

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Memorial Service Opening Prayer

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Almighty Father, we thank you for gathering us together on this National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

We gather here today in repentance, in resolve, and in rejoicing.

We gather in repentance, because we, Your people, could long ago have ended child-killing in this nation.

We gather in repentance, for so many of Your people rightly call on You to act to save the unborn, but fail to realize that You call them to act to save the unborn.

We gather in repentance, for so many of Your people rightly lift up their hands and say “Lord have mercy,” but fail to lift a finger to have mercy on the unborn.

We gather in repentance, because not one drop of innocent blood is shed upon the land, without every person on the land sharing responsibility for it.

Today, therefore, we gather along with so many of our fellow citizens at gravesites of aborted children throughout the country.

We gather to mourn the loss of these children and to affirm that they are our brothers and sisters.

We gather to remind our community that the lives of these children matter, and that the loss of these children is a loss to us all.

We gather, Lord, in resolve.

We are resolved to reach our goal, not just to fight abortion, but to end it.

We will stop at no sacrifice and count no cost in defending the unborn.

We are resolved to bring the invitation of repentance, forgiveness, and healing

To all those who have been involved in aborting their children.

We are resolved to continue to challenge public servants who fail to serve the public yet unborn.

Finally, Lord, we gather in rejoicing.

We rejoice that You have called us to do pro-life work, not as some “hobby” to be squeezed in when we have time, but as the very heart and soul of our quest for justice in this world.

Bless this gathering today, and the gatherings like this across the country, and bless this movement.

We pray in the saving Name of the Author of Life, Jesus Christ our Lord.