



## Life Support

2016 Contact Update Form

◆ You will continue to be part of the **Life Support** prayer team and receive prayer calendars unless you contact us. To send updates, use this form **or email** [ppl@ppl.org](mailto:ppl@ppl.org).

If emailing updates, please be sure to include all the information from your mailing label.

If using this Update Form, please mail to:  
**PPL Life Support Prayer Calendar**  
**PO Box 461**  
**Glenshaw, PA 15116**

Please check each box that applies:

☐ Update my mailing label (This will only affect the **Life Support** mailing list)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NEW Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ I would prefer to receive my **Life Support** prayer calendar by email instead of mail. Please send PPL any email address changes. My email is: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am not able to renew the prayer commitment at this time; please remove my name from the PPL **Life Support** mailing list.

☐ Please send a **Life Support** introductory brochure to the following:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Dear Friends,**

The following is the **Life Support** annual commitment:

- 1) Pray at least twice a week using the **Life Support** Prayer Calendar. We encourage at least once in the hearing of other Christians.
- 2) Encourage other individuals in your congregation to join in the **Life Support** prayer ministry; notify us of those who are interested in making the commitment.
- 3) Encourage public prayers by the church for the efforts to protect preborn children and for the care of their mothers and families.
- 4) As you are led, renew your commitment yearly.

We hope you are able to renew your prayer commitment for 2016. If, however, you are unable to renew the commitment at this time, please let us know so that we may update our mailing list. We trust you will continue to pray for PPL and increased value of innocent life, and contact us any time to return to the mailing list. Use the **Contact Update Form** to notify us of mailing corrections, to be removed from the **Life Support** mailing list, to request that **Life Support** introductory brochures be sent to others, and to request **Life Support** by email.

Again, thank you for joining us in praying for Life.

- PPL Board of Directors

## Call to Prayer

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee. - *Matthew 2.22*

After Christmas we sometimes read about and consider the flight of Jesus' family into Egypt to get away from the murderous king, Herod the Great Horror. We rejoice that the Magi did not report Jesus' whereabouts to the king. We're grateful that God warned Joseph to flee. And we grieve that other babies were slaughtered. And perhaps we engage in a vicarious sigh of relief when we learn that Herod soon died and that the family could return to the Promised Land.

But when the circumstances changed, they did not really get better – just less bad. Archelaus was almost as ruthless as his father. So God again warned Joseph, who took the mother and child all the way back to Nazareth, well away from the on-going dangers around Jerusalem.

In recent months we have watched as Planned Parenthood has come under well-deserved scrutiny and criticism, and their horrible practices have become more known and harder to deny with any believability. We have rejoiced as some abortion facilities have been closed. We have given thanks as public opinion seems to be shifting more toward Pro-Life.

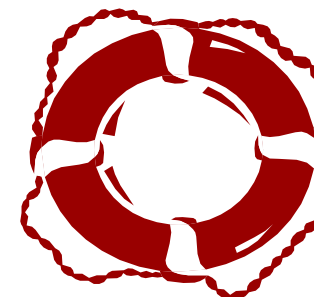
So as we pray in support of each other's Pro-Life efforts and those in danger in their own mothers' wombs, let's remember a few important things:

- Thank God for governing authorities: some order is better than none (*Romans 13*).
- Trust only God, not the governing authorities, even when they do the right things, for their motives are always somewhat mixed. But don't become cynical. Trust God to work all things to His glory and the blessing of His people
- Pray for wisdom, boldness, and perseverance to seize every opportunity to advance the Kingdom of our life-giving, life-sustaining God, by evangelizing the lost and nurturing the believers, whatever decisions the governing authorities may make, and whatever changes may occur.
- Rejoice and keep asking God to keep doing surprisingly wonderful things. We are not the only ones He's leading and using.

- Rev. Lowell Avery, PPL Board Member

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# JANUARY

## January 3-9

1. Read Philippians 1:3-11
2. Give thanks for God's presence in the past year, for new beginnings and hope for the year to come.
3. Pray for newly created lives growing in the wombs of their mothers that they will be able to live and thrive until the day God has appointed for their birth.

## January 10-16

1. Read Philippians 1:12-18a
2. Pray for Exec. Dir., Marie Bowen as she seeks to be an "evangelist for life" giving witness both to the life of Jesus Christ in us and to prenatal life in the womb.
3. As pro-life Americans from across the nation prepare to gather on the East and West coasts to March for Life, pray that God will fill them with his graceful and peaceful presence.

