

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET PRESENTED TO MARCH FOR LIFE



ORGANIZED BY THE EDITING TEAM AT MY LIGHT MAGAZINE FOR CHILDREN

Dear March for Life Organization,

My name is Jennifer Gladen, children's author and Editor-in-Chief of My Light Magazine. My Light is a free, online Catholic e-zine whose goal is to bring children in a closer relationship with Jesus. This year during your annual March for Life, I was touched. I've never seen the coverage before, and just the small coverage I did see inspired me to the core. Your work each year is to be commended. While I couldn't make the March this year, I still wanted to do something to show my support. So over the last month My Light Magazine has contacted fans, readers and our authors to pledge prayers for your mission. We have collected the pledges into a spiritual bouquet and are presenting them to you today, on Valentine's Day, to show our love for your mission and for the unborn heroes we lose every day. God bless you in your endeavor and keep up the fight. Our children and other vulnerable people need this kind of advocacy.

I pledge to include the following intentions in my rosaries: March for Life and an end to abortion. Mother Mary, take these children home to their Father so that they can at last be surrounded by love. ---Jennifer Gladen (Editor-in-Chief, My Light Magazine)

Praying that God's light will shine down on you to give you strength and wisdom as you march for life. That your words and actions will guide those supporting abortion towards an understanding and agreement that it needs to end. Now.---Carol Brooke. (Illustrator Coordinator, My Light Magazine)

I pledge to light a candle and pray every day until Roe v Wade is overturned. Babies are precious in His sight and all need to be cared for and loved. I pray the spirits of fear, loneliness and unforgiveness and the spirit of selfishness be lifted from our hearts and we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds so that we can love with the Heart of Jesus. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen. ---Patricia T. Perry (Assistant Editor, My Light Magazine)

St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus, please pick a rose from the Heavenly garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I ask, and tell Him I will love Him each day more and more. ---Kristin S.

I pledge 22 chaplets of Divine Mercy to be said during the remainder of January. ---Deborah J.

I could not make the march this year due to health concerns, but I will continue to pray for legislation dealing with Right to Life issues in the Spiritual Bouquet. ---Judith S.

I pledge 30 daily rosaries. ---Ruth

I will keep the fight for The Right to Life in my daily prayers. ---S.Hornbach

I will pray 5 rosaries. I found the march to be very inspiring. It was great to watch it live on EWTN. ---Patricia M.

God Bless you and your efforts. ---Lisa H.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. ---Donna M.

We will pray the Rosary each day. ---Tanja C. and Family

I'll pray for safety for the marchers on Valentine's Day.—Janet C.

Dear God

Please protect and surround all those who work for a cure with your love .Live through them around them and abide in their hearts forever more Amen. ---Mary S.

A prayer and poem from one of My Light Magazine's contributors in honor of our little heroes:

HEAR MY VOICE by Don Ford

I am the one the world has waited for
I have the answer for disease and war
I come as your little bundle of joy
I hope you don't mind that I'm a boy

We don't need another child today
We have to stop you coming this way
We don't even want to see your face
We need to minify the human race

I come with my hands lifted up to you
I want to live; you need me, you do
I wish you'd consider again your choice
I ask you to listen and hear my voice

We've made our decision; you must go
We have to end your life you know

We don't want you to take this wrong
We're asking you to just be strong

I didn't choose to be a spark of life
I know now we must face this strife
I want you to know I'm forgiving you
I love you whatever you choose to do

AUTHOR NOTES:

I knew a couple in their seventies who home schooled their six children. Each child was very gifted. One became an accomplished pianist; another a fine artist. An engineer, a lawyer, a doctor, and then there was Isaiah, their youngest. Oh, he died at the age of twelve. He had fallen down a long flight of stairs and had broken his neck.

But he was miraculously raised to life as a mother and father cried and prayed for him in a police car on the way to the hospital. The policeman will tell you God answers prayer. The child suddenly sat up and took a breath.

That same child has gone on to be a researcher, and nearly came up with a cure for aids recently. The last I had heard was that George and Aileen, the mother and father, had moved from the U.S. to Puerto Rico to work in a hospital. George was a great friend of mine. And I remember Isaiah as such a sweet little guy.

This is penned in aabb format with a dialogue going back and forth in each stanza.

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From all of us and many more around the world, we pray God continues to bless your work.
Thank you for all you do in your effort to preserve life –all life.

Sincerely,

The staff, readers, supporters, friends and families of My Light Magazine.



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