

# **A Pastoral Prayer on the Occasion of Massachusetts Removing Gestational Age Limits for the Termination of Pregnancy**

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Righteous, sovereign, and grieving God, You are the Creator of the ends of the earth, and Your throne is established on justice and righteousness. You are the defender of the weak and the champion of the helpless. Your Word reminds us in **Psalm 139** that You created our inmost being and knit us together in our mother's womb; we praise You because we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Before You, no life is hidden, no heartbeat is unnoticed, and no injustice is unseen, and every life matters.

Lord, we come to You this morning with hearts not only heavy with grief, but deeply troubled by the actions of our elected officials. We confess our profound sorrow and indignation over laws that expand the destruction of human life, pushing the boundaries of choice up to the very threshold of birth.

Father, we fall before you and beg for Your mercy and forgiveness for the grave sins of our generation. Like the prophets of old, we confess that we have shed innocent blood, turned our backs on Your truth, and allowed convenience to replace our respect, even for human life.

Forgive us, Lord, for the staggering scale of the lives cut short under our watch, and for the pride that demands autonomy over Your creation. We ask that You would not only look upon our collective iniquity, but look also upon the cross of Jesus, and cleanse our land and our generation from this profound spiritual bloodguilt.

We recognize that our moral drift not only breaks Your laws—it breaks Your heart. Your Word shows us in **Genesis 6:5-6** that unrestrained wickedness grieves You to Your very core.

We pray with the weight of **Luke 19:41**, remembering how Jesus wept over the city that did not recognize the things that would make for peace.

Forgive us for living in a society that codifies the rejection of Your design, causing heaven to mourn over our collective rebellion.

Lord, we acknowledge the terrifying warning of Your Word in **Romans 1:32**, which states that, “Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

Wake us, O Father, from the deadly slumber of moral indifference. Remove the false comfort of neutrality from our hearts, for we know that to remain silent in the face of evil is to sustain it, and to tolerate the destruction of the innocent is to share in the guilt of the land.

We express our deep grief over a legal system that removes defenses from those who cannot speak for themselves. We pray in the spirit of **Proverbs 31:8-9**, asking for the courage to speak up for those who have no voice, and to defend the rights of the poor and needy.

We pray against a culture that falls under the warning of **Isaiah 5:20**, calling evil good and good evil, putting darkness for light and light for darkness. Wake us from our collective apathy, Lord, and pierce our hearts with the reality of what has been permitted under our watch.

We pray that You would bring a spirit of deep conviction upon our lawmakers, governors, and judges. Remind them of **Amos 5:24**, that You desire justice to roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Awaken their consciences to the gravity of their decisions, and grant them the courage to reverse paths that devalue human life.

We pray for doctors and medical workers, that they would fiercely guard their oaths to heal and protect. Give them the fortitude to resist pressures that compromise their moral calling, choosing instead to honor life at every stage.

Forgive us, Lord, where we have been silent, complacent, or tolerant. Fuel our holy indignation into holy action—making us the first to support mothers in despair.

Even in our anger at injustice, we pray for Your profound mercy.

Comfort those carrying the hidden wounds of abortion, reminding them of **Romans 8:1** that there is now no condemnation for those who come to Christ. Let Your Church be a place where truth is spoken with clarity and grace is offered with abundance.

Turn the hearts of our leaders back to You, shake Your people from their tolerance of sin, grant us true generational repentance, restore a reverence for life in our land, and establish Your righteousness among us once again.

In Your holy and powerful name, we pray.  
Amen.