

- 1 A group of medical students were discussing the various tests that can be made on the foetus in the womb to discover if there are handicaps. The lecturer said to all the students:

“About the termination of a pregnancy, I would like your opinion. The father had syphilis; the mother had tuberculosis. Of the four children born, the first was blind, the second died, the third was deaf and dumb, the fourth child had tuberculosis. The mother is pregnant with a fifth child. Given the conditions of the other children, should the mother terminate that pregnancy?” A vote was taken, and an overwhelming number said that she should have an abortion.

- 2 The lecturer replied: *“If abortion had been available in those days, and your advice was taken, you would have aborted the great composer, Beethoven.”*
- 3 Yesterday - 27 April, 1967, Britain’s Abortion Act was passed by Parliament.
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
inspire us with a great respect
for all human life
from the time of the child
growing in the womb
to the point of death.
May that respect lead us
to grow in a sense of responsibility
for all our brothers and sisters
throughout the world,
knowing that,
where one person suffers
and is degraded,
all of humanity
is belittled and abused.
May we grow in a sense of love and care
for those less fortunate
than ourselves,**

**and lead us to do something
about the difficulites in our world.
Amen.**



 *“Termination of a pregnancy” is another term for abortion. In 1996 there were 177,225 abortions in England and Wales.*

 *In 1997 social workers in India discovered that for every aborted male there were 1000 aborted females*

 *Isaiah 49¹⁵⁻¹⁶ - “could a woman ever forget her baby?”*

 *The Abortion Act came into effect on 23 October 1967. See also 23 October.*

 I will never forget you, my people;
Oh the word of my Lord; Do not be afraid

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