

Psalm 64: Choose 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.

Ask with the Word for God Choosing Life for your Nation.

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: Read the lesson first, then meditate on the Scriptures for prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. **Group:** Share briefly what each received in the quiet meditation time to help you pray together effectively. What you receive in meditation is the basis for your prayer. Respond personally and seed the word of God in your heart, James 1:21. Scripture used is always NKJ version unless otherwise stated.

Prayer makes a difference. God's Word accomplishes His purposes, goes out with His authority, releases people to know the truth, Isaiah 55:11. Ask God for a culture that respects and honors life as created in His image and likeness. Take part in changing your nation.

Psalm 64:5 "They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, 'Who will see them?" This refers to the abortion industry who see killing babies as good as well as being profitable. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil," Isaiah 5:20. They will sow what they reap. Keep your heart in the center of God's will, able to pray for salvation for those who work in this industry.

v6 "They devise iniquities: 'We have perfected a shrewd scheme.' Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep." Abortion has become an industry with some organizations illegally selling the body parts after aborting the baby and justifying it as for research. Stem cell research does not require the killing of living babies.

v7 "But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they shall be wounded." The Word of God is such a weapon, described as a spiritual sword in Ephesians 6:17, Revelation 1 and 2:16. An example of a sword would be: "You shall not murder." Abortion is a sin against God's fifth commandment, Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5: 17. The wounding in this verse is not about praying against people, but the abortion industry and the dark spirits behind it.

v8 "So He will make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them shall flee away." Ask God to expose unrighteousness, that the hidden things will be uncovered, that the deception and evil of abortion will become well known and cause people to shun it.

Matthew 10:26 "There is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known." This is Jesus speaking. There are similar quotes in Mark 4:22, Luke 8:17.

v9 "All men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider His doing." Pray for all involved in the abortion industry and for those who have had and are having abortions, for the gift of repentance to see the sin, to turn from it and be saved and healed.

v10 "The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory." To God be the glory as abortion laws are overturned in nations.

Psalm 64, Look at verses 1-4 as if the unborn are speaking —

v1-4 "Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation/complaint, preserve my life from the fear of the enemy.

v2 hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the rebellion of the workers of iniquity, v3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword and bend their bows to shoot their arrows – bitter words, v4 that they may shoot in secret at the blameless, suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear." There is no fear because abortion is legal. The words are bitter to the baby and to God as Creator. This baby was uniquely designed by God in His image and likeness with purpose and calling to fulfill. With no say in the matter, the baby is condemned to die, not even named or honored with a burial. The concern of the abortionist is to count the body parts to be sure to get them all out as they can cause deadly infection inside the 'mother'.

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows very well." An aborted baby will never be able to praise his Creator in and for this life on earth that God designed uniquely for him or her. Who knows the good God planned that man destroyed?

Use this Scripture in prayer to bring awareness of life in the womb.

The New Living Translation -Psalm 139: 13-18 "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ^{v14} Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — how well I know it. ^{v15} You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ^{v16} You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ^{v17} How precious are your thought about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ^{v18} I cannot even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!" God's Word speaks and convicts of sin to bring to godly repentance, Psalm 19:7.

Application: Use God's Words as powerful swords that cut through lies, bring down strongholds in men's thinking, release people and lead them into truth that can change their thinking and actions.

- Pray abortion is seen as a tragedy, the genocide of nations, an offense to God, Exodus 20:13.
- Pray for the gift of repentance that will produce godly sorrow that leads to the fullness of salvation and the deliverance of nations from judgment, 2 Corinthians 7:10-11.
- Pray for those in the church who have had abortions, for confession of sin, cleansing and forgiveness and restoration, 1 John 1:9.