

STAND FOR



LIFE & MARRIAGE

PASTORAL GUIDE

START WITH PRAYER FOUNDATION AND TONE

Pray for:

- * Wisdom (James 1:5)
- * Humility and unity in the church
- * Leaders in Virginia
- * The protection of life and families

Pray that God's people will faithfully take action to pray, recognizing that "the prayer of a righteous person has great power". James 5:16; Jeremiah 33:3

REINFORCE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OUR IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST

This is not about political parties. This is about what we believe as followers of Jesus.

Use Biblical Foundation:

- » Sanctity of Life (Psalm 139:13–16)
- » Speaking for the Vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8–9)
- » God's Design for Marriage and Family (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6)
- » Being Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13–16)

Pray that church leaders would be attentive and receptive to understand how these constitutional amendments affect their ministry. 1 Peter 5:2

ANCHOR IN SCRIPTURE ROOTED AND BUILT UP

Anchored in the hope we have in Christ (Hebrews 6:19) and rooted and built up in Him (Colossians 2:7), we stand firm in Scripture as our unshakable foundation Psalm 139 (life).

- » Proverbs 31 (advocacy)
- » Matthew 5 (influence)
- » Matthew 19:4-6 (strong families produce a flourishing society)

Pray that the church will stand in the gap to hold forth Biblical truth concerning these Biblical values. Ezekiel 22:30

EXPLAIN THE STAKES DIFFICULT TO REVERSE

Constitutional amendments last far longer than legislation and are much more difficult to reverse.

- » Keep it clear
- » Avoid overload
- » Avoid political jargon
- » Use Family Foundation document detailing confusing amendment language

Embedding policies in Virginia's constitution removes future flexibility—this November's vote would make them foundational law.

Pray that the church will determine to act love and courage and to take a stand on these Gospel issues. 2 Corinthians 6:2

What God has Defined - We Defend

CALL FOR ACTION

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Faithful people don't just believe—they respond.

Encourage:

- » Prayer
- » Awareness
- » Voting

Go to stand4lifeandmarriage.org to find out how you and your church can get involved and make a difference!

MODEL THE RIGHT TONE

STAND IN TRUTH SPEAK IN LOVE

Reflect a communication posture that is both compelling and Christ-honoring in every conversation. Colossians 4:6

- » No personal attacks
- » Be firm but gracious
- » Avoid fear-based messaging
- » Model Christlike courage

Pray that the church will walk in obedience to Jesus' command to be salt and light in our culture that needs the hope of the Gospel. Matthew 5:13

CLEAR CALL TO ACTION

ENCOURAGE YOUR CONGREGATION

Lead your congregation with clarity and conviction, inviting them to respond faithfully through prayer, informed understanding, and meaningful engagement in this crucial moment. Pray intentionally for Virginia.

- » Be informed about the amendments
- » Register (if needed)
- » Vote November 3rd or before

Campaign reminder line: This November 3rd, let us stand for life, for families, and for Biblical truth. Vote NO on both the Abortion and Marriage Amendments!

VOTE NO

TO THE PROPOSED VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON MARRIAGE AND ABORTION.

WANT TO VOTE EARLY?

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

In Virginia, you have three ways to vote:

- 1** By mail
- 2** Early in person
- 3** On Election Day

You can vote early beginning 45 days before Election Day (starts September 18th) and ending the Saturday before Election Day. Before visiting your local registrar's office, you may wish to check your registration status or call your registrar's office.

THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

READ THE FULL AMENDMENTS

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT:

lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HJ9



Scan to view House Bill HJ9

ABORTION AMENDMENT:

lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB781



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