



Canopy of Prayer

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Dear praying friends in Europe –

Ireland is a small island on the edge of Europe, often described as the Emerald Isle because of its lush green vegetation and beautiful scenery. But today we have an intense battle going on to save the 8th Amendment, the last remaining piece of legal protection for the life of the unborn child, and we urgently need your prayers. A referendum for its removal takes place on 25th May, 2018.

Proverbs 24:11-12 *“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering towards slaughter. If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about this,’ does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay each person according to what he has done?”*



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Ireland – A bastion for Pro-Life in Western Europe

This vital piece of legislation added to the Irish Constitution by referendum in 1983, recognises the equal right to life of both mother and unborn child:

“The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn, and with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.”

Ireland is one of the last bastions of Prolife in Western Europe, and with no abortion available, our doctors became highly skilled in saving the lives of mother and baby. In removing the 8th Amendment, unrestricted abortion will be legalised for the first three months of pregnancy. In the case of fatal foetal abnormalities and risk to the mother’s life through mental health issues, abortion will be allowed at later stages.

The 8th Amendment has been a safeguard against any Government having the power to legislate on such a serious matter of life. Its removal has majority support from our Government, and strongly campaigned for by the Taoiseach (homosexual), the Children’s Minister (lesbian and occultic) and the Health Minister (pro-abortion). Further backing comes from a very biased media, and huge financial support from the powerful International Abortion Industry.

James 1:14-15 tells us that once evil is invited in, it takes root and becomes insatiable for more. We see

the evidence of this in England and Wales where it is now legal to terminate the life of a baby up to 24 weeks, and babies with disabilities including Down Syndrome, up to birth. Over 200,000 babies are killed in this way every year in Britain and 8 million since abortion was introduced in 1967 when the door was opened “just a little bit.”

Recently, a 100,000 people marched in an **All Ireland Rally for Life**, to protest against the removal of the 8th Amendment, provoking a Prolife “Sleeping Giant” to wake up! This was so encouraging, but the truth is, we are up against a massive, well-funded secular machine. So we look to the One who is more powerful, the God of the impossible, knowing that action is essential, but prayer is the key.

Please forgive me for focussing so much on Ireland. Abortion laws in European countries show diverse approaches to regulations, but with a more balanced attitude than America. Perhaps our Prolife stand and that of other European countries with strict regulations, have helped to limit the amount of abortions taking place in Europe.

Prayer:

- That more believing Christians will be aware of the danger our country is in, physically and spiritually.
- That our Government leaders will experience the awesome fear of God and realise their need to know Him as Saviour and Lord.

Please also pray for

- The crucial point with the Brexit negotiations seems to be the Irish border. Let’s pray!
- The call for strikes in France is a trial of strength with long term consequences.