, finances, unity, strategic partnerships.
- For ECFA, pray for intact family services and adoption services.
- For Caring Network, pray for Restore, a post-abortion ministry, and for the counseling of women in crisis.

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3RD WEEK OF EACH MONTH:

Pray for healthcare professionals who work in an environment that is increasingly hostile to the gospel.

- Read Daniel 6:3-10. Pray that God would protect Christian health professionals from the enemy's attacks just as he protected Daniel.
- Pray for the courage of the Hebrew midwives described in Exodus 1:15-17 who feared God more than man and disobeyed Pharaoh's orders.
- For Christian doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, midwives, and pharmacists, pray they would not be forced to do anything against their deeply held beliefs. Pray that they would have winsome conversations filled with love and grace with colleagues who do not share their views on life.
- For the medical students, residents, and nursing students, pray they would bravely speak up for life and cultivate their leadership skills to win the next generation for life.
- Pray for medical associations like the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Catholic Medical Association, as they continue to stand up for life in their advocacy efforts.
- For those in the abortion industry, pray for a change in heart.

4TH WEEK OF EACH MONTH:

Pray for our country and the world.

- Read John 17:3 and Acts 26:18. Pray that the leaders of the world would know the one true God and that their eyes would be opened.
- Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Pray for wisdom for those who govern our land and make laws so that all may live in peace and with dignity.
- Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Pray that God's people would humble themselves and seek his face, and that he would heal our land.
- Pray for the next generation, that their hearts would turn toward God.
- Pray that state laws would protect life.