

God Bless America ~ All

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her, thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Morning Has Broken ~ All

Morning has broken, like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

Prayer Vigil

August 22, 2015

11:00 am-noon

to begin the

**WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING to
END ABORTION and to
DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD**



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Call to Prayer

Rev. Charles Danielson, St. Thomas Church, Underhill

Amazing Grace ~ All

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun.

What has brought us here

Mary Hahn-Beerworth, Executive Director
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Prayer for Repentance and Mercy*

Rev. Danielson

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| Leader: | Father, you have created us in body and soul
To honor you and our neighbor
And to receive honor and respect in return. |
| A: | Our bodies are sacred.
They reflect you, our Creator.
And we hold sacred
The bodies of all the children in the womb. |
| B: | Lord, we are saddened
That these children are being killed,
And saddened again
That their body parts are being harvested and sold. |
| A: | Have mercy on our nation.
Have mercy on those who are perpetrating these evils.
As more and more people become aware of this,
Turn their hearts toward you,
The Fountain of life and love. |
| B: | Give consolation to all who have had abortions,
And give wisdom to our public officials
That they may respond adequately
To the corruption found in the abortion industry. |
| A: | Grant that we,
The People of Life and the People of Mercy,
May recommit ourselves to building a nation
Without abortion and without the many evils that flow from us. |
| B: | May we choose life;
May we choose mercy;
May we choose your Kingdom! |
| Leader: | Through Christ our Lord. Amen. |

The Lord’s Prayer ~ All

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

** Prayers from Rev. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life*

What we can do

Mary Hahn-Beerworth

- Continue to pray and fast during the coming week.
- Make use of this prayer booklet, prayer cards, if helpful.
- Pray at home, in church, at Planned Parenthood sites:

<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-northern-new-england/about-us/>

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) has 12 clinics in Vermont, but only 5 in New Hampshire and just 4 in Maine. This map does not include the location of PPNNE's tri-state abortion headquarters on Lakeside Avenue in Burlington, VT. Both Maine and New Hampshire have cut state funding for the abortion business while Vermont continues to generously fund PPNNE. New Hampshire also recently enacted a parental notification law and PPNNE made the decision to move their Lebanon, NH abortion clinic to White River Junction, VT in order to avoid notifying NH parents when their minor daughter is scheduled for an abortion.

- Visit www.vrlc.net for information on these action items:
 - Contact your state representatives and senators to demand an end to Vermont state funding of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.
 - Contact our Congressional Delegation to press for passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

Prayer for the Conversion of Planned Parenthood*

Pastor Craig Bensen, Cambridge United Church

Leader: Lord, for whom all things are possible,
We are confronted once again today
With the evil of the abortion industry
And the corruption found
In the world's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood.

A: Lord, we pray for all who plan to be parents,
And we ask your mercy on those
Who teach others to reject parenthood.

B: In the light of your Word, Lord,
We affirm today that children are a blessing from you,
And that the origin of all parenthood
Is likewise in You, the God of life and love.

A: Therefore, Oh God,
We stand against the evil that has been exposed
In Planned Parenthood
And in the entire abortion industry.

B: We stand today for the triumph
Of truth over falsehood,
Of light over darkness,
And of life over death.

A: Bring an end to the killing of children in the womb,
And bring an end to the sale of their body parts.
Bring conversion to all who do this,
And enlightenment to all who advocate it.

B: Close the doors of the death camps in our midst,
And open the doors of your mercy and healing!
Close the grisly trade in baby body parts,
And open the abundant gifts of your salvation and life!

A: Hasten the day when our land
Will no longer be stained with innocent blood,
And when the bodies of all your children
Will be raised from the dead
And set free forever.

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!

Personal testimonies

Amy's story

Silent prayer for women who are suffering from abortion

Michael's story

Silent prayer for men who are suffering from abortion

Prayer for Those Wounded by Abortion*

Rev. Danielson

Leader: Father, we pray today for the mothers and fathers
Who have lost children to abortion.

A: We also pray for those who have lost to abortion
Their siblings and grandchildren, relatives and friends.

B: As the callous evil of the abortion industry is exposed,
And the weight on our hearts
And the wound in our souls
Is ever more sensitive and painful,
We ask for your mercy and protection.

A: There is no healing balm
Except in the blood of Jesus Christ your Son.
It is therefore to Him that we turn,
To His cross that we run,
And in the mighty power of His Resurrection
That we take refuge.

B: In Him and through Him,
Grant us healing and consolation.

A: Turn our despair to hope;
Turn our sadness to joy;
And turn our night of mourning into the bright day of
The fullness of Your Kingdom,

B: When there will be no more death,
No more crying out or pain,
For the former things have passed away.

Leader: Lord, make all things new in our hearts and in the world.
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Scripture, Reflection and Declarations

Pastor Bensen

Prayer for Public Officials*

Pastor Bensen

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
You are the ruler of the Kings of the earth,
And the one through whom and for whom all things exist.

A: We pray today for those who serve in public office.
We ask that those who write and pass our laws
May keep their eyes fixed on your law
As their ultimate authority.

B: We ask that those who execute the laws
May be filled with awe in your presence,
As you govern the universe from end to end mightily.

A: And we ask that those who judge in human courts
May know they are accountable to you, the Judge of all.

B: Lord, we pray that the tragedy of abortion,
And the trade in baby body parts,
May awaken the consciences of those in public office,
And stir them to action
To defend human rights and dignity.

A: Lord, so many have been asleep,
And so many public servants
Have forgotten the difference
Between serving the public and killing the public.

B: Awaken them, enlighten them and heal them.

A: And to those whose eyes are already fixed on your law of life,
Give unending courage and perseverance
In the task of serving the common good
And securing the right to life which comes only from you
And which no government can take away.

Leader: We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, who lives and reign forever and
ever. Amen.