



## Christian Voices for Life

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## Why Abortion is Not Required for Gender Equality

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**Education:** Suppose a co-worker tells you that since women are burdened with the requirements of pregnancy and childbirth, they can never have the same opportunities as men, and hence abortion is required for gender equality. How do you answer her? Unequal burdens do not mean unjust treatment by the law. Parents of 2 year-olds are burdened with the requirements of raising 2 year olds, and others are not. But everyone has the same requirement to respect the life of a 2 year old.

A law against abortion affects pregnant women in a way that others are not affected, but we should all agree to defend the right to life of our fellow human beings. Secondly, pregnancy is not a disability that must be “corrected” with abortion. Neither men nor women should be required to sacrifice their children in order to be accepted as equal in the work place. Making an adoption plan for a child is an ethical and loving way to provide a child with a home when the birth parents feel unable to do so. Finally, both women and men are equally responsible for their children. Just as dads are justly required to financially contribute to their children’s welfare, mothers must nurture their children in the way they are designed to do during the first months of the child’s life. (1)

If a woman feels she has no choice other than abortion, because of circumstances or coercion by parents or partner, our society should be defending her right to continue her pregnancy, and working with pro-life groups that offer her support, not encouraging an abortion which will harm her as well as her baby. “Abortion is a reflection that we haven’t met the needs of women, and women deserve better,” says Feminists for Life President Serrin Foster. (2)

1. <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/03/04/women-can-only-be-equal-to-men-if-they-can-abort-their-babies-heres-why-thats-false/>
2. <https://www.feministsforlife.org/pwapcg/>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please help our society to accept women as equal to men without any expectation of sacrificing their children in order to have access to opportunities. Help everyone to understand that abortion harms women as well as their children, and we should all be helping women and their children to get through whatever difficulties they may be facing. Help those who support women’s rights understand that women have the right to the support they may need to continue their pregnancies, not to take the life of their own children. Help all people accept the equality of children-in-utero as fellow human persons who are simply at a temporary, dependent stage of life.



**Action:** When the subject of abortion comes up, remind your pro-choice friends that we must “Love Them Both”. Abortion causes serious harm to the mother as well as the child. The pro-life movement is not about taking away women’s rights but preserving them – the right of a pregnant woman to the support she may need to continue her pregnancy, and to be treated equally without sacrificing her children. And of course preborn children of both sexes need to be respected as fellow human beings with the right to life.