



Christian Voices for Life

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Parents: Why Abortion is not the Answer for your Teen



Education: You have saved and planned for your teen to go to college, enjoy that time of her life, and be prepared for a good job when she graduates. But she comes home from her first or second year of college and is pregnant. It would be very difficult for her to continue in school, and you certainly hadn't planned on helping to raise a baby, or seeing her struggle as a single parent. Abortion may seem like the answer – to just make the pregnancy go away. Your daughter can continue in school and go back to the plan. But your daughter will never be the same. She may start using alcohol or drugs to numb her pain. Her grades may plummet as she becomes disinterested in studies. She may even try to get pregnant again to replace her lost child. Her maternal instinct to nurture her child has been denied.

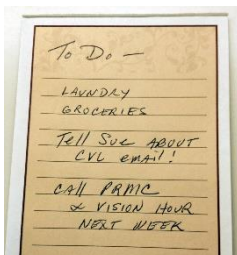
Abortion is not an “undo” button – the fact that your daughter has conceived a child – your grandchild – remains. Will she look back on her first child with pride and joy that in spite of the struggles she provided a good home for her child? Or will she feel pain and guilt knowing that she allowed her own child to be killed? Fathers of aborted children can also suffer pain and guilt for their role in encouraging an abortion.

After the child is born, grandparents very often delight in their grandchild, and rejoice that they are alive.

The [Center Against Forced Abortions](#) (1-866-4-OUT-CRY) provides help for teens being forced to abort.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on parents of pregnant teens. Help them to accept the situation, see their grandchild as a precious gift in spite of the circumstances, and extend to their children the support they need. Help them to feel your presence and look to you for guidance and strength to do the best they can for the new family. Help parents of both mother and father to encourage the choice for life and to help their children to become responsible parents themselves, or to make an adoption plan, if the birth parents are not ready or able to parent at the current stage of their lives. Help the whole family to be drawn closer to You as they work together on a plan to provide a good home for the child.



Action: Rejoice with your friends who are grandparents, regardless of the circumstances of the pregnancy. Discuss with friends who are parents of teenagers how they might react to a pregnancy. Share your belief in the sanctity of every life, the destructive nature of abortion for the mom, and the help that is available at pregnancy help centers for the whole family. The Option Line is available 24/7 at 800-712-HELP, or online at www.OptionLine.org.