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February 26 - April 5

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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*A global campaign to end abortion through 40 days of worldwide...*

## PRAYER

If we want to end abortion, the first thing we must do is pray. Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. We call upon Christians everywhere to fall on their knees and ask the Lord to hear our plea and heal our land. We implore you—and every pastor around the world—to join this peaceful, 40-day campaign to end abortion and lead your sheep in this spiritual battle. These 40-day campaigns happen twice a year. The next campaign will take place **February 26 – April 5 2020**. Imagine what would happen if pastors around the world led their sheep in this spiritual battle against the greatest evil of our time!

## FASTING

In addition to 40 days of daily prayer, we encourage people of faith to fast, for Christ said there are some demons that can only be driven out by *prayer and fasting*. Only when we detach from the things of this world can we follow Christ's commandment to, "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." If we repent, pray, and fast, God promised that He would hear us from heaven, pardon our sins and heal our land.

## PERPETUAL PRAYER OUTSIDE OF ABORTION FACILITIES

During these 40 day campaigns, people pray outside of abortion facilities in one hour shifts in order to create a nonstop, 40-day prayer vigil—a community-wide sacrificial offering in reparation for the sins of abortion. Below are a few of the reasons we pray peacefully outside of abortion facilities:

- To show the unborn children that we love them and have not forgotten them (this is likely the only act of love they will be shown during their short life on earth).
- To remind the women going there for an abortion that God loves them, that there is hope, and He will help them. Many women say they were looking for a sign from God the day of their abortion appointment, and that they wouldn't have gone through with it had someone been out there praying. Thousands have chosen life simply because there *was* someone praying out there that day!
- To remind abortion workers and passersby that abortion is *so evil* that people are willing to pray outside of these killing centers in all kinds of weather, day and night, for 40 days straight. This prayerful witness has led to the conversion of 196 abortion workers!
- Former abortion workers tell us, "*When people are praying outside of the clinic, the no-show rate for abortion appointments sometimes reaches as high as 75%!*"

## THE ABORTION CRISIS

- Worldwide, approximately 56 million children are aborted every year—about 150,000 per day. <sup>1</sup>
- In the U.S., 4 out of every 10 children is killed in the womb<sup>2</sup> and 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by the age of 45.<sup>2</sup>
- Planned Parenthood—the largest abortion provider in the world—performed 345,672 abortion in 2019.<sup>3</sup> The Planned Parenthood in Aurora, IL—largest abortion facility in the Midwest—performs approximately 100 surgical abortions *every week* (not counting chemical abortions). <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Guttmacher Institute & World Health Organization: “Induced Abortion Worldwide”, May 2015.

<sup>2</sup> [www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/considering-abortion](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/considering-abortion)

<sup>3</sup> Parenthood Federation of America: “2018-2019 Annual Report” page 24.

<sup>4</sup> Based on eye-witness report of sidewalk counselors, who stand outside of this facility counseling women about the harms of abortion and informing them about the help available at local pregnancy centers.

## HOW 40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGAN

In 2004, four people in Texas prayed together for one hour, asking God to help them revive their local pro-life effort. They were inspired to pray and fast for 40 days and to coordinate a 24-hour, nonstop, 40-day prayer vigil outside of their local Planned Parenthood. The community rallied and for 40 days they prayed and fasted; they took turns praying at the vigil; and they spread the pro-life message throughout their community. During this 40 day period, abortions at that Planned Parenthood dropped 26%! News spread quickly and soon other cities began calling, wanting to replicate their 40-day effort. They did...*and had the same miraculous results!* The campaign went national in 2007 and now it takes place twice a year in over 950 cities in 61 countries!

## RESULTS SINCE 2007

**16,742 lives saved from abortion (some from our own community!)**

**196 abortion workers *experienced conversions* and quit their job (some from our local facility!)**

**104 abortion facilities closed following a 40-day campaign**

**1,000,000 individual participants who have grown closer to Christ**

## WHY 40 DAYS?

**God has used 40 DAYS repeatedly throughout history to bring about major transformations**

**Noah** experienced transformation during 40 days of rain

**Moses** was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai

**David** was transformed by Goliath’s 40 day challenge

**Elijah** was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from one meal

**Nineveh** was transformed when God gave the city 40 days to remain faithful

**Jesus** transformed the world following his 40 days in the desert

**The disciples** were transformed after spending 40 days with Jesus after His Resurrection