

## **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMERANCE INTRODUCTION:**

### **SPONSORED BY CITIZENS FOR LIFE, PRIESTS FOR LIFE, AND THE PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE.**

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Today, we are here to pray for 2 important reasons. The first is to give proper respect deserved by those 60 million human beings aborted over the past 44 years here in the United States. Most never had a formal funeral or a proper burial site - most were not remembered or grieved for by family members - most never were remembered for any accomplishment or potential life ministry requiring human accolades. Their humanity denied, they were simply 'dumped, flushed, dissected, or used for body parts.'

The biological mothers were also 'short-changed.' Legalizing abortion did not guarantee safety, freedom from complications, or emotional regret and depression, or long-termed side effects of drug/alcohol addiction, or impaired fertility or even death.

Society was also affected. Life itself was left cheapened, rationalized, and demeaned and life thought about as more of a burden than a gift. The altar of choice became the sought after site for complete reproductive freedom and equality for women.

Finally, God Himself was diminished. His role in the creation of each human being was forgotten and eventually eliminated as a reality. May our increased prayer-life bring us to recall the reality of God as an infinite loving Father who created us out of love to love.

The second reason we are here to pray today, is confirm once again that God the Father is in fact the author of all life and it is our duty as faithful Christians to be His Church Militant on earth to help restore the long Christian history of protecting the 'sanctity of life' in all its forms.... the unborn, the disabled, the sick and dying, and in old age, and to stand against expansion of even more abortion rights, and assisted suicide & euthanasia.

Our Governor, Kate Brown, signed into law on August 15<sup>th</sup>, HB 3391, which will make Oregon the most liberal state in all the union with expansion of tax paid abortion for all 9 months. Past on the last day of legislation on July 5<sup>th</sup>, with an 'emergency' clause, it was never considered to be voted on by the people of Oregon. Hopefully, it will become a ballot measure in 2018.

So today, we pray for all of God's children, especially the abused, abandoned, and the aborted. We pray for men and women involved with that violence.

We pray for a society that allows and even promotes that violence.

May God's infinite mercy & love bring reconciliation to the men & women involved for themselves, their victims, and with their God.

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