

## Psalm 10: ASKing for Life

Gathering all generations to pray for all nations ASKing God to do what only He can do and doing whatever He ASKs of us.

## These truths can be used to pray about the issues of Abortion

If you have not already worked through the Basic Lessons, also found under Teaching Resources, it is recommended you do so, in order to get the most out of this and the other teaching lessons.

**Suggestion:** It is helpful to read through the whole Psalm first. In a group, usually different translations are used which can give more insight as each one takes a turn reading. Then as time allows take a silent time of meditation on the scriptures with a brief sharing to see what each one received. This kind of prayer has great impact in the spiritual realm. The Word brings revelation of truth to those who pray it and to those you are praying for. The Word prospers where ever God choses to send it, Isaiah 55:11.

Use the principles you learned concerning meditation, respond to the Word you receive in meditation, The word you receive has authority as the Holy Spirit released it to you. Be aware of context. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and teach you.

Psalm 10:1 "Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble?" This question could be asked of the intercessor. God waits for the intercessor. He answers prayers according to His will, "You shall not murder," Deuteronomy 5:17. If people see abortion is murder, it will stop. Murder is not legal in God's laws nor man's laws.

v2 "The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor. Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised." We do not pray imprecatory prayers, curses, but there is nothing wrong praying that evil fails or that evil plans will be exposed and lose public support. If they are caught in their own plots, pray they will find God in their desperation.

Job 5:12-16 "He frustrated the devices of the crafty so that their hands cannot carry out their plans. V13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of their cunning comes quickly upon them. V15 He saves the needy from the sword, from the mouth of the mighty and from their hand. V16 So the poor have hope and injustice shuts her mouth." This shows God's heart for those caught in abortion. You do not know the limits of His salvation or what God will do as you pray, you do not know the impact on the world of one rescued life.

v3-4 "For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord. v4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God. God is in none of his thoughts." Ask God how to pray about the abortion industry. You can be sure when you pray for salvations for those working in the industry that you are in God's will, 1Timothy 2:4,5.

v5 "His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he sneers at them." The natural mind says wickedness prospers, but there is always accountability to God and judgment for all man's actions, Romans 14:12.

v6 "He has said in his heart 'I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity. v7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity." The full truth needs to be known about abortion, the different methods of disposing of the baby, the physical, emotional and spiritual cost to those involved.

**v8** "He sits in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless." The baby is helpless, has no rights and is destroyed. Much of what is done is deceptive, many young women still do not know the truth about life in the womb. Abortionists use the word fetus to give the impression it is not a living baby, even though fetus is Latin and refers to offspring.

Now many Christian pro-life ministries use ultra-sound machines to help these women know the truth about life in the womb. Once a woman sees her baby, she is less likely to choose abortion as an option. Scripture says when Pharaoh's daughter saw the child Moses, the baby wept and she had compassion on him, knowing he was Hebrew and that her father as Pharaoh had issued an order that all Hebrew male children were to be killed, Exodus 2:6. In spite of this Moses was raised, educated and trained as her son in the Egyptian court, being prepared to lead all the Hebrews out of Egypt.

v9-10 "He lies in wait secretly as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net. v10 So he crouches, he lies low, that the helpless may fall by his strength." Abortion has the strength of legalization in many countries. In America, the Supreme Court case, Roe vs Wade in 1973 gave legality to aborting a baby during the first three months of pregnancy based on inferences to the right to privacy in the Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments. You can use the web and look up the current abortion statistics and information for your nation. Your prayers can make a difference.

**v11** "He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He hides His face; he will never see." The one who thinks this is deceived; there is accountability with God.

v12 "Arise O LORD: O God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the humble." Ask for Divine intervention, miracles of conversion.

v13 "Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, 'You will not require an account."

Hebrews 4:13 "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account."

Genesis 4:10 "The blood of your brother cries out to Me from the land." Abortion is murder and the blood cries out to God for vengeance.

There is much emotional suffering for men and women through abortion.

v14 "But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, to repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless."

**v15** "Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; seek out his wickedness until You find none." Believe God will work through the prayers of His people.

v16 "The LORD is King forever and ever; the nations have perished out of His land." Evil destroys people and nations as it breaks down godly morals.

v17-18 "LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; v18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may oppress no more."

Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water, He turns it wherever He wishes. God's word can touch any heart.

**Job 33:14-18 New Living Translation** 

"For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it.. <sup>v15</sup> He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds. <sup>v16</sup> He whispers in their ears and terrifies them with warnings. <sup>v17</sup> He makes them turn from doing wrong; He keeps them from pride. <sup>v18</sup> He protects them from the grave, from crossing over the river of death."

Ask God to speak to those involved in the abortion industry and convict them of the evil they are involved in and bring them to repentance leading to salvation.

**Application:** Touch the nations in prayer. God is sovereign, His Word will save lives.