

# LifeLines

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Safely tucked under her heart our Savior sleeps.  
But Mary weeps for those "not wanted".

*You formed my inward parts;  
You knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, so wonderfully you made me,  
Wonderful are your works! (Psalm 139:13-14)*

## Delight in a Down Syndrome Daughter

*The number of babies born with Down syndrome has greatly decreased across Europe and North America. But few countries have unfortunately come as close to ending Down syndrome births through pregnancy termination as Iceland. Since the early 2000s close to 100 percent of women who received a positive test for Down syndrome have had an abortion. In view of this, the following beautiful testimony was written...*



***It wasn't easy getting me to birth! But I made it!!***

Bethany was born March 21, 1982; she was given one day to live. She was too weak to feed and had four major defects in her heart.

Five months before Bethany was born, her mom, Julia, had already had a conversation with God. He simply asked her, "If she is born with Down syndrome, will you love her?" Julia's answer was swift and firm, "Of course I would!"

On the day after her birth I was 20 miles away having a celebration breakfast for the first of my three children to be born a girl. Suddenly I was overcome with tears and an urgency to leave the house immediately and go to the hospital.

I was obedient to the Holy Spirit's urging. I rushed to the obstetrics ward and found Julia holding Beth in her arms and weeping. She cried out, "I've been calling you for 20 minutes! Bethany is dying! We have to transfer her to Montreal Children's Hospital NOW!"

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In that moment I realized that God knew all about Bethany's condition. He had alerted me of the emergency 10 minutes before my wife had a chance to call me.

We went to Montreal at high speed. A Quebec police officer pulled us over and heard our story about why we were speeding. He told us to wait for 5 minutes to calm down. Then he personally led us down the main street of Montreal with his siren wailing and the flashers on.

He who has ears to hear, think about God's communication and care for Bethany and ask: "Did not God treat this Down Syndrome child as a beloved person even before she was born and as a precious human even after her birth?"

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Lucas Warren  
2018 Gerber "Spokesbaby"  
the first who had Down syndrome

## **GOOD RESOURCES**

**Has "termination of pregnancy"/abortion been suggested? Get more information and practical help.**

**A warm voice on the line at:**

**Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, <http://www.saskatoonpregnancy.com/>; call: 306-655-7550; text 306-261-2760 or email [spoc@sasktel.net](mailto:spoc@sasktel.net)**

- **Options Regina, <http://www.reginapregnancy.com/> or call 306-757-3344**
- **For information and testimonies: <http://fountainofhopeonline.org/>**

Concerns about end of life care? Wondering about euthanasia or assisted suicide?

- See a priest for information about the Catholic Church's guidance and wisdom in life and death matters.
- Euthanasia and assisted suicide FAQs: [caedm.ca](http://caedm.ca)
- **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition:** 1-877-439-3348
- **Canadian Physicians for Life** [www.physiciansforlife.ca](http://www.physiciansforlife.ca)
- [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca) – Euthanasia and Assisted suicide FAQs
- Consider attending a **Dying Healed Seminar:**  
contact Deborah Larmour, [uwitness2family@skeparchy.org](mailto:uwitness2family@skeparchy.org)

Troubled by a previous abortion - yours or another's?

- Talk to your parish priest.
- Call **Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre--above**
- Read stories of women who have suffered post-abortion trauma: <http://www.priestsforlife.org/post-abortion/need-healing.aspx>
- Sign up for a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat see: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/> contact: Elaine Webster; 306-480-891; [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)



**PRAY FOR THE UNBORN**

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