



## Day 13 – Pray that the House and Senate will agree on the same language, “no abortion with no exceptions.”

By Brad Skiles

Dear Friends,

When Janet Douglas has an encounter with God and asks you to do something, it’s pretty hard to say, “No.” Here is just a little housekeeping. Our plan has been to have Janet write the first 14 days of this series. We are in the process of asking others, inside and outside of our state, to contribute. I’m excited to see different leaders throughout the state share their perspectives on these same 14 prayer requests ([found here](#)). Neither Janet, Terry Wood, nor I knew how much work we were creating when we came up with this idea. Actually, it wasn’t our idea. It was Holy Spirit’s idea and He knew exactly the work load! Doing this day-in-and-day-out is quite a challenge. But our challenge is saving babies.

Before I jump into today’s prayer request, we need to pray for Janet and her husband, Richard, as they travel to New York to see Richard’s mother, who is 94 years old.

*Father, I don’t know all the details. I know Richard has severe health challenges. I know Janet is following her husband’s lead and giving him this opportunity to see his mother, which will likely be for the last time. So, Lord Jesus, I just ask that You give them your peace during this time. We ask for an easy travel time...help them to see You in the details. Show them clear indicators that You are delighting in giving them ease of travel. I just ask that as a blessing to them. What’s in my heart, Lord is that this is a special sacred moment. As you have put it into Richard’s heart to see his mother, and as he knows he will be in heaven soon, enable them to say the words they want to say. Give Richard clarity of thought. Give the three of them good memories and help them to create another good memory with this trip. Bless Janet with a special lifetime memory of this trip. We love you Father and we hurt for our sister and brother who are going through a transition to heaven and have physical challenges to deal with before that occurs. We thank you that You are in control and care deeply for these three people, more than we can comprehend. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you, Father, for being such a good Father. Amen.*

Wow. I told Janet I didn’t want to write today’s focus (I’m a Moses leader, usually reluctant and often have to be asked—please don’t ask me! 😊), but when I agreed to do this, I wanted my heart to come through rather than my head. As I wipe away tears, I’m thinking Holy Spirit has something in store for us today! We’ll see.

When I got involved with *Hoosiers for Life* in 2016, I knew nothing about “life at conception.” It was a discovery for me to study science and ask smart, qualified people about when life began. I thought I was finding out something new. It was for me; I had never really thought about it.

As I grew up, I spent more time with our tractor and my Black Lab, than I did with people. I had one date in high school. It was my senior year. (My mom was happy!) I thought it was important to say I had done that.



Two years later, at the beginning of my sophomore year in college, Patti (now my wife) was the first woman I really noticed. Just weeks earlier, I told my cousin Lee Grover, “I’m not about to fall in love.” (Boy, was I wrong!)

In 1981, when I had to pass a blood test to get a marriage license, my family doctor was my uncle. You can imagine what this Old Order German Baptist MD thought of his nephew checking in daily, with a sense of urgency, to find out the results of my syphilis test. If Google had been available to me, I would have known

there was zero possibility I needed to know the results of that test.

I'm not a Senator Marco Rubio fan, but I thought he argued this well in 2016 as a Presidential Candidate. It's worth a few minutes to watch. Jump to minute 6:00. **Rubio shocked the national media when pressed that some scientists cannot say life begins at conception. He said, "Well if they can't say it will be human life, what does it become then? Could it become a cat?"**

[Click here to watch.](#)

What's in my heart about this prayer request? Common sense tells us life begins at conception. Indiana State Law tells us life begins at conception ([click here](#), see E). A random Duck-Duck-Go search gave me this Princeton University document: ["Life Begins at Fertilization."](#) In the Indiana Statehouse, this is not debatable. **The only question is, are we going to stop the murder of human life during pregnancy?**

If our state government agrees that life is murdered through abortion, then why do we allow it? Is it because some life doesn't matter? Is it because society agrees a class of people can be exterminated? Is it because some people get to choose whether life can continue? I think the upcoming hearings are going to be interesting. What arguments will the ACLU and Planned Parenthood zealots use to try to convince our legislators that not all lives matter?

