

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES for “WELS Lutherans for Life –Mission Explained”



To Protect:

- Exodus 21:22-23, “If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely^a but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. ²³ But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,”
- Esther (the whole book)
- Psalm 41:1-2, “Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble. The LORD protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land—he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.”
- Psalm 140:1-3, “Rescue me, LORD, from evildoers; protect me from the violent, who devise evil plans in their hearts and stir up war every day. They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent’s; the poison of vipers is on their lips.”
- 1 Corinthians 13:6-8a, “Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

A Child's Right to Live:

- Psalm 8 (all of it)
- Psalm 68:4-6a, “Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing;”
- Psalm 119:73, “Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.”
- Psalm 139:13-16, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”
- Isaiah 46:3b, “you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born.”
- Jeremiah 1:5a, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;”

and Be Loved:

- John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- Proverbs 22:6, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

- Deuteronomy 4:9, “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”
- Deuteronomy 6:7, “Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:19,20, “that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”
- Ephesians 6:4, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”
- 1 Thessalonians 2:7, “We were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.”

By Loving Moms and Dads and Families:

- Luke 10:33-35, (The Good Samaritan helped the man who was robbed and beaten.)
- Matthew 25:35-36, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”
- Matthew 25:40, “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
- Acts 4:32-33, “All the believers were in one heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.”
- Romans 12:20, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.”
- Galatians 5:13, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”
- Ephesians 6:7, “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,”
- James 1:27, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8, “We loved you so much we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because we you had become so dear to us.”
- 2 Timothy 4:16, “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”