



Dear Friend,

Greetings from Focus on the Family! I hope you and your family are enjoying a happy, healthy springtime and looking forward to the summer months ahead. It has been a rough spring with war and unrest in Europe and ongoing political tensions right here at home. Even as we continue to prayerfully monitor the challenges in trouble spots around the world, it's my hope and prayer that you and your loved ones can all take a deep breath, enjoy a restful summer, and look forward to a return to some semblance of normalcy in the weeks and months ahead.

Even with so much turmoil dominating the headlines, you can be comforted and uplifted by the assurance that God has *all* things firmly in hand. No crisis we face is out of His control, and we are never beyond His reach or power. As we're told in Colossians 1:16-17: "*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*"

Do we wake up each morning bearing in mind that God is sustaining *everything* by His divine power and authority? A bone-deep certainty about His loving hands over our world enables us to go through our days with unshakeable confidence and peace. No matter what you may be experiencing, I pray the biblical teaching about our Heavenly Father's character brings you great encouragement.

When it comes to the countless grave injustices we see in our world, it's especially important to be reminded of the Lord's sovereignty. One of the greatest tragedies of our day is the ongoing death of millions upon millions of children in the womb. It's absolutely devastating to think of the many little ones whose precious lives were snuffed out too soon, not to mention the women who continue to grieve over their own abortions. Our hearts go out to anyone — men and women alike — who are facing deep regret over that decision, and we're here to hold out the hope of Christ's mercy, healing, and forgiveness.

A battle wages in our culture for life

You are helping to proclaim the truth that all human life is sacred. The abortion industry is bent on disseminating the lie that babies in utero are less than human, and that deception has had a disastrous impact for nearly half a century. This is an injustice that we trust the Lord will one day make right — but until then, you can make it known that every single preborn baby is a priceless gift from above.

Despite the painful legacy of abortion, there is good news on the pro-life front. For example, I'm so grateful the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case that's been titled *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. On December 1, 2021, the Court heard oral arguments in this case, which examines the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that limits abortion after 15 weeks. Because the Court will be considering whether states have the authority to enact such laws, a ruling that upholds the Mississippi law would essentially overturn *Roe v. Wade* by acknowledging that the Constitution simply does not grant the "right to abortion."

As you can imagine, pro-life advocates and pro-abortion proponents alike are on pins and needles awaiting

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the Court's decision, which is expected to be handed down next month. Would you join me in praying that wisdom and justice would prevail for the sake of preborn children and their mothers? Pray, too, that God would continue equipping pro-life organizations like ours to stand in the gap for those who have no voice. Even if the Court does overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the battle will not be over. In fact, what has essentially been one fight on the national level during the Roe era will become 50 fights as abortion policy is decided at the state level.

Through your prayers and support, you are helping people understand and embrace the inherent value of preborn life. Change can come through legislation and Supreme Court decisions that go our way — but, in the end, the most effective way to transform culture is by reaching individual hearts and minds. Until society once again recognizes the humanity of babies in the womb, any protections we strive to put into place will be an uphill battle.

The Psalmist writes, “*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*” (Psalm 139:13-14 ESV).

Women who see their babies on the sonogram screen understand that their child is “fearfully and wonderfully made” When expectant mothers see their child in the womb and hear that heartbeat, lives are saved. That’s the premise behind the *Option Ultrasound* program. Through your support of the *Option Ultrasound* program, you’ve outfitted pregnancy centers across the country with ultrasound machines and training — and women who were once abortion-minded have changed course and decided to carry their babies to term after seeing those powerful images of their little ones on the sonogram screen. Since the program launched in 2004, you’ve saved nearly half a million babies!

Revealing life to the world

In light of the wonderful success of *Option Ultrasound*, we wondered how to carry this same message about the humanity of preborn life to even more people.

The answer to that question was Alive from New York. What better way to persuade folks about the unmistakable humanity of preborn life than to display it on a giant ultrasound screen — and then broadcast that image across the globe?

It’s with that in mind that you made possible our Alive from New York back in May of 2019. Thousands of people packed into Times Square to hear compelling speakers, listen to inspiring music, and watch a live ultrasound of a baby in utero. It was a day I’ll never forget.

As I’ve said on numerous occasions, we just wanted to show the world a baby. And based on the incredible feedback that poured into our headquarters following that event, it seems a picture truly is worth a thousand words!

Because so many hearts and lives were changed because of that celebration, you helped hold an event the following year. Due to restrictions surrounding the pandemic, a digital event was held instead of the five-city event originally planned. Nonetheless, God was faithful — and many people viewed our simulcast.

