

## INTERCEDE



## PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## REFLECT

Chemical abortion is now the most common form of abortion in the United States. Chemical abortion is a process that involves a pregnant woman taking a series of pills early in pregnancy to kill and expel a developing child from her womb. This form of abortion not only takes the life of a child, but also poses significant risks to the health and safety of women.

Despite these serious risks, chemical abortion is widely accessible. Since 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has shown continued disregard for women's health by loosening safety standards, extending the limits of when the drugs can be used, and decreasing the number of required doctor's visits. Most recently, the FDA has allowed abortion pills to be prescribed through virtual appointments, ordered online, and made available at neighborhood pharmacies, enabling a nationwide mail-order abortion industry. In addition to putting women's health at risk, these policies also increase the chances that women may be exploited by violent partners or human traffickers.

In March, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to restore limitations to chemical abortion that the FDA has removed. The Supreme Court's decision is expected to be released in June. While the case before the Supreme Court will not end chemical abortion, there is the hope of curbing its accessibility and therefore protecting the lives of pre-born children and their mothers. Let us unite in prayer as we await the Court's ruling.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life every day until the decision is released: [usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer](https://usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer).
- Choose one day this week (or each week until the decision) to offer a sacrifice for this month's intention. Consider fasting from snacks, a favorite food or drink, social media, or TV shows and movies.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about chemical abortion to better understand the threat to women's health and be able to share your knowledge with friends and family: [bit.ly/abortion-pills-basics](https://bit.ly/abortion-pills-basics) | [bit.ly/abortion-pills-Q-and-A](https://bit.ly/abortion-pills-Q-and-A).

