

Prayers

Prayer #1 – Heavenly Father, we thank you for these young people willing to step out in faith to reach those who do not know you; to those who are considering abortion. Send your Holy Spirit to give them the words that will open the hearts of others. Give them encouragement to speak boldly about your love for all, even the unborn. May their words change hearts and minds and bring them to faith. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #2 – Dear Lord, we thank you for your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Help us to assist the Lutherans for Life with this new program to train Lutheran high school students to tell others of Your love and to provide information about alternatives to abortion. We know this is a challenging task but with the help of the Holy Spirit we know that the Y4Life will bring others to know You and to no longer consider abortion as a solution to an unplanned pregnancy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #3 – Gracious Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for these young people willing to step out in faith to speak up for the unborn. A child is a gift from you to be raised in faith, love and service to you. Help these young people to spread the Good News of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection for the salvation of all people. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of all who hear their words that they may come to faith in You. We pray for this grant that it may be a tool to bring new believers to the family of Christ. In Jesus Holy name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #4 – Faithful Father, we are your little children. When Jesus was here on earth he blessed the little children and said *Let the little children come me, and do not hinder them, for the*

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For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well (Psalm 139:13-14).

Indeed, your works are wonderful, Gracious God, but too many people, faced with an unwanted pregnancy, don't think about that wonderful child that could be theirs. Instead they're thinking about an inconvenient and unwanted intrusion on their lives.

What to do about an unplanned pregnancy is a decision that young adults face more than any other age group. And, as a result, over 1.2 million abortions are done every year. This is a staggering number of lives lost.

Youth for Life (Y4Life) is program for young adults and older teens to speak to their peers about these issues and is part of Lutherans for Life. In their training they learn that 27% of those having an abortion have no religious affiliation and only 25% have been to church in the last month. A sad as this situation is, it is also an opportunity to share the Gospel and God's love. Through training these young people can give guidance and information about alternative services while witnessing to their peers.

This grant will expand this campus ministry to include Lutheran high schools. Since abortion occurs at an alarming rate in high school age teens, the need for education about alternatives to abortion is great. And since 17% of Lutheran high school students have no religious affiliation, Y4Life has an opportunity to tell these fellow classmates about Jesus and

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kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these (Matthew 19:14). We know our much our Lord and Savior loved little children. He loves all human life even that of the unborn child. And because of this love we pray for Youth to Witness for Life and all those willing to speak out against abortion and to share the love of Jesus. Hear us for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

provide helpful information about alternatives to abortion and the sanctity of life.

This grant will provide funds for an internship program, outreach events, leadership training, servant events and a director for this ministry. Students are also provided with on-going mentorship to ensure that the student-led ministries are supported and equipped for their work. Through this program even more young people can hear the life-affirming message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

