



prenatal partners for life

# Hope



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**“I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live.”**

Deuteronomy 30:19

The more people turn away from God and reject the gift of life, the darker the world becomes and the more evil thrives. This evil has never been made clearer to me as it was from the responses I received from an open letter I wrote to Kate Cox, a mom expecting a baby girl with Trisomy 18.

Kate Cox has been in the media a lot lately. She lives in Texas and sued the state to abort her 21-week-old baby daughter diagnosed with Trisomy 18. The Supreme Court denied her petition, so she went out of state to undergo a D & E abortion. President Biden has invited her to be his guest at the upcoming State of the Union address.

I wrote a very loving letter on the Prenatal Partners for Life public Facebook page offering to put her in contact with other parents who had children with Trisomy 18. I told her about my son Peter and the joy and gift he was to our family. I talked about the gift of life and the gift of time with her child that cannot be given back once gone. I reminded her of God's love and that her baby is made in His Image. I told her that she and her baby are loved and not alone.

I was shocked at the disgusting, hateful, and evil comments that people posted. I was called horrible names and was told I should have aborted Peter and not have let him live. There were people with satanic symbols who used terrible language and mocked my Christian faith and the Catholic Church. People were cruel and hateful. I couldn't keep up with deleting the really bad comments, so I finally had to limit who was able to comment on the post.

We recently had the anniversary of Roe V. Wade, where we remember the millions of pre-born babies lives that have been lost. Even though this has been overturned, there is still so much work to be done in helping hearts see the beauty and gift of each and every life. One thing that letter and the comments made clear to me is that evil is very real; it hates life and promotes death.

But praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ who has conquered sin and death and who is our hope, joy and salvation! To Him be glory and honor forever! Please pray for all hearts to value and treasure the gift of all life, and to love and serve Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Thank you for your support, love, and prayers! Please know that you always have mine!

Mary



# Family Spotlight

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”  
-2 Corinthians 4:17

December 26, 2022, the day after Christmas, I took a test...a pregnancy test! Although we weren't specifically planning another child, my husband and I are open to life. At the same time, he took a Covid test. Well, BOTH were positive. So, while my husband was overtaken by sickness, I was overtaken by JOY. So many feelings and emotions! We were already blessed with 5 beautiful children, but I had previously lost 2 babies very early in pregnancy within the last 4 years. Still, my heart skipped a beat at the thought of welcoming this precious life into our family. Despite my husband being very physically ill, he also accepted the news with much anticipation and excitement.

At 8 weeks, I had an early ultrasound, and my husband and I were able to share the experience of seeing our little baby's heartbeat, and it brought us to tears - life is so precious! At 12 weeks, I had my first real prenatal appointment and again, we were reassured as I heard a normal heartbeat via fetal doppler. That same week, we shared the news with our own children, family, and friends. In our minds, this new life was becoming more and more of a reality with each passing day.

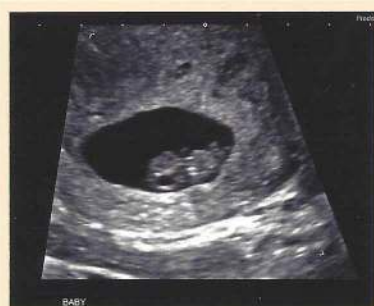
However, on March 13th, 2023, after a long walk outside admiring God's beautiful creation and breathing in the crisp winter air to ease the morning sickness, I arose from my desk chair to feel a tiny pop, and in an instant, I knew my baby was coming at that very moment. We welcomed our dear baby boy into this world and lost him all at the same time, right in our home. He was 15 weeks, and I held him in the palm of my hand; his intricate and perfect body with 10 tiny fingers and 10 tiny toes. It was traumatic and devastating.

Unfortunately, the trauma was then complicated with multiple ER visits, sepsis, and finally admittance to the hospital and an emergency dilation and curettage. My mind, body, and spirit were broken. Yet, by the grace of God, His presence was still known to us. Amazingly, a dear woman, who had been just a girl many years before when I was her counselor at a Christian summer camp, contacted me when she heard what I was going through. She immediately connected me with Mary Kellett; we call her "Angel Mary," and introduced us to Prenatal Partners for Life and Lumen Caeli, their program for families who suffer pregnancy loss.

"Angel Mary" was the light in our darkness. She was the Body of Christ to us in our deep sorrow. She was able to listen, offer empathy, pray for us, and provide meaningful resources for memorializing our child. As it happens, the events of my miscarriage occurred during Lent, and I cannot express how real the suffering was for us, while at the same time the promise of the resurrection and the hope in our experience with Mary Kellett.

On May 10, 2023, we were blessed to be able to bury our dear Michael Joseph at Resurrection Cemeteries and memorialize all three of our precious lost babies with the financial contributions from Prenatal Partners for Life. We will be forever grateful to be so loved and cared for during such a difficult time in our family's life. While we continue to grieve, we also rejoice in the gift of faith and the hope that we shall meet our little ones again up above.

