

How can I help?

Some ideas:

- get to know more facts to use them as arguments and to find out where you may be needed
- as a friend or colleague: give encouragement and support in case of unwanted pregnancy; help to find adequate professional support, if needed
- in school or at university: use the chance for a presentation or paper; invite a pro-life group; use your abilities, time, education, creativity, and contacts to support the right to life; be a pro-life advocate to your fellow students
- as a male: don't look away, take responsibility, be a good example, speak about your values
- as a citizen: add your opinion to public debate, challenge politicians, write letters to the editor

- as a web citizen: spread the word, add second opinions and pro-life links, don't leave the internet to the "pro choice" (pro abortion) people
- "*ora et labora*": please pray regularly for people who consider abortion, for the medical staff being involved, for politicians, and for members of the pro-life movement (cf. 1Tim 2:1–4)
- join (or start) a local pro-life group, join a social ministry at your church: there is so much need!

More information

For links to many pro-life initiatives, including international organizations, please visit:
www.lebensrecht.de/adressen.php#internat

*Every child longs for life—
please don't look away!*

Where can I find help?

The TCLG maintains a list of addresses in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, where people who experience unwanted pregnancy, problems during pregnancy, or after an abortion will find advice, counselling and support: www.tclrg.de/adressen

The **Treffen Christlicher Lebensrecht-Gruppen** (TCLG) is a Christian network of committed people, pro-life groups, and mother and child homes in Germany. We offer material, presentations, and information stands about pro-life issues. We also support you in finding a local pro-life group in Germany.



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The right to life
and you?

The logo for Treffen Christlicher Lebensrecht-Gruppen (TCLG), consisting of the letters 'TCLG' in a stylized, outlined font, positioned in the top right corner of the page.

What is it all about?

Do you remember—your life began many years ago in the moment of conception. Although it needed around nine months to get you ready for delivery, that first cell of your body already contained all the DNA that formed your body and unique identity.

You were lucky. In most countries of the world, thousands to millions of unborn children are killed by abortion before they have the chance to live their life. In some countries, abortion is even practiced as a means of family planning.

Exact numbers are not available, but the numbers we know are horrible enough: In Germany, there have been 1.542.299 *registered* abortions during the years 1996–2007, with experts estimating the effective number of abortions in Germany being up to twice as high. Imagine all those children.

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* after conception (p. c.)

Many abortions occur, because there is simply not enough information about the unborn child. Some people think, an embryo/fetus is not a human. The existence of the Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS) is also denied widely.

Behind many abortions, there is difficult circumstances that certainly need to be addressed. At the same time, many abortions could be prevented, if the father of the unborn child would care and take his responsibility for mother and child.

Do not even we as Christians compromise too often, silently accepting abortion as an option or even “choice”?

What is God's opinion on abortion?

Nobody exists accidentally (*Matthew 10:29; Genesis 1:27+9:6*) God knows us and our abilities before birth (*Psalms 139*) He sometimes even calls people in the womb (*Jeremiah 1; Luke 1:13*) God sees us and knows our problems in life (*Genesis 16:13; Genesis 21:17; 2Chronicles 16:9*) He does not give up on us, but wants to help us and heal lives (*Isaiah 61; John 3:16*) He cares for us (*1Peter 5:7; Hebrews 13:5*) God knows the future and knows best what's good for us (*Isaiah 55:8; Proverbs 3:5*) Jesus encourages us to trust him in all areas of our life and to recognize God's provision (*Matthew 6:27*) “You shall not murder” (*Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21*) Abortion breaks the rule of love (*Romans 13:9*) Jesus calls us to serve others with our life, not vice versa (*Matthew 10:39; Galatians 6:2*) — What other verses come to your mind?

The challenge

- The right to life is not only challenged by abortion, but also by sorting out embryos at in-vitro fertilization, killing embryos for stem cell lines, creating human chimeras, killing handicapped children after birth, legalizing euthanasia, redefining death to increase the number of organ donors, and so on.
- We bear a share of the responsibility for the welfare of the people around us, including people in need, unborn children, old, ill, or handicapped people.
- Change for the good usually does not happen automatically. With human rights violations, it always needs individual people who stand up and take action for help. Be one of them!

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.”

Proverbs 31:8