

Prayer for Aborted Children

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Heavenly Father, I pray that each child whose precious life has been ended while in the womb of their mother and in violation of Your divine plan, is with You in heaven.

I pray that they know they would have been born wonderful and beautiful children. I ask that You take these children into Your arms and comfort them. I pray for forgiveness for their parents and others who counseled or provided or did not do enough to prevent their abortion. I pray that these children continue to be with each other and with You.

Each of these girls and boys was fulfilling their important function of growing within the warmth and comfort of their mother's womb. Each one would have been born with their own personality and individuality and hopes and dreams. None of them will ever experience the joy of growth, friendship, achievement, and love on earth. None of them will have children or grandchildren and for that we are doubly and triply impoverished by their loss.

I pray that these girls and boys know how desirable, beloved, and dear they would have been for us, had they had the chance to touch us with their beauty and innocence and become a member of one of our families. I pray that in time they become reunited in love with their parents and siblings.

I pray that you use the deaths of these children as a catalyst for many graces, by inspiring their parents and others to work for life.

I pray that You forgive us all for not sufficiently appreciating and valuing the children of Your creation, so that we have allowed the knowing termination of their innocent lives.

I also pray that we continue to learn and increase our compassion, so that our choices are always of life.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.