

## FOCUS ON PRAYER

To all you faithful readers, this column is an encouragement—an exhortation if you will—to pray regularly for the Center if you are not already doing so. In the space that follows, I will attempt to outline some issues for which we covet your prayers.

For some years CPCs all over the country have seen numbers decline for clients seeking pregnancy tests. The reasons are several: women are able to purchase their own tests at the drugstore, and here in California, some physicians give free tests, courtesy of a program underwritten by the State.

Our heart's desire is to see more abortion-vulnerable women coming in for our help, yet it is obviously hard to compete. Other CPCs have come up with resourceful ways to bring in more clients, things that have worked well in their specific areas. We believe that the Lord has a specific plan for Crossroads Pregnancy Center as well.

Currently we have no shortage of women desiring to participate in the one-on-one parenting program, thus we have a waiting list for this service. This calls for experienced moms willing to volunteer time once a week to do parenting instruction.

In addition we are short of volunteer staff in the following areas: Peer Counseling, Receptionists, and Helpline peer counselors.

We are so thankful for the clients we do have and encourage you to continue in prayer for them as well.

To sum up, ask the Lord to:

- call Christian women who will be committed to this work
- bless the upcoming Volunteer Training Seminar
- bring in many more divine appointments in future
- continue to work in the hearts and lives of our current clients
- reveal His plan for our specific Center

Rest assured that the Lord is working in wonderful ways here at CPC. Just the other day a young woman, in for a pregnancy test, trusted Jesus Christ as her Savior. We rejoice and are thankful for this exciting journey with God.

Please join the staff and the Board of Directors as we seek the Lord and pray for His wisdom and guidance in this, *His* ministry. You will find a detailed prayer calendar inside this issue of Life Net that you may find helpful as you pray.

Maranatha,

Diane Clark

*"Beloved, I pray that you prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2)*

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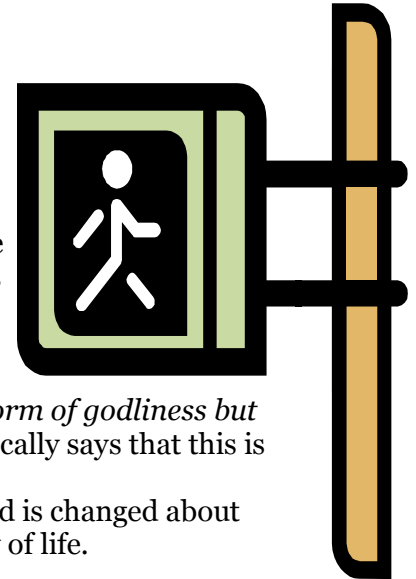
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## DON'T FORGET TO WALK WITH US.... SEPTEMBER 15!

When Centers have fundraising Walks, the emphasis is on the unborn child, so babies are the key feature at these events. But that doesn't mean that CPCs are oblivious to the other threats to the right to life. The reality is that we are all pro-life across the board—from conception of life to the cessation thereof.

My personal belief is that when abortion was declared legal and an inviolable right, the slide into a great unseen "gray area" began. Killing unborn babies was now legal, so of course it must be moral. The floodgates were now open. Other behaviors, immoral since the earliest days of our country, have subsequently come to be justified, if not yet declared legal. Many in fact, audaciously call these aberrations *Christian* behavior, bringing to mind II Tim. 3:5, "*having a form of godliness but denying its power...*" It's interesting to read II Timothy 3: 1-9 because it specifically says that this is what can be expected in the last days—*perilous times*.

So, CPCs are in the front line on the abortion issue. When one heart and mind is changed about having an abortion, it can have a profound effect on how one views the sanctity of life.



## One young woman's miracle... GOD IS ABLE TO STOP ABORTION

God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, and He has proven it to me by countless miracles throughout my lifetime. The first miracle I remember in my adult life was when my son was conceived. To be honest, I wasn't even worthy of a miracle. I was living in sin. However, God's goodness is not dependent on mine. He causes the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Unmarried and pregnant, I knew abortion was wrong, but my boyfriend insisted I have one. He made the appointment. I cried. For three days I struggled with my conscience. The day before the appointment, I made my decision. I canceled the appointment even if it meant losing my boyfriend. That evening I waited for him to come home from work. As I waited I prayed, "God, please give me the courage to stand firm in my decision."