*Lumen Caeli ("Light of Heaven"), is a ministry of PPFL that supports families experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death.*





## Our Mission

Prenatal Partners for Life is dedicated to providing families (either expecting or those who have had a child with special needs, health issues, or a life limiting condition) with the support, information, and encouragement they need to make informed decisions involving their child's care.

We believe that these children are unique gifts from God and have a special purpose in life that only they can fulfill. We believe that these children are made in God's image, and that He has a plan and a purpose for every life He creates, no matter how long or short that life may be. We believe that these precious children are a blessing to their families, their communities, and the world.

Our goal is to provide honest, practical information and support by linking expectant parents or new parents with other parents who have had the same or a similar diagnosis for their child. We also strive to educate the world about the unique blessings that these children are. We call them "Teachers of Our Souls."

The support we provide can be given in person, over the phone, by email, or in written correspondence and may include a variety of practical assistance that is based on each family's individual needs.

Thank you, dear supporters and benefactors, for allowing us to help take away the fear families often feel and replace it with loving, life-affirming support. With over 90% of babies being aborted who are diagnosed with special needs or other health issues, this support is needed more than ever. Prenatal Testing is now routinely done in most pregnancies. Oftentimes, abortion is offered as the solution when results are not normal. Your generosity over the last thirteen years has allowed Prenatal Partners for Life to help families in every state several times over and 51 countries. Please pray for us and know that you are in our prayers, too. May God bless you!

## How you can support us:

- Pray for the families and children we serve, and for all of the wonderful volunteers and supporters who help us.

- **Online Donation**

Make a quick and easy online donation at: [www.prenatalpartnersforlife.com](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.com)

- **Mail in a Donation**

Our mailing address is: Prenatal Partners for Life, P.O. Box 2225 Maple Grove MN 55311. Use the enclosed envelope for your convenience.

- **Make a Memorial Donation**

We will send out our "Forever Remembered; Always in our Heart" card in honor of the deceased.

- **Make a Donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion.**

- **Use Amazon Smile and Donate**

Shop on Amazon Smile and choose Prenatal Partners for Life as your charitable organization. It's super easy and convenient.

- **Use Good Search as your search engine and Good Shop for your online shopping**

Prenatal Partners for Life will receive a portion of the proceeds: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

- **Donations through Workplace Giving Programs**

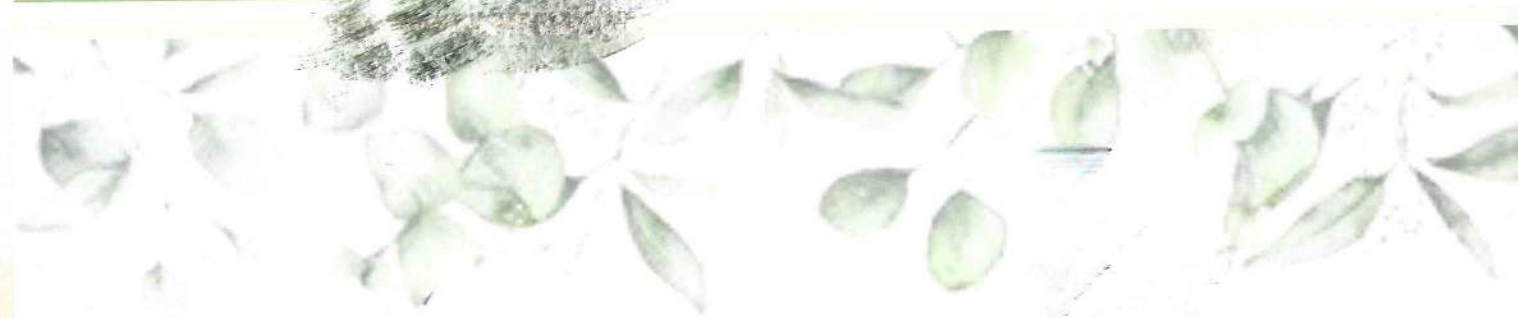
Does your workplace offer a chance to donate to a non-profit and perhaps offer a matching grant? We are a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Our legal name is Prenatal Partners for Life.

- **Planned Giving via Wills or Bequests**

Planned gifts are donations that are prepared in the present to be made in the future.

- **Corporate and Foundation Grants**

Please let us know if you are aware of any grant opportunities that would support our mission.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024**

**THE SAINT PAUL HOTEL**

**PRENATAL PARTNERS FOR LIFE**

**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ALL LIFE**

Please join us for a wonderful evening of celebrating the gift of every life with delicious food, wonderful fellowship, moving testimonies and talks, a fun live auction, and the unforgettable Matt Birk as our Master of Ceremonies!