**Indiana is not facing a scientific decision. We are not facing a political decision. We are facing a moral decision. Politics does not trump God's law.** The Nuremberg Trials (1945-1949) were used to teach that lesson. **Will Indiana State Representatives and Senators make this decision based on politics or on morality? Will they do the right thing? Will they hold God's Law as a higher priority than what man may think of them? In other words, will our elected officials seek to please men or God?**

Why would they vote based on political expediency? One reason is the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. As we saw with the [RFRA Fix](#) and other social issues, the Chamber uses its power and money to keep Indiana attractive to Indianapolis (primarily) liberal businesses. It is all about the money. They call it "the economy." The Chamber's objective is to minimize the conservative values of Indiana and keep our state a happy work environment for globalist companies seeking a new home. The Chamber is not going to work to uphold God's laws. **The Chamber will do everything they can, in this Special Session, to have the outcome be a weak abortion bill. And why? It's all about the money, not the babies.** They want Indiana to be a grey zone, neither "hot nor cold" (Where have we heard that phrase, before?).

So, as Christ-followers, what are we supposed to do? On this Day, I want us to pray with faith, that our Almighty God will do a miracle.

**Pray with me:**

*Father, nothing is too hard for You. **Your owner's manual says, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."** We come to You asking for a miracle. We're asking not because we deserve it. We're asking not because every Hoosier agrees with Your Word. We're asking because we know You are a God of mercy. **Father, we desperately need mercy.** We have failed You over and over again. As a state, we stand guilty agreeing with You that life begins at conception, and then consciously choosing to allow for the termination of this innocent life. Then, we score ourselves as a "pro-life" state and pat ourselves on the back for all the ways we have regulated the taking of life. We honor our "pro-life" legislators who know the law and know life begins at conception but choose not to protect it, because of political reasons. We have banquets and rallies and line the streets with signs to pray for life when it has always been in our power to end abortion. Father, as a state, and as individuals, we deserve Your wrath and justice. **We are ashamed and broken. We have sinned.** We are in agreement with how You look at us. But we're asking for your mercy. Show us Your grace. Continue to break our hearts. Use our state, use us—use our hands, our feet, and our voices—to change our nation. **King Jesus, start with us. Change me and change us from the inside out. Then use us to change our nation.** Holy Spirit, convict each and every elected official. Keep them awake at night. Use their spouses and*

*their children to convince them to do the right thing. Father, our **BIG ASK** is that you would bring the majority of both chambers to vote for a bill that ends abortion with no exceptions. Only You, Father, should choose how and when life ends. Use our state government to honor You at this historic time. In the powerful name of Jesus, amen!*

**Decree with me:**

*We decree the majority of our Representatives, and the majority of our Senators will agree with God Almighty. **We decree that these majorities will agree on a bill that ends abortion in the State of Indiana, with no exceptions.** We decree we will be a state King Jesus will use to change our nation. We decree that Holy Spirit is changing us from the inside out and has prepared us and equipped us for this victory. **We decree that there will be a victory in the heavenly battle for Indiana.***

**Scripture for Day 13, MATTHEW 18:18–19:** *"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven."*

**Let's fight for this together,**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Join us for the "Stand for Life" Rally at the Statehouse, on Monday, July 25th, beginning at noon. We know the opposition will be bussed in. A large opposition to the Nisly/Jacob bill, will likely be the "permission slip" for the GOP Supermajority Establishment to implement a weak abortion bill which keeps Indiana's abortion mills functioning and pleases the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. If the Church wants to end the murder of baby Hoosiers, the time is NOW to ACT, [click here](#) and [click here](#).
- ◆ Our hearts were broken last week when we focused on Hudson Schrank. He continues to need our prayers. In addition to praying, we want to help, as a group, financially. We're waiting for Holy Spirit to lead us to the right mechanism for this. Keep watching for information.
- ◆ **TO FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN INDIANA,** [click here](#).
- ◆ For an archive folder of these daily devotionals, [click here](#).
- ◆ For a list of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests, [click here](#).