



*Inscription above the capitol of the Supreme Court of the United States of America in Washington DC*

Every year, for the past 42 years, voices have united with hands and feet to march to the steps of the United States Supreme Court and cry out for equal justice for those who have no voice. It has seemed that every year those cries have fallen on deaf ears within the building with "Equal Justice Under Law" inscribed on its edifice. The framers of our founding documents believed that some rights are natural and common to all, so they penned "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" in the Declaration of Independence.

They also understood that these natural Rights would need to be protected with the force of law and so included in the 5th Amendment to the Constitution, "... no person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Clearly, the founding documents of our nation protect the Right to Life of every person within our borders. The Cries at the steps of the United States Supreme Court these last 42 years have been a plea to the court to return to the concept of equal Right to Life for All as the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, and the inscription their building bears declare.

This year (the 43rd for this march), for the first time in history, the voices for the defenseless voiceless at the steps of our Judicial branch of Government were joined by voices from both other branches of Government; the Legislative and Executive branches as senators and representatives joined with Vice President Mike Pence to plead for the lives of the pre-born.

This march stands in stark contrast to the march of just a week before whose speakers words were filled with hate, vitriol, and anger. The March for Life was characterized by love, gentleness, and compassion. Vice president Pence noted that "Compassion is overcoming Convenience" with the diminishing of abortion over the last year. He exhorted all to "act in love, not anger; with compassion, not confrontation." Additionally he encouraged us all to "meet young women where they are; meet them with compassion, not judgment."

One could also speak of the numbers in attendance (estimates at or over three quarters of a million), but as Jeannie Mancini (President of the March for Life) noted, "Of all the talk about numbers, only one number

is most important; the 58,000,000 (that's 58 MILLION!) children lost to abortion since 1973." Considering the march of the week before she also wanted to assure those marchers that "to be Pro-Life IS to be Pro-Woman!"

Kellyanne Conway (Advisor to the President), who also spoke, reminded us that "Life is the most precious gift given to us."

God could not agree more.

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. (Psalm 127.3)*

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139.13-14)*

Even so, we are not always faithful to appreciate God's gifts . . . yet He is always faithful love us and to forgive us when we repent ... and restore to us His most precious gift; Life ... Life through and from His Son who gave His life for and to us. God, according to Vice President Pence's prayer, has met us all where we are and has treated us with compassion. In Christ equal justice under God's law has already been accomplished. Sin has been paid for and Life offered to all.