



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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LIFE IS SACRED

God in His infinite LOVE has undertaken the restoration of mankind and the reconciliation of all things through Himself through the mediation of CHRIST JESUS. Life is from God (Genesis 2:7, Acts 3:15). Seen by Scripture as the climax of the work of creation, life is a gift of God and is to be treated with reverence and respect. God in CHRIST has given humanity responsibility to preserve creation. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives birth to and supports both natural and spiritual life. The creating Spirit (or breath) of God gives and sustains life (Psalm 104:30) For man, true life is grounded in JESUS CHRIST who became a Life-giving Spirit (John 6:63).

Every year in Australia some 80,000 abortions are performed on women to terminate pregnancy for one reason or another. Some are for the preservation of the mother's life; the vast majority though are for convenience sake. In other words, most abortions are the result of unwanted pregnancies. To some this is as it should be. A woman's choice to do as she pleases with her body and the foetus in her womb. To others it is nothing short of the murder of an innocent human being in vitro.

Now the battle lines have been drawn between the pro-choice and the pro-life advocates. The former, spearheaded by militant feminists and libertarians, is strident in its demands for a woman's right to destroy the foetus in her body no matter what the reason! The latter, largely composed of Christians of most persuasions from Catholics to evangelicals and Pentecostals, is equally adamant that a foetus is a human being whose life is sacred and should be fully protected by the law.

One explanation for the pro-abortion viewpoint is that we are living in an increasingly utilitarian society. Everything, it seems, has become readily disposable; cars, cans, bottles, appliances, furniture and the list goes on. Sadly this attitude has seeped into our thinking so much so that it also applies to unwanted human life. For too many, as it is cheaper and easier to procure an abortion than to raise a child, they would opt to dispose of their unborn child rather than accept its burden.

Many crave sexual "freedom" but will not accept responsibility for their actions. Abortion on demand thus becomes a quick, easy solution to an embarrassing pregnancy. Moreover, the reigning secular humanistic philosophy provides a convenient basis for the anti-life mentality and practices such as abortion and euthanasia.

Well, how does the Creator see it? Can man play God who alone has the right to give life and to take it away?

The answer is NO. Abortion, the mutilation and destruction of unborn children, is anathema to Him. His Word states unequivocally, "Kill not the innocent or righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty" (Exodus 23:7). The pro-choice lobby, however, claims that a foetus is not a human being, merely a mass of cells that is part of the woman's body. But God makes it abundantly clear in His Word that even as we are being formed in our mother's womb He looks upon us and decrees the very days of our lives. To the prophet

Jeremiah, He said "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet." And King David was inspired to write in Psalm 139: "For You created my inmost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in the secret place ... All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

During her pregnancy Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was visited by Mary then carrying Jesus, the Son of God. And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the babe leapt in her womb. How significant! Had abortion on demand been available in those days the Saviour could have been destroyed before He saw the light of day. God forbid. God forbid, too, that any potential servant of God --- anyone at all --- should be snuffed out before birth.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster said this during a conference in Britain, "There is an urgent need for our society to rediscover respect and dignity belonging to all human life, young or old, whether handicapped or not. Without such respect society becomes prey to the interests of the strong, and the weak lack security."

The Bible makes it crystal clear that each embryo is a living soul and precious to God. He cares for every single human being even before birth. Our loving Creator must be saddened and horrified by the continual slaughter of the innocent in their millions across the world today.

But there will come a time when He cries out "I can stand it no longer. My judgement must fall." Australia, let us spiritually wake up before that happens and cease this horrific practice. For surely it is one of the most barbaric of all our modern day sins. Our nation's Federal and State Governments may hold their counsels and issue their decrees, but whenever they are in opposition to God's prophetic Word, they will come to nothing.

Our Prayer

Our loving and merciful Father, hallowed be Your Name. In Jesus' righteousness and in the presence of Your Holy Spirit, we humbly and meekly bow before Your throne of abundant grace and immeasurable mercy. In one accord and in one faith in Jesus Christ we join the leaders of Australia to ask You, Lord to forgive us of the murder of 80,000 lives in abortions committed annually. Lord, have mercy on us.

Father, we come united as Your Spiritual Body on earth, in the Name of Jesus Christ to rebuke and bind the spirit of murder, abortion, hurt, curse and death in our land of Australia. We loose Your healing power of love, life, peace, harmony and joy on our land. Father God, we thank You that Your WORD (JESUS CHRIST) and YOU are ONE and Your power to heal is in Your WORD. Heal and deliver our spiritual ignorance of abortion and mass killing, O Lord.

Touch the hearts of the appointed leaders of Australia to be able to intimately love You, Lord Jesus, the Author of Life, so that they are able to extend Your love of life into our schools, tertiary institutions, communities, work places and departments. We praise and glorify You, Lord Jesus as Your manifold healing power flows from Your throne of grace and mercy, like a river of life giving water across your land of Australia. We know it is the desire of Your heart that none should perish but all come to Your saving grace. We thank You Lord for this. Be it unto our nation of Australia according to Your Word and Your will. In Jesus' powerful Name, we pray. Amen.

C.O.P.I.T. - led by our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT to glorify the FATHERHOOD OF GOD with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father, in Jesus' name. Amen and Glory!