He pulled his car into the driveway, came inside, and plopped on the couch. "We have to talk," he said, "We can't go through with this abortion." Relief flooded my soul as he continued. "Something happened today that totally changed my mind," he said. "I was struggling with my conscience all morning. I just didn't have any peace. I decided to take a walk on my lunch hour to clear my head."

"I passed by a hooker," he continued, "who was pregnant out to here." He illustrated with his arms how big she was. "She asked me if I was looking for a good time, and I told her, 'No.' I walked a few more blocks then turned around and went back to the hooker. 'Why are you doing this in your condition?' I asked her. She said, 'Because it's my job.' So I asked her, 'Why didn't you just have an abortion? Wouldn't that have made your job a lot easier?' She said, 'Mister, I love my baby. And besides, I don't believe in killing a helpless baby.'"

He shook his head and looked over at me. "That really shocked me," he said. "I never thought about abortion as killing someone defenseless. I walked on until I came to a big old church. Something drew me inside." (He hadn't been in church for years.) "I sat down in one of the pews," he said, "and then I got on my knees and started praying. 'God forgive me,' I wept. 'I'm a bigger sinner than that prostitute. Forgive me for wanting to kill my baby.'"

He looked at me with tears in his eyes. "I'm canceling the appointment." Then I cried, too, and we hugged. Our son is 21 years old now. He is by far the most tenderhearted young man I have ever met. God's hand has been on his life since conception. I will never forget the prostitute who preached the sermon that saved his life!

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## God's Cause

Sovereign God,  
Thy cause, not my own engages my heart,  
and I appeal to thee with greatest freedom  
to set up thy kingdom in every place  
where Satan reigns;  
glorify thyself and I shall rejoice,  
for to bring honor to thy name  
is my sole desire.

I adore thee that thou art God,  
and long that others should know it,  
feel it, and rejoice in it.

O that all men might love and praise thee,  
that thou mightest have all glory  
from the intelligent world!

Let sinners be brought to thee  
for thy dear name!

To the eye of reason everything respecting the conver-  
sion of others

is as dark as midnight,  
but thou canst accomplish great things;

the cause is thine,  
and it is thy glory that men  
should be saved.

Lord, use me as thou wilt,  
do with me what thou wilt;  
but, O, promote thy cause,  
let thy kingdom come,  
let thy blessed interest be advanced  
in this world!

It is thy cause and kingdom I long for,  
not my own.

O, answer thou my request!

The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotion  
Edited by Arthur Bennett

Taken from Crossroads Pregnancy Center's Training Manual

## CROSSROADS PRAYER CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

Thank the Father for establishing and  
sustaining Crossroads for these 22  
years...

Rejoice for mothers and babies saved  
over the years, here & in eternity

### MONDAY

Pray that God would grant the CPC  
Board of Directors, Diane & Kathy  
wisdom in discerning God's will for  
future CPC ministry...

And pray for their strength & health

### TUESDAY

That CPC will reach more abortion-  
vulnerable clients...

For the current clients coming in for  
service

### WEDNESDAY

That the Lord would reveal His will about  
future CPC services

### THURSDAY

For God to call many Christian women to  
attend our fall volunteer training...

That each would be willing and able to  
actually volunteer

### FRIDAY

For complete volunteer Helpline and  
Receptionist coverage...

For encouragement, wisdom, discern-  
ment and good health for all volunteers  
currently serving

### SATURDAY

That CPC would have more opportunities  
to share our mission with churches in the  
community...

That doors would open for more high  
school abstinence presentations



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I am interested in volunteering.

I am most interested in:

- Helpline counseling in my home.
- Working with clients at the Center.
- Providing support services (clerical, housekeeping, Mommy Store).
- Opening my home to a woman in need.
- Committing myself to praying on a regular basis for individual clients.
- As the Lord provides, I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ at this time.
- Please add my friend to your mailing list.
- So that we can be good stewards, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please check here.

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