

BLESSING THE REMAINS OF YOUR CHILD

O Merciful Father,
Author of Life, and
Creator of all things both great
and small.

I commend the conceived
remains of my child.

Wash it in the waters of baptism in
your Holy Name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And bring this body whole on the
day of the resurrection of all
your faithful.

Lord, give me the grace to walk
peacefully on the path you have
given me today.

Bless my children,

All the days of their lives,

May they complete the good works
You have designed for them to do.

Bless all children born and
preborn

I ask this in Jesus' name the
Blessed Fruit of Mary's womb.
Amen

How to help a family that has suffered a loss

- Pray for them
- Attend the Memorial Mass
- Prepare a meal or gift card
- Invite them out for events
- Be there for them as you
were before the loss
- Listen to her story of loss
- Send flowers, notes, cards
- Light a votive candle
- Ask the Triumphant child
for their intercession

THE PROPHETS OF THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

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IN CASE OF PREGNANCY LOSS



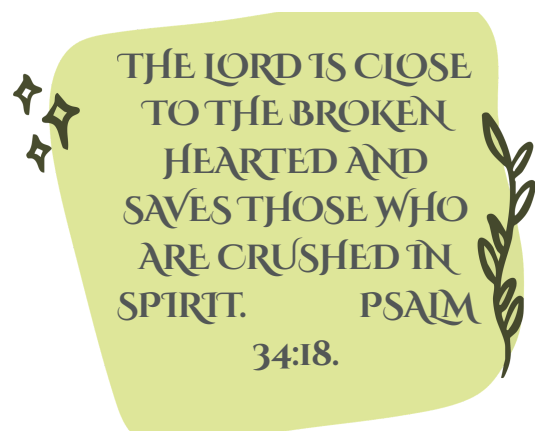
BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB
I KNEW YOU, AND BEFORE
YOU WERE BORN I CONSECRATED YOU;
I HAVE APPOINTED YOU AS
A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS."
JEREMIAH 1:5

I AM AWESOMELY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE;
WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS,
AND MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY
WELL. PSALM 139:14

There are some situations where knowledge can help us prepare for tragic outcomes. Allow me to share a sobering fact about human biology: 25% of all pregnancies end in loss. Even if we were to end all abortions today, 1 in 4 conceived children will never take a breath.

This reality is indeed heartbreaking, but God is most close to the broken heart. This pamphlet is about having real hope, hope for our darkest moments, hope for our hearts to trust God with everything.

Jesus shares in your sorrow over the loss of the pregnancy, the lost dreams, and your hopes of the future. However, the child is never truly lost to you or to God.



Your child was destined for eternity, endowed with a complete soul, free will, and a tiny, growing body enveloped in God's love. Your child was brought into this world with a purpose—just as we all are—to know God, to love God, to serve God, and to find happiness with Him in this life and the next.

God's creativity gives rise to a diverse array of souls. God cherishes each soul. Some 25% of the souls offer a total yes to God; they seek God and God alone. The rest are filled with curiosity, adventure, service, music, and the arts; we are blessed to parent them. For the 25%, I believe in the hope, He responds to their longing with His complete desire for them, welcoming them into His full presence in heaven. They remain yours, a part of your family, and a part of you and they are full members of the Church Triumphant within the Body of Christ. This is why they could be referred to as Triumphant Children. You are indeed a successful parent. God chose you for this child; it is an honor to be a mother of a saint.

Our ultimate aspiration
for our children is
Heaven.

The grief is real and painful, but there are meaningful things you can do.

- At the first sight of bleeding, pray the prayer Blessing The Remains of Your Child.
- You may pray this many times with hope; not all bleeding ends with loss.
- Share your fears and concerns with the father of the child.
- Pray for the grace for the road ahead.
- Name your child.
- Call your priest after the loss is confirmed.
- Give him permission to share your loss with the community as any other death in the parish. Tell him the name.
- Ask for a Memorial Mass for your child.
- Invite family, friends, and the parish to your child's Mass.
- Acknowledge the personhood of your child publicly.
- Ask your child for their intercession for you and your family.
- Draw yourself closer to God in your sorrow.
- Go to adoration for Jesus said, "I will take you to myself, so that where I am you will also maybe (your child is part of His Body).