

Seven Reasons Why Christians Should Attend the Local Life Chain

1) To join a national prayer chain that seeks God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray... [2 Chron. 7:14]." The cultural decay we observe, the battle to save traditional marriage, and the continuing threats to our national security are surely linked to the catastrophe of legalized abortion, as the innocent blood of America's youngest citizens—victims of unspeakable terrorism themselves—cries out for justice. If God used a horrendous civil war to end institutional slavery in America, what might He use to end legalized abortion, which threatens our nation far more severely than all foreign terrorists combined. America, currently, is one of the earth's most violent nations and will continue to be so until we the church confess our denial and humbly defend "those led away to slaughter."

2) To better understand the impact legalized abortion is having on our country and why the Church must unite to end it. The first and primary purpose of Life Chain is to minister to its own participants. We the church can end legalized abortion and defeat its spirit-world allies—homosexuality, pornography, cohabitation, addictions, divorce, sexual disease, etc.—in any year we commit to do so. We must move beyond abortion as "an issue" and truly value at-risk unborn humanity. The church's prevailing indifference to their brutal deaths grieves God, who assured Jeremiah that He would "make" Judea captive of Babylon because "They do not plead the case of the fatherless *to win it* [Jeremiah 5:28]." In America and Canada, we the church play prolife.

3) To move the church, under pastoral leadership, from the pews to the "city gates" and "market place." For decades, we have remained in our sanctuaries and relied heavily on rhetoric and détente. Thus the essentiality of pastoral guidance and exhortation. Afro-American pastor Cleon Childress, Jr. wrote aptly in *No Shepherds Cry*: "*The pew cannot do what the pulpit is suppose to do.*" When David stayed home from battle, dreadful wrongs occurred, notes Childress (2 Samuel 11:1). Without pastoral leadership, the battle for Life will not be won.

4) To both receive ministry and to minister to the public, empowered by the Holy Spirit. If during the Life Chain, we the church accept the ministry God intends for us His sons and daughters, He will empower us to witness truth to the public with humility, compassion, and conviction.

5) To honor the tens of millions of preborn fellow citizens who have perished. They endured their merciless deaths most often alone and within earshot of church bells. Does not their blood cry out unceasingly for justice? Does not bloodguilt pursue us who call Christ our Lord?

6) To help build a bold and committed army of Christians who seek to be Pro-life in word and deed. Let us engage the enemy until the curse of legalized abortion is swept from our land and America and Canada are again lands of freedom for every citizen, born and unborn.

7) To provide God a witness to anoint and use to save lives and change hearts in our local area. God works through willing vessels, who will defend and honor the needy and helpless among humanity. That is the story of the Good Samaritan, whom Christ commended. Let us rediscover the cardinal virtues *mercy* and *justice*—which are far greater defenders of our homeland than is our nation's military arsenal.