

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil

November 30, 2021



PRAY FOR
DOBBS

“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Psalm 139:13-14

Abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies per year in the United States. The upcoming Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* is our **greatest opportunity in a generation** to change that.

This is the case that **could overturn *Roe v. Wade***—the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

Together, we will pray for a just outcome that **protects millions of pre-born babies and their mothers.**

Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

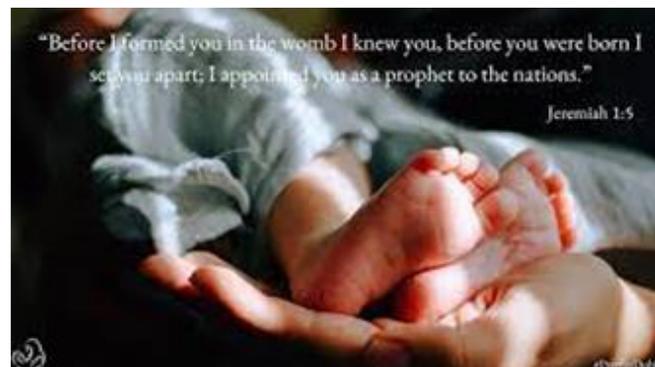
Background

- **January 22, 1973:** Roe v Wade decision of the Supreme Court ushered in the era of abortion on demand in the United States.
- **2018:** Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick. The law was challenged and the case, known as Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, is being heard by the Supreme Court.
- **Dobbs v Jackson** is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance.
- **December 1, 2021** oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022.
- In the United States **over 50 million abortions** have taken place in the US since 1973.

Fetal Development Facts

Babies in the womb:

- Have a heartbeat (by 6 weeks)
- Develop pain receptors (week 7)
- Have arms, legs, fingers and toes (10 weeks)
- Can kick and will jump if startled (10 weeks)
- Almost the entire body responds to light touch (13-14 weeks)
- Have fully developed hearts (15 weeks)
- Can taste and make facial expressions, yawn, hiccup, swallow, and suck their thumbs (15 weeks)



Opening Hymn

O Sacrament Most Holy.
O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving,
be every moment Thine!
(Repeat 3 times)



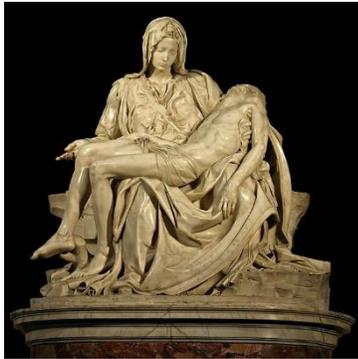
Prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

Lord Jesus, we firmly believe that the Blessed Sacrament is Your very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Our senses cannot grasp this marvel. Faith, however, reaches beyond what our eyes can see and assures us that You are truly present. Grant, O Lord, that our faith in the Eucharist may also strengthen our ability to recognize the dignity of every human life. We know that the senses can fool us there as well. Because life in the womb is so very small in appearance, many regard it as less than human. But we, who can see You in the Sacred Host, can certainly see you in our brothers and sisters. We can also see You, O Lord, in the children in the womb. In a day when so many have forgotten these children, and dismiss them as less valuable than those who are born, grant, our dearest Eucharistic Lord, that our society may become convinced of their dignity and worth, since all human life is created in Your image and likeness. We offer to You our unceasing prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of life and for the Most Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Heaven that leads us to Eternal Life. Amen.



"This is My Body, given up for you."

Lord Jesus, we hear Your words each day at Mass. You have used these words to teach us the meaning of Your love for us, a love that brought You to the cross to give Your Life so that we might live. You use these words to teach us the meaning of our love for one another, a love which should lead us to give ourselves away that others might live. "This is My Body." Lord, we also hear these words used by those who think that they can destroy life, just because that life is growing within their body. We hear these words distorted by those who support abortion. Our dearest Eucharistic Lord, grant that all Your people may learn that human fulfillment is never found by pushing someone else out of the way, but only and always by pushing ourselves out of the way. May all Your people live their lives according to Your most Sacred Words, "This is my body, given up for you!" Amen.



Prayer for a Pro-life Victory at the U.S. Supreme Court

Lord, God and Father of Life,
You love all that you have created,
And protect all who are in danger.

You entrust us to the care of each other
And establish earthly authority
To protect the rights that you yourself bestow.

Lord, your People have failed,
On a personal level and in civic society,
To provide adequate protection
To those who need it the most.

