



October 2021

We align with God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and champion the sacredness of human life through pregnancy services, strategic partnerships, and equipping resources.

Please pray that our annual theme – Reflecting Jesus and His Gospel – will be fleshed out through each of our lives as we grow in our love for Jesus and grow in boldly sharing the gospel with our clients and others.

Please continue to pray for Kati Swisher, Executive Vice President, who has an aggressive cancer and is currently on sabbatical. Pray that the sabbatical will continue to be restful and restorative, and that God will bring healing to Kati's body and glory to Himself. (You can read specific updates and prayer requests at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/katiswisher/journal>.)

Our ministry-wide theme during this time of sabbatical is "Beholding & Reflecting." Please pray that we will each be awed by the grandeur of God and reflect His goodness to others.

GENERAL PRAYER

- ❖ Pray that everyone connected with Align Life Ministries (staff, board, volunteers, supporters, etc.) will faithfully share Jesus and His gospel with people around them. Pray for many to come to know Jesus as their Savior and follow Him as Lord.

PREGNANCY SERVICES

- ❖ Please pray for more abortion-minded women to contact us. Pray that their first thought of having an abortion will not be their final decision. Pray that Jesus will give them courage and strength to make a life-honoring choice for themselves and their child.
- ❖ Please pray for many God-given opportunities to share gospel truths at all of our client services' locations.
- ❖ Praise God for answered prayer! We are so happy to welcome our new Lebanon Pregnancy Services Director, Tara Thomas, to the Align Life Ministries family. Please lift her up in prayer as she transitions into her new role.

Columbia

- ❖ We are grateful that things are moving ahead for a client couple and they are able to purchase their own house.
- ❖ Pray for a mom, with a newborn, who is struggling with postpartum depression, and feeling alone.
- ❖ Pray for a male client who suffers from PTSD.
- ❖ Pray for courage for a client to face her fears and be willing to see a therapist.
- ❖ Pray that God would supply for the needs of a young mom who lost her husband suddenly.
- ❖ Several volunteers are going through some very difficult physical struggles. Pray for them and their families as they allow God to work in their lives and bring them closer to Him.

Ephrata

- ❖ Please pray for more daytime clients to come to us and for more advocates to support our growing evening prenatal and parenting classes.
- ❖ Pray that our community partnerships would be strengthened as we strive to come together to provide for our clients.
- ❖ Praise for the many new volunteers who are serving in various capacities.

Lebanon

- ❖ Join us in thanking God for an abortion-minded client who chose to carry and continues to come to prenatal classes. She shared how grateful she is to learn how to be a mom.
- ❖ Please pray for a father who needs discernment and guidance in his relationships.
- ❖ Pray that our new volunteer advocates' schedules would be filled with clients that need our services, and for opportunities to share the love of Jesus with them.

Lancaster

- ❖ Pray for a new client who will be raising her child as a single parent—for strength and wisdom in her new parenting journey.
- ❖ Pray for a client's infant who is having skin-rash problems.
- ❖ Pray for a client's husband who is seeking full-time permanent employment.

Post-Abortion

- ❖ Pray that God would encourage women to seek healing from past abortions and that they would trust God's love and desire for them to experience true freedom as they surrender this painful past into His care.
- ❖ Pray that a client would continue to trust God for healing as she unravels her past and the impact her abortion has had on her life. Pray that she allows Jesus to open many doors to areas in her life that have kept her trapped by fear and self-condemnation.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- ❖ Debbie Davenport, our new VP of Strategic Partnerships & Prayer, started August 30. Pray for an effective time of orientation and for God's priorities for partnerships and prayer to unfold.
- ❖ Praise for how God's Spirit ministered to the 180 directors who attended Lisa Hosler's Care Net workshops in late August. Pray directors will have grace and guidance as they implement the principles in their pregnancy center ministries.
- ❖ Lisa Hosler serves on the board of LIFE International. They are planning a gathering of leaders from every nation in 2023 – to launch a Global Congress of leaders from all 198 nations to proclaim the gospel and life. Pray for the leaders to be identified and for all the resources to be provided.

EQUIPPING RESOURCES

- ❖ Pray for the editing of lessons 1-4 in Volume 3 of the Sexuality By Design curriculum. Pray for guidance, clarity, and understanding through the editing process.
- ❖ Pray for a new gospel-based curriculum supplement that Kati and Todd Swisher will write to complement our client services' parenting curriculum. Pray for collaboration, clarity, and creativity.
- ❖ Pray for creative marketing strategies and grassroots promotion of the Sexuality By Design curriculum Volumes 1 and 2.
- ❖ Lisa Hosler's book, *The Unexhausted Leader*, has been distributed free-of-charge to 2,400 pregnancy resource centers across the nation. Please pray for directors to understand and embrace the culture of seeking God, hearing from Him, and following Him with their teams.
- ❖ Pray that God continues to open doors to spread the message of Lisa's book to leaders through podcasts and kingdom relationships.