

## **Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Resolution**

The following resolution was passed by the <leaders of> <church name> on <date>.

### **Resolution**

**Whereas the message of the gospel is one of rescue for those in peril and expresses God's heart as such** (Ex. 18:10, Jud. 8:34, Ps. 18, Rom. 5:8, Eph. 2, Col. 1 &2); and

**Whereas God desires for those He's rescued in the gospel to respond as grateful rescuers, looking to the well being of others in peril, including physical peril** (3:21, Ex 3:7-10, Deut 4:5-10, 24:17-22, Ps 146:9, Jer 22:1-3, Hos 3:1, Mark 2:16-17, Luke 19:10, John 13:34, John 15:1-13, Rom 5:8, 12:1, Col 2:13-15, 1 Tim 2:15); and

**Whereas God ordained that His Church be the origin of all things redemptive in general and the life-affirming arena in particular** (Deut 4:5-8, Isa 42:5-7, 49:6, Eph 1:22-23, Acts 13:46-49, 26:22-23, 1 Pet 2:9-10); and

**Whereas God declares that immaterial personhood begins before conception and physical personhood begins at conception** (Gen 1:26-27, 9:6, Ps 139:13-14, Jer 1:5, Isa 49:1, Gal 1:15-17, John 1:1-5, 8:58, 17:24, 1 Pet 1:20-21, Luke 1:15, Eph 1:3-5, esp. v. 4, Matthew 25:34); and

**Whereas God explicitly declares a believer's obligation in the gospel to rescue those in a perilous situation like immanent abortion** (Prov 23:10-11, 24:11-12, Ps 82:3-4, 68:5-6, 146:9, Deut 10:17-19 (tying duty back to grace), 24:18-22 (tying duty back to grace, v. 22!), 26:12-13, 27:11, 19, Isa 1:16-17, Isa 58:6-7, Jer 7:5-7, 22:3-5, Zech 7:10-12, Jas 1:27, and The Law of Biblical Self-Love, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." = Lev 19:18, Matt 19:19, 22:39, Rom 13:8-10, Gal 5:14, Jas 2:8); and

**Whereas God charges Church leaders with taking the lead as champions of life** (Isa 62:6, Ezek. 3:17-21, 33:7-8, 34:1-10, Mic 3:1-3, 2 Tim 4:1-5); and

**Whereas God abhors "child sacrifice" and the "shedding of innocent blood," both of which are rampant in our community and nation via surgical and chemical abortion, embryonic research technologies, and some fertility technologies** (Lev 18:21, 20:2-5, 2 Ki 17:16-18, 17:30-36, 23:8-10, Jer 32:33-34, Deut 12:29-32, Ps 106:34-40, Jer 7:30-33, 32:34-36, Ez. 16:20-21, 27, and Deut 19:10-13, 2 Ki 21:16, 24:3-4, Ps 106:37-40, Prov 6:16-19, Jer 19:4-6, 22:3-5); and

**Whereas God loves in the gospel to restore, forgive, and heal sins committed against the sanctity of human beings** (Gen 3:21, Jer 7:5-7, 22:3-4, Zech 3:1-5, John 3:16, Rom 10:8-13, Eph 2:8-9, 1 Cor 6:9b-11); and



**Whereas the Evangelical Church in the United States in general has neglected God’s Words, above, and needs to repent and receive His gracious healing and cleansing; and**

**Whereas millions of men and women suffer psychologically and spiritually due to their participation in an abortion and need the healing of the gospel; and**

**Whereas sexual promiscuity is rampant in our culture and leads oftentimes to unplanned pregnancies, abortions, destroyed relationships and lives (In 2008, 1 in 4 teen girls is infected with a STD. In 2003, St. Louis ranked #1 among all US cities for the number of new cases of Gonorrhea, #5 for Chlamydia, and #23 in Syphilis. Approximately half of all teens have sex by the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in St. Louis/nationwide.); and**

**Whereas Missouri law condones creating and subsequently destroying human beings (embryos) for experimental reasons per MO Amendment 2; and**

**Whereas prayer is powerful when made in the name of Jesus Christ for things close to His heart, as expressed above (2 Chron. 7:14, Lk. 18:1, Eph. 6:18, Ja. 5:16);**

**therefore**

**Be it resolved** that the <name groups of church leadership, i.e. Session, Diaconate and Pastors> of <church name> do hereby agree to pray together regarding the Biblical categories above at every appropriate opportunity during January, <year>.

**Be it resolved** that the aforementioned church leaders will encourage others to pray earnestly regarding the Biblical categories cited above at every appropriate opportunity during January, <year>, including: <list opportunities for prayer, like before Sunday School, during Sunday worship, in home groups, at staff meetings, etc.>

**As testimony to our agreement with this resolution, we affix our names:**

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**Amplification**

This resolution is recognition of the power of prayer and the inability of The Church, the life-affirming movement, the legislature, etc. to champion life in their own power. It is an attempt to assist each other in remembering to plead with our merciful God esteem life in His churches and this nation, both individually and corporately. Furthermore, it is a direct plea for God to end the heinous and prevalent loss of life and desecration of the image of God presented in our culture today by abortion and related evils.

This resolution is not intended to be, nor should it become, a legalistic duty. It is intended to allow participants to use their personal judgment to deal with a number of situations where an injudicious use of "every" opportunity could have unintended consequences. Such consequences could include vain repetition, distraction from a topic of focus, dampening of a celebration, physical illness, and others.

This resolution is also not intended to overwhelm a group prayer time with prayers for the sanctity of human life. If one or two have already included this subject in a series of prayers, it is not necessary for everyone to include it.