We pray today for the smallest human beings,
The children yet in the womb.

We pray that their parents will generously
Welcome them and vigorously reject any
Temptation to kill them by abortion.

We pray that our laws will protect their
Right to life.

Lord, we thank and praise you
For legislators and governors who have
Implemented laws to protect children from
Abortion.

In particular we thank you for the people of
Mississippi who have taken bolder steps than most
States to protect children in the womb prior to the
Point of viability.

Lord, we ask now that this law will be upheld
As it is reviewed by the United States Supreme
Court.

Give your wisdom to the Justices and their clerks,
And to the attorneys who seek to protect these
Children.

Help all to realize the simple truth
That more protection is needed
Precisely when a person is more dependent,
And that "viability" is neither a source of human
Rights nor a factor in determining when to protect
Children from violence.

Lord, as a result of this case now before the
Supreme Court,
Give the unborn, and our whole nation, a new and
Refreshing season of Life.
Bring us a new breath of freedom,
A new measure of common sense,
A rediscovery of justice and wisdom
And a big step forward in building a culture of life.

Your Son Jesus Christ
Came to grant freedom to the oppressed.
Grant freedom, then, to the children in the womb
And in these days, set our nation on a course
Of rejecting the violence of abortion,
And treating children in the womb
With equal justice under law.

Bring victory in this Supreme Court case
And then bring us even more victories,
Until every child is protected
And every abortion is rejected.

Bring us, O Lord, the victory of Life.

We pray in the Name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life
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Prayer to the Holy Family

O God, Heavenly Father, it was part of Your eternal decree that Your Only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, St. Joseph. In Nazareth, home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech You, that all families may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that they may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, through your intercession, grant the graces that all families need to be sanctified and spiritually perfected, living out their lives in imitation of the Holy Family, who imitated most perfectly the sacrificial and self-giving love of the Most Holy Trinity. May all married couples have a deep reverence and love for all life, and may they be ever generous in welcoming new souls into their lives. May all families become as little “gardens,” where God dwells and walks among the perfumes and fragrances of their sacrifices and love for one another. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to you we commend all families and married couples and beg you to bring about a great renewal in our society so that it may become a culture of life and love. Amen.



Prayer Intentions

Jesus, we pray that the Supreme Court Justices receive wisdom and are free from all confusion and distraction.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that the Justices will not be persuaded by political pressure or perceived public opinion, but that they would be impartial in their judgment.
Lord hear our prayer.

Specifically, we pray for the Supreme Court Justices, 6 of whom are baptized Catholics (Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett), along with the other 3 Associate Justices (Stephen G. Breyer, Elena Kagan, and Neil M. Gorsuch).
Lord hear our prayer.

Today, we especially pray for solicitor General Scott Stewart as he will be presenting Mississippi's case before the Court. Pray that his words are clear, concise, and convincing.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that priests and pastors across America would have boldness to speak to their parishioners with truth and grace about this case, and will lead their churches in prayer efforts to restore human dignity for the unborn.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that God bless the mission and resources of the thousands of pregnancy assistance centers in our nation that provide alternatives to abortion.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that pro-life advocates discover creative ways to tell stories of the blessings of choosing life.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that children still on their way to birth may be welcomed and protected rather than feared and rejected.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that God may bless all doctors and nurses, and help them use their skills to heal and foster life, and never destroy it.
Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that mothers who are pregnant but afraid of their motherhood may, with the help of the Church, find the courage and strength they need to give life.
Lord hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of Your forgiveness, which is more generous than that of human beings. We pray that mothers and fathers who've experienced past abortions, will feel your love, mercy and forgiveness.
Lord hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the many children who have been saved from abortion through the efforts of the pro-life movement, we give praise to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For the holy Catholic Church throughout the world, that she may carry on her mission of life with faith and joy, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

That we may unite all our choices with the will of God, and there find our true freedom and fulfillment, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Supreme Court

Holy Trinity, Source of Life and Truth, we entrust our nation to You. We ask for mercy for the decades of legalized abortion that has been permitted in our land and for healing for all those who have been wounded by it. We ask that the sacredness of every human life would be protected and upheld both in law and in culture. In a special way we commend to you the Justices of the Supreme Court. Please grant them clarity, wisdom, and courage to judge according to truth and right reason. Overthrow, at last, by Your power, the scourge of abortion in our land and usher in a new era of protection for the unborn. By the power of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, may Your justice be established on earth. Amen

Closing

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God, in His angels and in His saints.

Sign of the Cross 

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