



LIFE Prayers for Adults and Secondary Students

HELP SAVE LIVES IN DAYTON!

Join us in praying these or your own prayers as we seek God's help in ending abortion in our community, state, nation and world.

Dear Defender of Life,

Thank you for agreeing to pray during the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Our focus and purpose are to bring glory and honor to God by praying for His will to be done in our community. The Greater Dayton area suffers greatly because of the sin of abortion. According to the 2023 Ohio Department of Health Abortion Report, 80 babies are killed each WEEK in Montgomery County. Please join us in praying for an end to this horrible practice of destroying the precious lives of babies in the womb.

God tells us to pray that *His Kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* (Matthew 6: 10). Can you imagine going to heaven and finding abortion taking place there? Never! Absolutely it is God's will that every one of His beautiful human creations would be brought to birth and live!

The local abortion facility, formerly called the Women's Med Center, is now called Dayton Surgical Center of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio. It is still located at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering. During the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, people are urged to come to the sidewalks in front of the facility and pray there. For those who cannot come, the prayers you offer from home, from church, from work, or wherever you happen to be, will all contribute in a powerful way to ending abortion.

The Bible tells us that our problems may seem impossible to us, but that *with God, all things are possible.* (Mark 10:27) Your prayers will be joined with hundreds of others in our community. God will hear us and He will help us to end this horrible cancer on our community. Accept our sincerest thanks for your participation. May God bless you.

~ 40 Days for Life Dayton Leadership Team

40 Days of Prayers for LIFE

Day 1

Holy God, during these coming forty days, we ask that You bring to our memories the lives of the unborn---especially those for whom death is planned before life outside the womb is achieved. Help us to end abortion in our community and nation. May the prayers of all your people bear rich blessings as we join with others across America to pray to You, our Creator. Help us to pray with passion and unwavering faith in this matter of life and death. Make us instruments of Your love and blessing. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 2

Heavenly Father, we come together with other believers in this nation, standing in the gap in defense of the innocent unborn children who have no voice against the horrors of abortion. Forgive us for the torture and death that our nation has allowed us to execute against these defenseless babies. Transform the hearts of each mother and father, filling them with Your unconditional love for their child. Help us to continue in prayer and in active involvement until every precious baby is received with joy and is cherished as Your blessed creation. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 3

Heavenly Father, You are the Author and Giver of life and You have a special plan for every life You have created. We pray that the lives of all unborn babies would be preserved and that they would be welcomed into the arms of those You have called to love and nurture them. May each of these new lives know of Your love and may they live to bring glory and honor unto You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 4

Holy God, Your Word warns us of Your great displeasure with hands that shed innocent blood. In Your image each child has been made, and not one has ever been created except by Your perfect will. As we remember always that You are the Author and Giver of life, may we defend these precious innocents so that they may fulfill Your purposes in creating them. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 5

Holy Lord, make us useful unto You, that we may be faithful in this battle to preserve life. May the longings of our hearts be in complete harmony with Your will. Fill us with a holy passion for life and for You as our Creator. May we begin each day on our knees in communion with You until You welcome us through the gates of heaven because we have confessed You as our Savior. May we never grow weary in doing good, for in due season the harvest of our labor will be reaped. Make us instruments of Your peace as we stand in defense of the unborn. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 6

Holy God, as long as we have breath, may we praise You and seek Your intervention in our beloved nation. Restore us as a country that truly values life and that honors You as our Creator. Until the time when every child is loved and wanted and brought to birth, we shall continue in prayer, both sure and steadfast. We exalt You, Great God, for Your powerful answers; and we thank You as we come to Your Holy Throne of Grace, seeking Your very best, and standing in the gap for these precious little ones. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 7

Holy God, We may never know, this side of heaven, the extent to which our prayers are being answered during this 40-day campaign. It is easy to be discouraged and to fall into the devil's traps of deception. But You have called us to pray—to be strong, and to take courage. You have called us to walk by faith and not by sight. You have called us to trust in You with all our hearts, and to lean not upon our own understanding. And so, we pray, with hearts yearning for Your most powerful answers, and with a faith that is confident in knowing that You do respond to the prayers of those who call You Lord. Out of respect for life and in the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Day 8

Holy God, only when we return to those things that You hold dear will there be peace and blessing in this nation. You have set before us the choice of life and blessing, or death and destruction. May we choose to honor that which You love. May we choose life and choose it abundantly. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 9

