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MISSING MILLIONS

CALL TO REPENTANCE



Missing Millions – Call to repentance Resources

Why repent?

In the UK, since 1967, we have aborted 10 million babies, 98% of which were terminated for what are termed 'social reasons', meaning that at the time they were simply unwanted. But so what, some people say? Why should we repent?

1. Every life is special, uniquely created by God, with a destiny that only he or she can fulfil.
2. Life starts at the moment of conception. From the moment the sperm and ovum join, the complete genetic package that is the future adult is there. From that moment on, nothing is added. The individual simply has to *develop and grow*. A process that continues throughout our lives.
3. But, according to Scripture, God knows us from before we are even in the womb, and every one of us has a God-given destiny e.g. Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139; Isaiah 49:5; Luke 1:30-33.
4. In the Bible, God condemns without exception the taking of innocent life, which is branded *murder* and carries severe penalties, e.g. Genesis 9:6; Leviticus 24:17; Exodus 20:13.
5. The taking of innocent life places the perpetrator under a curse, Deuteronomy 27:25.
6. Murder is a sin. All unrepented sin separates us from God,
7. The blood sacrifice of children is expressly forbidden in the Bible and branded 'detestable', e.g. Leviticus 18:21; Deuteronomy 12:19-31; 2 Kings 16:3; Jeremiah 7:30-31.
8. Abortion of the unborn is a form of child/blood sacrifice. It is rebellion against God, replacing obedience to Him with worship of the demonic. As such, it 'feeds' and increases the power of evil.
9. Mt 12:30 Jesus said that, with repentance, every kind of sin would be forgiven, except for blasphemy against the Spirit. Those with direct personal experience of abortion should be encouraged and supported into repentance, that they may receive release and healing. Ignoring sin, no matter how well intentioned, leaves the sinner in bondage and separated from God, denying them forgiveness.

N.B. Recognising and addressing 'sin' is not to impose judgment, but is rather to enable that forgiveness and restoration made possible only by acknowledgment of wrong.

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Links to sermon aids:

1. **Overview: Missing Millions – the world under judgment**

Written sermon: <https://vfjuk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Sermon-28-11-21.pdf>

Video: <https://vfjuk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Sermon-28-11-21.pdf>
[starts at 17:36 minutes to 35:50]

2. Guidance and materials for use ‘in repenting our silence’:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4AKq3-Z0M>

For a short course teaching the various facets of this issue and how we are called to respond effectively: <https://www.brephos.org/train>

Teaching Christians about the wider-ranging effects of abortion on society

The growing acceptance and ‘normalisation’ of abortion as a woman’s right has encouraged a climate of sexual licence and promiscuity. For resources on teaching about God’s design for marriage, relationships and sex, see resources by Lovewise: <https://lovewise.org.uk/christian-sex-education-resources-for-church.html>

Some suggested forms of confession

(1) Almighty God, we praise you that men and women are fearfully and wonderfully made according to your will and design. We confess that both as a society and as individuals we have rebelled against your laws, prioritising our own selfish desires and interests over those of others. We confess that we have exalted sexual desire and satisfaction over obedience, and have labelled children conceived in our rebellion as unwanted, denying them your gift of life.

In wantonly denying the unborn their right to life, we confess we have sinned, and we ask forgiveness in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

(2) Lord Jesus, who took the form of a defenceless baby, we confess that we have failed to cherish and care for the unborn, entrusted by You to our care. By endorsing the message that women have the right to choose whether or not their baby be allowed to live, we have failed to protect and defend those who cannot defend

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themselves. By our words and actions, we have failed both the unborn and women, and helped create a society where the vulnerable, defenceless, and weak no longer have value, but are seen as expendable. In all of this, Father we have sinned against you and you alone, and ask your forgiveness and grace to amend our lives.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, **Amen.**

(3) Father, forgive us where we have rejected what is holy and worshipped the profane. Forgive us where we have endorsed the message that life only has value and matters when it is 'wanted' by us, and where we have failed to defend those who cannot defend themselves. By thought, word, and deed, we confess that we have sinned against you, and we beg your mercy and forgiveness. Spare us, Lord. In your mercy deliver us from evil and renew a right spirit within us, that we might show forth your light, mercy and truth to a dark and struggling world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, **Amen**

Some useful links

Pregnancy counselling and support:

Pregnancy Crisis Helpline <https://pregnancycrisishelpline.org.uk>

The Good Counsel Network <http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com>

Post abortion support:

PASE <https://www.cbruk.org/postabortion>

Rachel's Vineyard <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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Some suggested positive actions

Support groups and organisations actively campaigning against abortion, and get involved.

Some useful links:

<https://vfjuk.org.uk>

<https://christianconcern.com>

<https://www.brephos.org>

<https://www.cbruk.org>

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/2017/10/27/uk>

All these organisations will routinely run campaigns against abortion, and will often highlight points of concern relating to specific issues that they feel need to be made to Government.

Get involved by writing to your MP and Government Ministers, expressing your concerns. Even where template letters are made available, we advise using your own words, because letters and emails tend to be dismissed when they can be labelled part of an orchestrated campaign.

Full details for contacting Members of Parliaments and member of the House of Lords are available on the Parliamentary website: <https://members.parliament.uk>

Please note, MPs are only obliged to respond to emails from constituents, so our recommended approach is that you email your own MP, including details showing you are one of his/her constituents, and ask them to pass on your concerns to the relevant Minister. Ask that you be kept informed of any response.

If you still wish to contact the Minister direct, then we advise that you write a letter (again, you will find all addresses on the Parliamentary website). You should then receive a written response.

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PRAY!

“When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.” William Temple

Following the launch of the Call to Repentance, Dovetail Shalom Ministries will be arranging regular intercession, praying for repentance and change in our nation. If you would like to be involved, please contact Brenda at Dovetail Shalom Ministries at: dovetailshalom@gmail.com

Extra resources you might find helpful:

Promotional video for the book: Missing Millions – how abortion is harming us all

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XmGTxKcSzM&t=1s>