

Scripture Verses

Words to encourage those at risk or already hurt by abortion

It's important to educate people about the surprising, but seldom-reported truth that most abortions are unwanted or coerced. Many—even in free nations—are directly or indirectly coerced. Coercion can escalate to violence or even homicide—the leading killer of pregnant women. This heartbreaking prelude to abortion only intensifies the post-abortion heartbreak, including significantly higher rates of maternal injury, grief, trauma and death.

Many women, men and their families are hurting and traumatized as the result of abortion.

Clearly, there is tremendous need for education, outreach and healing in our own circles. There is also a great need to better anticipate and respond to individuals and families facing pregnancy-related, parenting or other practical challenges.

When addressing these issues, these verses may help open the door to a compassionate and ongoing discussion of these issues and encouragement for those at risk or already hurt by abortion.

“She refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. The Lord says: ‘Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future.’” —Jeremiah 31: 16-17

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”
—Psalm 34:18

“They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. ... He guided them to their desired haven.” —Psalm 107: 28-30

“He will rescue the poor when they cry to him;
He will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them.
He feels pity for the weak and the needy,
and he will rescue them.
He will redeem them from oppression and violence,
for their lives are precious to him.” —Psalm 72:12-14

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God.’” —Matthew 19:26

“I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.” - Isaiah 57:15

“‘For I know well the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord, ‘plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you,’ says the Lord.” —Jeremiah 29:11-14