## January 17-23

1. Read Philippians 1:18b-26
2. Pray for God's people to be fearless and faithful in life and in death—placing full trust in God each day and reflecting His joy and life to the world.
3. Pray for God to renew respect for human life and awe of the Creator in our churches and our nation. Pray for God to impact legislators through those attending the March for Life.

## January 24-30

1. Read Philippians 1:27-30
2. Pray for all those who suffer insult and assault for standing up and speaking out for life—at beginning and at its end that God will give them courage to view their suffering as privilege for His sake.
3. Pray for Exec. Dir. Marie Bowen as she travels to Newport Beach to represent PPL at the Nat'l Conference of ECO: Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

# FEBRUARY

## January 31 – February 6

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11
2. Sit in silence before the Lord allowing him to encourage your heart and restore in you the heart of a willing servant of Christ.
3. Pray for Christians facing persecution throughout the world, for refugee children suffering hunger and loss of safety, for pre born babies endangered by abortion that God will sustain their lives and grant hope and a future.

## February 7-13

1. Read Philippians 2:12-18
2. Pray for the people of God to demonstrate their faith through "pouring out" their lives in joyful sacrifice, holding fast to the "word of life".
3. Pray for PPL to inspire and equip faithful churches to provide care for pregnant mothers in need of the loving support of the Body of Christ.

## February 14-20

1. Read Philippians 2:19-30
2. Pray that God will raise many who will contribute generously to "send" PPL's voice and witness wherever Presbyterians are gathered that many "Timothys" may be equipped to stand for life.
3. Pray for times of refreshing for those who have labored for many years on behalf of the unborn that their lives may be renewed like Epaphroditus!

## February 21-27

1. Read Philippians 3:1-11
2. Pray that the work of PPL will always be centered on Jesus Christ—not a political or human effort, but one that depends on faith.
3. Pray that PPL Chapter leaders will keep their focus on activities and attitudes that bring resurrection life to human hearts while defending the vulnerable at beginning and end of life.

# MARCH

## February 28 - March 5

1. Read Philippians 3:12-16
2. Pray for all those giving leadership in the pro-life movement that they will take no pride in accomplishments but "only hold true to what we have attained" in Christ Jesus.
3. Pray that God will eradicate any support for abortion rights in our churches and forgive our failure to protect the innocent and vulnerable.

## March 6-12

1. Read Philippians 3:17-4:1
2. Pray and repent of our corporate sin in condoning or remaining silent in the face of abortion, assisted suicide, sexual violence, and sexual immorality.
3. Pray for God to raise up leaders who delight in truth, seek to protect every life, and stand firm in the Lord.

## March 13-19

1. Read Philippians 4:2-9
2. Pray that all those who stand for life will conduct themselves in a way that tends toward peace—speaking truth always in love, with humility and grace—in the Body of Christ.
3. Pray to see all those with whom you disagree as persons for whom Christ died and whom he loves.

## March 20-26

1. Read Philippians 4:10-13
2. Pray that God will sustain and grow the work of PPL through the generosity of his people.
3. Pray for God to restore the PCUSA to a biblical stand on abortion. Pray for the EPC, ECO, PCA and other reformed and Presbyterian churches to be bold and active in standing in defense of human life.

# APRIL

## March 27 - April 2

1. Read Philippians 4:14-20
2. Pray and thank God that he has provided for the ministry of PPL for nearly 40 years.
3. Pray and thank God for the work and ministry of hundreds of volunteers over those 40 years and ask God to continue to provide good fruit from those efforts.

## April 3-9

1. Read Philippians 4:21-23
2. Pray that God will pour blessing upon all those who speak on behalf of unborn life and for all those who are a comforting presence at the bedside of those who are suffering or dying.
3. Pray for the dominion of sin and death to be broken in the lives of abortion minded women so that they will be reborn into life in Christ and will choose life for their babies too.

## April 10-16

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14
2. Pray and ask God to strengthen his people that they may endure as lights in a dark and broken world.
3. Pray that God will break the bondage of attitudes and practices that lead to death in our society and encourage principles that affirm respect for all life.

## April 17-23

1. Read Colossians 1:15-20
2. Meditate on He who is the "firstborn of all creation", and "head of the body, the church".
3. Pray that God will bind us to Christ so that we may be reconciled to him and to one another in truth and in grace.

## April 24-30

1. Read Colossians 1:21-23
2. Pray for women and men who have experienced abortion or who have hastened the death of a loved one that they may repent and be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.
3. Pray that the hope of the gospel of life may be preached in every corner of the world and the dignity of every life sustained and regarded with respect.