



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

Devotional for Day 19, Sunday, October 16

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Intention:

In the effort to protect and defend life, let us appeal not only to the special revelation of Scripture, but also to the general revelation of science and the created order.

For a large segment of the population in a post-Christian world, phrases such as “the image of God” and “the sanctity of life” may seem foreign and indecipherable.

Scripture:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

But just as the heavens, by their very existence, proclaim the glory of God, so, too, does the flickering image of a precious preborn baby on a sonogram screen. Ultrasound technology offers a unique window into something sacred. Seeing the fingers and toes, hearing the tiny heartbeat—these powerful moments speak to the beauty and humanity of life in the womb in a language that everyone can understand. The image of God, indeed.

— *Psalm 19:1-2*

Reflection:

In the mission to foster a more pro-life culture, we often appeal to the Imago Dei—the very image of God that is divinely imprinted on every human life. We embrace theological truths and scriptural fundamentals to proclaim that every human being is sacred and worthy of protection—because each one bears the fingerprints of God Himself.

But we don’t just have God on our side. Science proclaims these truths as well!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you that creation itself proclaims your existence and points to your truth. With the explicit testimony of your Word as our foundation, may we also help those around us understand that the sciences of conception and gestation reveal profound and immutable truths about You and about what it means to be created in Your image.