

Project Rachel  
Year of Prayer Campaign

*The Project Rachel ministry will continue this prayer effort throughout the year as in Isaiah 61, praying for “a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.” The petition includes praying for all who have been involved with abortion: not only women, but the father of the child who may have offered payment or the grandparents who provided the ride. All are invited to turn back to God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for absolution and restoration in Christ.*

*The petition includes “to comfort all who mourn” the loss of children through abortion that they fully experience forgiveness from God, their children and themselves. The entire passage of Isaiah 61 reflects God’s desire for all of us to be saved. Even as it states in Isaiah 61:7, for anyone whose “shame was double and disgrace and spittle were their portion,” redemption is available. Nothing – not even the sin of abortion – is beyond God’s mercy. In Evangelium Vitae 99, John Paul II states that the Father of Mercy is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He later affirms that anyone who has had an abortion can become among the most eloquent defenders of life.*

*As in the story of the Prodigal Son, let us prayerfully anticipate the celebration of all who come back to the Lord with a contrite spirit, and become the sons and daughters of God that they were meant to be: “I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.”*