Holy God, send forth Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all women with child. Place the love of Jesus within them so that they are willing to nurture the baby growing inside their own bodies. Help them to know that true freedom comes from obedience to You, our Creator, the Father of Life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 10

Holy God, how great is Your love for each of us. Thank You for making us in Your own image. Keep us mindful of the needs of all people—especially those with no voice to speak for themselves. We bring each unborn baby to You and ask You to wrap Your arms of love around them. Protect them from the horrors of abortion and place Your beautiful love in the hearts of every parent. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 11

Holy God, unite Your people to pray for these precious babies. This is not a political battle---it is a spiritual battle of tremendous and eternal consequence. Help us to know that the real enemy stalks about seeking whom he may destroy. Let it not be these defenseless children who have not yet had a chance at life outside the womb. Give us the strength to unite with believers across this nation in prayer and to stand in the gap on behalf of those who have no way to defend themselves. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 12

Holy God, help us to stand for Your powerful truth and to recognize that the babies that are being mercilessly killed are our own brothers and sisters in Christ---fully human, fully created by You, our God. Let us remain silent no more. We cry out to You on their behalf, knowing that You are the God who hears the prayers of His children. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 13

Holy God, getting involved is sometimes difficult. It is so much easier to walk away from problems and claim that they do not concern us. But we know that Your Word tells us that we ARE to be concerned and involved in the problems of others, and that we ARE to defend those who cannot defend themselves. Give us the will to pray for these precious babies and their parents, the courage to act, and the desire to extend our love to those who have no other hope. Make us open to Your leading in all things; for whatever You have asked us to do, You have promised that You will equip us to do. May the Name of Jesus Christ be glorified. Amen.

Day 14

Creator God, Your Word tells us that You knew us even before You formed us in the womb of our mother! What an awesome thought! You even set us apart for Your service. O Lord, hear our prayers for every precious unborn child. Help mothers and fathers to realize the nature of the beautiful life You have created. Help them to know that each baby is perfectly and wonderfully made, and that You have a special plan and purpose for each life. May all Your purposes be fulfilled. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 15

Father God, help us to remember that standing for Your truths is never the popular or accepted way by worldly standards. Keep us strong and faithful as we endure insults and mockery while defending these innocent babies. Give us thick skin and hearts full of passion for You, that we may continue to stand strong in defense of that which is good and right, just and true. We pray for the unborn babies, that Your loving arms would hold them and protect them. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 16

Holy God, we know that the word choice is popular, but also very misleading. In this abortion debate, the only choice that honors You is the choice for life---for preserving it, for promoting it, and for valuing it. Help us to respond as You would respond, and keep us focused on the goal: to choose life, and to choose it abundantly, that Your Holy Name may be honored. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Day 17

Heavenly Father, how we all want to be loved and appreciated! We all want to feel welcomed and cared for no matter who we are or where we are. May we show Your love, appreciation, caring, and blessing toward each precious unborn child. May each baby be welcomed into this life with love and with the nurturing that each deserves and needs. We pray that there would be rejoicing and thanksgiving for every new life that You have created. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 18

Holy God, daily our brothers and sisters are being led to slaughter---often just so that the lives of their mothers or fathers will not be inconvenienced. Help us to know that THIS IS OUR PROBLEM, Lord. This is a spiritual blight upon our nation, and

all of us must bear some responsibility for our silence and complacency. Help us, Lord, to do all that we can to defend these innocent little babies who cannot defend themselves. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Day 19

Holy God, thank You for inviting us to partner with You in this struggle against the evil of abortion. We know that we don't have to fight this battle alone, for You are with us and You are the Source of the power that will get things done. You are our Strength, our Shield, our Stronghold, and our Sure Defense. Father, we pray that You would guide our thoughts, words, and deeds by the power of Your Spirit. May our mouths be righteous and utter wisdom; may our tongues speak with justice. You are the Answer, Lord. We bow before You in praise and adoration. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Day 20

Holy God, though societies and cultures change, You are our God Who never changes. You are the same---yesterday, today, forever. Your Word asks us to choose life and choose it abundantly. Your Son, Jesus Christ, is Love Incarnate. We ask You to place that special love of Jesus in the heart of every woman with child so that each growing baby may be protected, nurtured, and birthed as You have willed. In His Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Day 21

Creator God, when we consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have ordained, then Lord, cause us to consider also the most precious nature of the baby in the womb, and to do all we can to protect these innocent creations. We are Your people, seeking Your very best for each new life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 22

Holy God, grant that the fathers of this nation would be convicted in their hearts to support and love the mother of their children, and that together they would nurture and protect the babies they have created. Place in each parent the desires of Your heart. Show them the blessing of commitment and faithfulness as they seek Your strength in raising each child. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 23

Lord God, so often we get lost in our busyness and fail to hear Your call to focus on those things of eternal importance. Protecting life is dear to Your heart. Make it dear to ours as well. We cry out on behalf of those who have no voice, knowing that they, too, are precious in Your sight. Hear us, Mighty God, as we pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, Who came to give life to all. Amen.