Last year, you helped release a series of six pro-life videos on a weekly basis leading up to our live celebration, which was held on August 28 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. What a privilege it was, once again, to highlight pro-life messages, music, and stories — and, of course, ultrasound images.

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See Life 2022

You can help build on the momentum of these past few years by hosting See Life 2022. This gathering will be held here on our Focus on the Family campus on Tuesday, June 14, and it will be designed as a live simulcast event so that as many people as possible can take part. As always, pro-life speakers and musicians will reveal the beauty and worth of life in the womb. One of our primary goals with See Life 2022 is to highlight the “everyday heroes” of the pro-life world — individuals, families, and churches that are making a difference for the cause of life. I hope you’ll join us via livestream!

It’s always heartening to receive feedback from those whose lives you’ve touched. Whether it’s someone who is rethinking their support for abortion after watching one of our pro-life events or a mom-to-be who was considering abortion but decided it against thanks to an ultrasound, we praise God every time we hear of even one life that was touched and changed — or even saved!

Following are a couple of recent accounts you’ve made possible:

When I was 18 (almost 19), I had an abortion. I was living on my own and did not want to disappoint my parents. I have regretted that decision ever since. I now have two healthy adult sons but have always grieved the life that I took so many years ago. By signing up for the monthly Option Ultrasound Life Advocate program, I am hoping and praying to help a young girl or lady avoid that regret in her life, and to instead give her the opportunity to look back on the joyous day that she chose life and not death for her child, and to know the delight of watching her child grow and prosper each day. I had heard about the Life Advocate program several times when listening to Focus on the Family and finally said “Yes! I will do this.” –Susan, Texas

One morning, as I was preparing breakfast for our children and their friend, I listened to Focus on the Family and was so drawn to the sobering and real story of Claire and Tonya [“An Abortion Survivor’s Story of Forgiveness”]. I was brought to tears several times — both sad tears and tears of rejoicing. Their testimonies touched me deeply because I, too, am adopted and have a longing to meet my birth mother and family someday. Claire’s message of “choosing life” and thanking and forgiving her mom, Tonya, made me remember how much our Lord Jesus did for us on the cross at Calvary, giving us new life and forgiving us. Thank you for your ministry to such a needy world of lost people. May God continue to strengthen your faith and grow Focus on the Family for His kingdom purposes. –Anne Marie, Pennsylvania

And if you haven’t yet had a chance to listen to our broadcast featuring Claire Culwell and Tonya Glasby, that’s a story you don’t want to miss! You can find it online at <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/episodes/broadcast/an-abortion-survivors-story-of-forgiveness/>.

All these testimonials remind us that God’s people are called to share the truth about life in a loving way that reveals God’s grace and forgiveness. **You can rescue both moms and their babies from the pain of abortion today.**

Your gift to our *Option Ultrasound* program will equip even more pregnancy medical centers across the country with ultrasound machines, nurses’ sonography training, and other resources so mothers considering abortion can see their babies.

More than half the mothers considering abortion who meet their child in the womb and have counseling choose life!

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Double your gift to save mothers and babies from abortion!

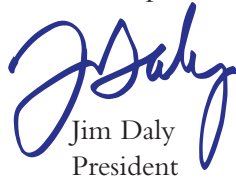
It takes just \$60 to save a baby's life through our *Option Ultrasound* program. And now, through a \$4 Million Match, your gift will be doubled, dollar-for-dollar. That means your immediate gift will save TWICE THE MOMS AND BABIES from abortion!

In addition to the *Option Ultrasound* program, your gift today will also make efforts possible like our See Life 2022 campaign and My Choice Network — that connects mothers with their local pregnancy medical center through a quick online search.

Your support today will go twice as far to save lives by revealing life and equipping churches and spiritual leaders to stand against abortion. So please prayerfully consider giving generously to help meet this \$4 Million Match.

We deeply value your support. Friends like you who believe in what we're trying to accomplish are a constant source of encouragement, and the donations that are entrusted to us are truly the lifeblood of our outreach. Our doors simply couldn't remain open without the support of our gracious partners. **You are saving lives!**

God's peace and blessings to you,



Jim Daly
President

P.S. I know you agree that every life matters. Please give today to rescue mothers and their babies from the tragedy of abortion. **And remember, through the \$4 Million Matching Challenge, you gift today will go twice as far to save lives!** Please use the enclosed response card and envelope to return your gift or go to www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/see-life to double your dollars to save mothers and babies from abortion.