



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Why is Prayer Outside Abortion Facilities so Valuable?



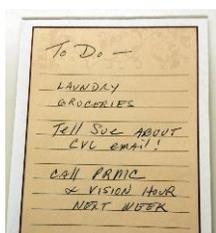
Education: As a woman is praying outside an abortion facility, a woman on her way out of the parking lot asks for her cell number. She gave it, and a few minutes later received a text: “[I saw you last week...] As I was driving away I couldn’t help but think maybe there was another way.....Had you guys not been there....maybe one more baby would have died today.” She had made an appointment for an abortion, but spent the week thinking and praying about it, and came back to get her money back rather than have the abortion. No one had spoken to her – it was just their presence that made the difference. Abby Johnson has reported that when volunteers were outside her clinic praying, the no-shows for abortion appointments would go up, sometimes to as high as 75%.

40 Days for Life is a wonderful program sponsoring prayer vigils twice a year outside abortion centers. Since 2007, over 18,800 babies (and their mothers) have been saved from abortion, 221 abortion workers have quit, and 112 facilities have closed after multiple campaigns had been done. (1) Abortion workers have noted that the atmosphere inside the center is different when there are pro-lifers outside. The staff is being reminded of the moral controversy over their work. A regular prayer presence can drive away enough business – or enough staff – to force the center to close. The volunteers are also a witness to the local community. When an abortion provider is just one office in a large medical building, most of the patrons or neighbors are not even aware that abortions are happening right there – but that knowledge brings home the reality of abortion in their own community.

1. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/about-results.aspx>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please continue to call faithful people to be present outside the abortion facilities to offer last-minute help to those who are planning abortion. Give them the strength, patience, and perseverance to continue in their saving work. Soften the hearts of those who see these people; help them to be open to seeking an alternative. Bless the efforts of CVL to build a year-round prayer presence outside 8200 Wednesbury Lane. Help each of our readers and followers to discern correctly whether you might be calling them to participate in either prayer or sidewalk advocacy, which involves offering information to each car entering the facility.



Action: Christian Voices for Life is an affiliate of Sidewalk Advocates for Life. We need both trained sidewalk advocates to stand at the driveways at 8200 Wednesbury Lane, and prayer support volunteers to stand across the street. We also need prayer warriors at home - just sign up to get a BRIEF weekly email to remind you to pray. Please spread the word to your pro-life friends. We will be making a presentation in September of 2021, on the various ways everyone can be involved in preventing abortions in our community. A training will follow for Sidewalk Advocates or anyone interested in the information presented.