

CAMPAIGN SPECIFICS - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT VIGIL PARTICIPATION

Where Is The Vigil Held and During What Hours?

Our vigil is always held outside the Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219 and we commit to having prayer vigil coverage for 40 straight days from 7am to 7pm each day.

How Long Do Vigil Participants Have To Stay?

Each volunteer is asked to consider committing to at least one hour of prayer during each week of the campaign. There are 480 hours to fill.

Consider asking your pastor if you can recruit fellow parishioners to cover an entire 12-hour day or a block of open hours for each of the six weeks of the campaign. Printed materials and support are available to help you promote your church's/group's participation.

If you can't interest your church/group in taking part during this campaign, under "**RESOURCES**" list referred to below you will find the campaign Flyer in full size or half size which you at least can print and post on bulletin boards at your church or on any public boards to spread the word about the campaign. The half size makes a good bulletin insert also.

Any amount of hours you can give is appreciated.

What Do We Do While We Are There?

Pray! Believe it or not, that is all we ask you to do. Even just being physically present makes a huge impact! Imagine the possibilities when you add the prayers! Any type of prayer will work. Many people use formal prayers together while at the facility and others just walk and pray informally.

Go to www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati and look on the right side of the page for the word "**RESOURCES**." You will find several downloadable prayer sheets that you can bring with you to supplement your prayer time. There are materials such as signs, prayer materials and resource guide handouts that can be picked up before you come to PP from a nearby location, if you want them. Ask Mary Clark ([info below](#)) where they can be found. You are not obligated to approach anyone on the sidewalk, but on the rare occasion that anyone asks you for help finding a pregnancy center, if you have a couple copies of the Greater Cincinnati Resource Guide List with you, you will be equipped to help him or her find where help is available.

Feel free to bring your Bible too. You may pray out loud or silently. You may pray as a group or individually. You may stand or kneel. Some people face the traffic, others face the abortion facility and still others walk the length of the sidewalk as they pray. You can vary between these ways during the hour. If you need a chair, you may use one as long as you do not block the sidewalk. Unfortunately, there are no restroom facilities.

You can go to the website above and click on STORE at the top of the page to purchase signs to bring with you when you pray. The card stock "rally" signs can be laminated at Staples for about \$4.00 so they are weatherproof. Punch two holes at the top and tie a shoestring to it so you can "wear" it hands free while you pray.

Ask about borrowing one of our signs if you are not able to purchase your own. ([Info below](#))

Is it Safe To Be There?

Yes. In 34 campaigns over 17 years we have had no problems. And we inform the Cincinnati District 1 Police captain of the campaign so that all officers are aware of our peaceful presence each day. We thank them for their service to the community and for their protection of us as we carry out this peaceful, prayerful campaign. A letter is sent to the District Captain and a copy is available for anyone who would like to have it with him while praying.

If you have more specific questions about safety, please contact Mary Clark ([info below](#)).

Are There Confrontations Or Is This A Protest?

No. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil. It is legal and non-confrontational and we stand on the sidewalk, which is in the public right-of-way. We do not block the entrance or exit to the Planned Parenthood building. You are free to cross the entrance and exit if you are walking, but be mindful of cars entering or leaving the property and do not walk onto the property.

Will There Be Any Opposition While I Am Out There?

Volunteers have found that there is much more support than opposition. You will mostly hear honks and see thumbs ups! Occasionally someone will drive by and yell opposition, but he continues

to drive on. Just add him to your prayers. If you have never come to pray publicly like this you may feel uneasy about it. But you can use that uneasiness to bring yourself into solidarity with the women who often feel they have no choice but to end the lives of their children. They are confused and may not feel they have any support in a decision to let their babies live. Your small sacrifice in taking a public stand is minor in comparison to what they are facing.

What About The Weather?

Rain or shine, we'll be there! As the weather can be unpredictable, dressing in layers is best. Make sure you have your gloves and hat and/or scarf, especially for early or late hours. In the spring or even the fall, it can be windy and often seems cooler here than other places. Don't go by how it feels when you step out your front door. If it looks like rain, bring a poncho or umbrella. Don't forget a few tissues when the weather is cold. Discomfort from the weather is in itself an offering and so little in contrast to what the babies, mothers and families face!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE A SUCCESS **DAILY PRAYER COVERAGE NEEDED – REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Our goal and commitment is to have continuous public prayer coverage in front of Planned Parenthood starting at 7am and continuing until 7pm with at least two people present each hour for the entire forty days of this campaign. During the fall 2024 campaign we will have for the first time men covering the 7pm to 7am hours also, for 24-hour coverage throughout the campaign! If at all possible, please consider sacrificing at least an hour a week to come to the sidewalk to pray throughout the campaign. We also need church groups to help cover blocks of open hours. It is important to start by covering the first days of the campaign FIRST. If your schedule is flexible, please try to sign up for hours showing no volunteers or only 1 volunteer. If you are signing up as an individual, ask a friend to join you. You can come alone, but we encourage you to try to find someone to come with you, if at all possible. Mary Clark may be able to help you find someone with whom to share the hour. Contact her at cincy40days@fuse.net or either (513) 791-4039 - home or (513) 604-9054 - cell, about this or if you have any other questions.

If you are willing to come to pray, let me emphasize the importance of committing to specific prayer times and signing up for your hours. It is the only way we know what hours are covered and where we still have gaps and need to ask people to fill in. If you have not done so in the past, go to www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati and register your name and contact information then sign up for your hours. Everyone who signs up to pray needs to register individually for his hours with a separate email address. Your information will not be seen by anyone besides the vigil coordinator and yourself. **NOTE:** If you have signed up for hours since September 4, 2019, you do not have to re-register before each campaign.

There is a "Volunteer Website Tutorial" in the **RESOURCES** list on the website if you need help registering and signing up for prayer vigil hours.

If you share an email address with a family member who will be coming with you to pray, since you both can't register with the same email, please contact Mary Clark (info above) so that she can add that person's name to the sign up list for the hour he/she will be covering so the number shown on the online calendar will be accurate. If you need any help or have any questions about signups, please contact Mary Clark.

If you find in your situation that you absolutely can't commit to coming to pray at a specified time, please still come to pray when you can. Any number of people can be present at any hour and the more present, the more noticeable we are and that's good. If you do show up to pray without signing up, we'd appreciate your sending Mary a message after the fact that you came to pray on the particular day and hour you came.

SPECIAL NOTE: Those who truly are unable to pray at the site due to infirmity are encouraged to fast and pray at home, their office or wherever they may be. Your prayers and fasting WILL be joined with those at the vigil site and all will be lifted up to God! (Let Mary Clark know you will be praying remotely and she will note that and count your prayer hours in her tally of all prayer devoted to 40 Days for Life!) But we encourage everyone who is able to bring a partner and come to the sidewalk to give peaceful, prayerful witness to the tragedy of abortion right in our midst.

GOD BLESS YOUR PRO-LIFE EFFORTS.

