

## 2023 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

I can take an active role in building a Culture of Life in my community. First, I can simply pray. Praying is very important in my life and helps others. My prayer is something like this...

*Dear Lord,*

*Please help me find a way to stop abortion. It is a growing problem in this world. It harms others for no reason. It takes innocent lives away, the lives that have been taken will never get the chance to live in this beautiful world that you have created for us. Lord, please guide me through my building of a Culture of Life and please help me make the right decisions.*

*Amen.*

Another thing that I can do is follow my parent's example, especially my mother's. I am a quadruplet. When my mom was pregnant with me and my sisters, the doctor asked her a question. They wanted to know if she wanted to abort one or two of us so that the other two or three could have a better chance of survival. After hearing this, my mom immediately said no. She listened to God and made the right decision.

My mother also was pregnant and had another baby girl. However, when she was pregnant the doctors found out that my sister would have Down syndrome. The doctors wanted to know if my mom wanted an abortion just because my sister had a disability. Of course, my mom said no. She knew that a disability didn't matter and that my sister Claire would be loved no matter what.

If my mom can say no to abortion, so can everyone else. There is no reason that life has to be taken away. Everyone is equal and everyone deserves a life and to be loved. We need to spread awareness to stop abortion. By being a witness and a survivor of abortion, I can talk to others and spread my story. Hopefully, it inspires others to change. I will stop abortion and build a Culture of Life in my community.

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