

## **Litany of Remembrance**

**Leader:** Millions of babies have been murdered through abortion. This is so incomprehensible. Perhaps that is why we do not mourn for them as a nation the way we mourn for children killed in tragic accidents or natural disasters. But let us try, as best we can, to remember them. Let us try to remember them as the individuals they were. Let us try to remember them as gifts from God whose lives were cut short before they could serve Him according to the purpose for which they were created. Let us remember the sons and daughters that were never born.

**People:** **Little arms that never stretched out asking to be held.**

**Leader:** Let us remember the brothers and sisters who were never able to play with their siblings.

**People:** **Their laughter was never heard.**

**Leader:** We remember the teachers who were never able to teach and the pastors who were never able to preach.

**People:** **Wisdom that was never shared.**

**Leader:** We remember the physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, and other medical professionals through whom God's hand of healing was never able to be extended.

**People:** **Mercy that was never given.**

**Leader:** Let us remember business people and courageous leaders who were never able to extend a godly influence upon our nation.

**People:** **Good examples that could never be followed.**

**Leader:** Let us remember the farmers who would never reap the fruits of the earth.

**People:** **Wholesome, hardworking lives that were never lived.**

**Leader:** We remember laborers whose hands could never form or craft or build.

**People:** **Productive lives that never were.**

**Leader:** We remember artists and musicians who will never be able to express the joys and the sorrows within them for others to identify with and appreciate.

**People:** **Works of art never seen, melodies never heard.**

**Leader:** Let us remember little girls who will never hold and nurture a child of their own and little boys who will never grow up to be called "daddy."

**People:** **Generations yet unborn never to be.**

Leader: Let us remember those children with special needs that will never touch our hearts in ways no one else could.

**People: God's unique purpose for them never realized.**

Leader: We remember those who would have been born into what we might call "less than desirable circumstances."

**People: Opportunities for God to shape and form and do mighty things through suffering taken away.**

Leader: Millions—all individuals, all gifts from God, all capable of being used by God for His purpose, all deprived of the first and most fundamental right—the right to life.

**People: Most tragic of all, all individuals for whom Christ died who would never be able to hear of His precious love.**

Leader: There are other victims of abortion, victims who have not died, but who have been wounded. Let us remember the mothers of aborted children who, in weakness, desperation, and fear, listened to the voices of death.

**People: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us remember the fathers of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with

their responsibility to their preborn child, to the mother of that child, and to God.

**People: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We remember grandparents of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with both their conscience and God.

**People: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us remember the doctors, counselors, and all who have been deceived by Satan to see abortion as a solution to difficult problems of life.

**People: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We remember ourselves, members of the Body of Christ, who in ignorance or fear have been silent when we should have spoken; passive when we should have acted to defend the "least of these."

**People: Lift our hearts to You, O God, that we might know the sin of abortion, lay our burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**