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### Life Newsbytes

**Iowa Gov. Signs Bill Banning Abortion at Detection of Preborn's Heartbeat** – On Friday, May 4, 2018, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed an historic bill banning abortions once a preborn child's heartbeat can be detected, at roughly six weeks. Iowa is now the safest state in the nation for preborn children. Live Action President Lila Rose commented after the bill's passage: "This law acknowledges the scientific fact that the pro-abortion movement tries desperately to ignore: This is a unique, individual human life in the womb, not a 'clump of cells,'" Rose said, "and just three weeks after fertilization, the child's little heart is already beating. It's time for society and our laws to acknowledge that there are two human beings in a pregnancy, and both deserve protection." The law does include exceptions for rape and incest. The states of North Dakota and Arkansas passed heartbeat/first-trimester preborn protection bills in previous years, but those bills were blocked by the courts. (*Live Action News*, 5/4/18; *CLR LifeWire*, 5/11/18)

### Speaking Up For Life

"God created man, male and female, for a threefold and trinitarian purpose: To live our lives to His glory, that's one. To marry if God wills, that's two. And to have children, that's three. Marriage was created by God, not by society nor by government. Marriage is not a societal construct. Marriage was instituted by God. Family flows out of this wondrous God-created relationship of one man and one woman who are to live together for a lifetime. As such, they are to live as husband and wife, seeking God's blessings which the Lord freely gives." *Rev. Daniel Domke, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (LCMS), Huron, South Dakota*

"Children, vulnerable and dependent, desperately need security, and it has ever been a duty and a joy of fatherhood to offer it. Being a father requires strength ... and more than a little courage ... to persevere, to fight discouragement, and to keep working for the family ... With God's grace, fathers find the patience to teach, the fortitude to provide, the compassion to comfort, and the mercy to forgive. All of this is to say that they find the strength to love their wives and children selflessly ... Let us ... express our thanks and affection to our fathers, whether we can do so in person or in prayer." *President Ronald Reagan, Father's Day 1988*

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## A Father's Prayer

by Pastor Mark Jeske

**“Blessed is the man you discipline, O Lord, the man you teach from your law; you grant him relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked. For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance”** (Psalm 94:12-14).

Lord, I am honored that You made me a father. It was not I who joined a male cell to a female cell and made a new living creature. It was not I who engineered the spectacular event of childbirth. I can't make my child grow even one inch—it is all You. I am humbled and grateful to be a steward of Your wondrous creation.

I am also painfully aware of my own shortcomings. Forgive me for my many acts of selfishness, for being slow at seeing and meeting the needs of my children. Thank You for Your discipline; thank You even more for Your promise never to forsake me.

I need more wisdom than I have now. Please grow my capacity to see, to understand, to remember, to care, and to lead like a servant. I need more strength than I have now. Please grow my stamina, patience, resilience, trust, and courage.

Father, help me to be a father like You.

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“Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

“When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, ‘Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.’”

Proverbs 4:1-5

