

## First Care Women's Clinic Prayer Letter – November 16, 2020

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”  
Matthew 6:33**

### FCWC PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Hello, praying friends. Like all of you, First Care Women's Clinic has made many adjustments since the spring. In order to ensure the care and safety of our clients, staff, and volunteers, it was necessary to temporarily limit some of the programs and services that we normally offer. But through it all, God has allowed our doors to REMAIN OPEN so that we could be available to abortion-minded women and men in the community. PRAISE HIM! In recent days the Lord has been making a way for us to again provide some services that have been on hold, and He is even opening doors for us to add some new ones. Please join us in prayer and praise:

Our **“Walk For Life”** in October was quite different this year—with only staff and a few volunteers walking to our annual prayer time in front of Planned Parenthood. However, many stood with us in spirit and in support. In spite of unusual circumstances and uncertain times, God used generous, committed hearts to meet our fundraising goal! **Give Him praise for once again providing funding for our services.** We are so grateful to be able to continue reaching both those considering abortion, and those in life-styles with a high risk for abortion, with messages of life, hope, and truth.

**Please pray for God to protect the lives of the unborn in the U.S.** regardless of which administration is heading our government. Ask for His power to uphold laws that are currently in place to restrict abortion, and pray that the pro-abortion agenda would not be furthered in our country. Thank you for standing with us before the Father on behalf of these precious lives.

**Give thanks with us that our first Prenatal Class via ZOOM (online video platform) is now occurring.** We are thrilled so many women have joined this virtual class to learn about their developing babies and how to prepare for their arrivals. FCWC will even have the pleasure of hosting the traditional class baby shower! It will be in a “drive-by” format, where participants can come by First Care to pick up baby gifts and a goodie bag of treats to celebrate the soon arrival of their children.

**Pray for our staff, volunteers, and clients who themselves are affected, or who have family affected, by COVID19.** Many families are dealing with illness, with separation, and with financial stress due to this virus. Ask for the Lord's mercy on them and on our world in the midst of it. Ask for His glory to shine through His children as we trust Him and love others during a difficult time.

**Praise the Lord for our new volunteer training class taking place in an online format.** We are so pleased to have two couples among the trainees. What a joy it is to see husbands and wives serving together as God calls families to be in the battle for life. The new men who will serve at FCWC have a vital role in reaching boyfriends and husbands of clients who have never had a godly man pour truth into their lives.

We are excited to announce a new service as we begin pelvic swab testing at First Care Women's Clinic. We were not able to introduce this resource as soon as we had hoped in 2020, but we know God's timing is right! This testing is another way we can encourage women to come through our doors, and lead them to consider FCWC as their women's health care provider for services they might normally seek at Planned Parenthood or elsewhere. If an unplanned pregnancy occurs, we anticipate these ladies will visit us for help. **Please pray for our nurse practitioner and the physician working with her in this new opportunity.**

The fathers of the babies that we seek to save are so important to a woman's decision regarding abortion. Many ladies are pressured by boyfriends (as sometimes husbands) to abort when these moms really desire to carry their children. We are always glad for chances to speak to fathers who come in with pregnant clients. Our male counselors do a wonderful job of encouraging these men to see the value of their unborn children. Being able to show a dad his child via ultrasound is another important opportunity here. We recently had two instances in which fathers were overcome with emotion at the sight of their children on the ultrasound screen. Our sonographer was able to pray with both these couples, and one of the dads was so excited that he wanted to offer his own prayer of thanks to God for his child. **Pray for many dads to be reached at FCWC with the message of life.**

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**LIFE praises since the last prayer letter:**

New life in Christ: **Rejoice with us in the 7 clients and 1 client family member who gave their lives to Christ at First Care!**

Life for the unborn: **Praise the Lord for 69 ladies who considered abortion, but instead chose life for their babies!**

## CLIENT PRAYER REQUESTS

(Words in quotes are sample responses to the question, "How May We Pray For You?" Each response represents many clients.)

The most frequent prayer request we receive is for a "healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby." Once a woman recognizes and embraces the life of her child, her concern is for all to go well during the development and delivery of the baby. **Pray for these babies who are "fearfully and wonderfully made," and for their mamas as they carry them. Ask the Lord to speak to the hearts of ladies who want prayer for becoming good moms, but who have never had godly parenting modeled for them.** Some have been abused or severely neglected. All need the Lord's guidance and strength to be the mothers they want to be.

The second most frequent prayer request we see is for clients' children and for their families. Requests may be for the health, safety, reconciliation, physical needs, happiness, or healing of the family. Sometimes ladies just write a list of names for prayer. **Please pray for these families that often have many scars and much brokenness.**

"Relationship with my mom." "Protect my family from everything with this COVID situation."

"For all my family and my daddy that is missing. Some people have him working for them and we want him back soon alive."

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**Pray for women who say they want "to get closer to God."** Some truly desire this, but are very confused by bad teaching or wrong cultural ideas of what it means to know God. Others only want God on their own terms. Pray for open hearts to hear the truth of the gospel, to desire a relationship with the Father, and to put their trust in Jesus as their hope for salvation.

**Please pray for the relationships of our clients with the men in their lives. Most have had no example of a healthy loving marital relationship as God intended. Pray for those who desire to be married but often don't think that marriage is possible for them, and for those in confused or multiple relationships who are looking for love, but have never known it.**

"The guy and I work it out and get married." "Strength to move forward or remove myself from my relationship."

"Pray for changing of the baby's daddy's heart." "I pray that if the baby isn't his, that he is accepting of this child."

"Pray that even though I made a bad decision sleeping with two men, God knows who truly should be my child's father."

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So many of our clients face issues with finances, lack of a job, debt, no permanent housing, etc. All of these are reasons women give for considering abortion. **Ask God to be their Provider as they look to Him to guide their lives and give them hope.**

"Keeping a job." "Financial hardships." "Work, provision." "Please pray for us to become more financially stable."

"Please pray that I can find a place to live." "Pray that I become 100% financially situated for my new baby."

"Financial security to get out of my parents' house." "That my baby and I are safe."

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Guidance, wisdom, and clarity are regular requests from our clients. Often the request is related to the decision of whether or not to abort. **Ask the Lord to reveal to our clients that He is the only source of the wisdom and guidance they seek. Pray they will hear the truth spoken to them at FCWC and will open God's Word for guidance about what is right.**

"Guide me through the right path." "For me to make the right choice." "Pray for me to do the right thing for my future."

"Help to make the right decision." "I pray for guidance in the right direction." "I want to make sure I'm on the right track."

"To make the best decision." From a thirteen-year-old: "Strength and guidance."

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**Women who visit FCWC often enter with much emotional pain and/or mental stress. Lift these hurting ladies to the Lord.**

"Stress and anxiety relief." "To be able to remove this blockage in my heart so I can feel love again."

"Pray for my mental health, my mind." "Please pray for my peace of mind for the sake of my children." "Acceptance of self."

"Pray to take away my anxiety, fear, depression." "Pray that I am more than what others see."

"Pray that I find myself again." "I just want a beautiful baby to bring happiness into my life."