



Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

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Child Abuse in the Womb



Education: When there is sharp division on a topic, it helps to start a discussion with common ground. Everyone agrees that child abuse is wrong. Although parents in general have the right to raise and discipline their children as they see fit, the rights of the parents are limited by the rights of the children to be free from serious physical or emotional harm.

So if we all agree that it is wrong for parents to harm their children after birth, and certainly the worst cases of child abuse are those that result in the death of the child, then why do we allow mothers to kill their children before birth? Each of our lives begins at fertilization. If we die in the womb, or 7 months or 7 years after birth, we are just as dead. The rest of our lives have been irrevocably taken from us.

It is reported that an estimated 1,990 children died from child abuse in 2022. (1) We can all agree that it is a tragedy that those children have lost their lives. Certainly, we want to treat parents with mercy and understanding, but the first step is to protect the child. About 1 million children died by abortion in 2022. (2) Whether death comes before birth or after birth, isn't that child just as dead? Can't we all agree that abortion is actually the worst form of child abuse?

If we witness child abuse, we all have a duty to report the situation so that it can be remedied, and the child protected from further harm. Don't we also have a duty to do what we can to prevent abortion?

1. <https://www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics/>
2. [Gutmacher Institute Releases Full-Year US Abortion Data for 2024 | Gutmacher Institute](https://www.gutmacherinstitute.org/press-releases/gutmacher-institute-releases-full-year-us-abortion-data-for-2024)



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on all families where child abuse is happening. Help children suffering from abuse to find safety, healing, and a permanent, loving home. Help parents who abuse out of ignorance find the education and counseling they need to rebuild a healthy family environment. Help all people to recognize abortion as the worst form of child abuse. Help us to change the understanding of the American people so that America will act to protect children in the womb just as we protect children outside the womb.



Action: Pray about what YOU can do TODAY to prevent abortion. How can you support the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center of Fort Bend, or your local pregnancy center, as they help women choose life for their babies? Are you aware of legislation on the national (<http://www.priestsforlife.org/legislation/>) and state (<https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/alerts/>) levels that need your support? Do you

make sure you vote only for pro-life candidates at every level of government? Have you read "[What Can I Do?](#)" from the Christian Voices for Life [database](#)?