

NOVEMBER 2020

GOD OUR BANNER:
YAHWEH NISSI

"Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi (which means "the LORD is my banner"). He said, "They have raised their fist against the LORD's throne, so now the LORD will be at war with Amalek generation after generation." (Exodus 17: 15-16)

Ancient communities carried standards or banners as a means to identify themselves, show their ideals, and rally together as a nation. The banners were made of wood or metal. They were meant to be noticed and seen from afar. Moses redirected the focus from a physical symbol (the banner itself) to God being the one with whom the Israelites could identify, rally, and march confidently into and from battle. When we pray to Yahweh-Nissi, we are praying to God who is powerful enough to overcome the enemy time and time again.

A story from The Back Porch... A woman came into our office after having gone to the clinic for her abortion. **She did not get the procedure done, and recounted some of her experience to us:** "I felt like they were pressuring me. They didn't give me any options. They said it would be easy and that they do abortions at this stage of pregnancy all the time, and that I would be ok." Pray for positive change in our healthcare system so that **life-affirming options are equally presented to those who were not anticipating their pregnancy.**

November is the month of EMPATHY

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31: 8-9)

Banners were made in shapes or symbols that embodied the people's ideals; this helped in bringing the nation together as one under one ruler. Jesus is the ultimate Banner on the cross! We can align under His holy sovereignty; it's in that place that we can gather as one in prayer and in advocacy for those who cannot speak for themselves. We know Jesus wept, He felt empathy for those who were hurting. Abortion is a hurtful process in many ways, and it is imperative that women and couples heal from the pain abortion brings. Let's continue to be advocates for the preborn within the healthcare system, and offer prayers of healing for those in hurtful circumstances, so that they can look to their future with hope.

In November, we are praying for HEALTHCARE

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12: 15)

As we hold up our banner Yahweh-Nissi, we need to pray for Canada Health. We pray for the volunteers and the medical staff who work tirelessly to help babies, mothers, fathers, and their families. We rejoice when a baby is saved and the family is made whole, and mourn the loss of preborn babies and the hurting parents after their abortion. Our banners are held high and we call on Yahweh-Nissi for protection and power in our battle for the lives of preborn children in our nation.

THANK-YOU FOR RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL TO PRAYER.