Day 24

Holy God, may the hearts of the workers in abortion clinics be touched by those who stand by in vigilant prayer, and may each worker submit to the Holy Spirit's call from darkness into the Light of the Lord Jesus Christ's love. Reveal to them the truth about the lies they have believed and may they turn away from this evil. Help them to choose life for this is Your will for all. In His Holy Name, Amen.

Day 25

Mighty God, grant us the strength to continue our defense of the unborn even when it is not popular or when our courts and government persist in undermining the sanctity of life. Help us to do what You have asked us to do, and then to leave the results to You. You have not called us to solve the problem; You have called us to pray, for You are the Answer in all things. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 26

Father God, though our sense knowledge tells us that lies and the killing of the unborn will prevail forever, yet we lift up our eyes to You, knowing that nothing is too difficult for You. We confess that You are the God of the impossible. You give our hearts wisdom and understanding so that we may trust in You to respond to our prayers in Your perfect way and in Your perfect timing. Hear our heart cries for Your protection of the unborn until the day of Christ's return. Even now, Lord, come quickly. Amen.

Day 27

Holy God, how it must grieve You to see Your people try to rationalize the killing of Your precious children. The lies have been repeated so often that they have been believed even by those who claim to be Yours. The Great Liar stalks about, seeking to deceive especially those who call You Lord. Awaken us from our stupor, Father God, and help us to be alert and vigilant. Give us the strength and courage to stand up and declare that the killing of babies in the womb is **WRONG!** Inhabit our prayers, Lord, and protect the children; for there can be no compromise with darkness. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 28

Heavenly Father, You are our strength in the day of battle. May we never grow weary as we stand for Your truths. May we never relent, never give up until every last child is protected and loved, whether in the womb or outside of it. May our prayers be filled with the faith to move mountains. Make us instruments of Your peace as we offer these petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 29

Holy God, equip us with Your love so that we may defend not only the innocent babies but also that we may pray for the mothers who choose abortion instead of life. In every interaction with them, in every prayer we lift up to You, may the words we speak be the language of Your love. Make us conveyors of Your truth in this world of strife. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 30

Faithful God, unless we draw close to You, we cannot know Your heart. You have asked us to choose life and blessing. Help us to understand that we cannot choose life for ourselves while denying the importance of life to others. Grant us understanding hearts, that we may know You better, for You always want what is best for every person You created. In the Name of Jesus, the Author and Giver of life, Amen.

Day 31

Holy God, give us the courage to stand strong in this spiritual battle, for as we defend the most innocent of Your creation, You defend us. Expose the lies and deceit of those who encourage others to destroy life. Make us alert to all that is not established in Your truth. As we struggle against the culture of death, may our hearts be rooted and grounded in the life of the Savior, in Whom we have the assurance of victory. We pray in the Name of Your Beloved Son. Amen.

Day 32

Merciful God, were it not for Your grace, we ourselves might be the ones in need of rescuing from a death in the womb. Help us to recognize our responsibility to defend those who cannot defend themselves, for as we do this unto the least of these, we do it unto You. Grant us the strength to stand against evil in any form. In the Name of Jesus Christ, who died that all might have life, Amen.

Day 33

Holy God, they go to work each day, contributing to the destruction of human life. Forgive them, Lord, for they do not know what they are doing. They have believed the lies of the devil who seeks the destruction of all people. Open their eyes, Lord God, and bring them to the full realization of what You want for them and for all people. You are the Answer to all our needs. We exalt You as the Mighty Creator of the Universe, and pray that Your Spirit would descend upon this nation in a powerful way. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Who died that all might have life, Amen.

Day 34

Holy God, cover the precious unborn babies with Your loving protection, and place in the hearts of all mothers the desire to preserve and defend the lives of these defenseless creations. Expose the lies that have kept women and men in darkness regarding choice and may Your truth prevail in this nation. Change hearts, Lord as You strengthen us for this struggle between good and evil. And may You receive all the praise and glory. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 35

Creator God, You looked upon all that You created and You said that it was very good. We know that You love each unique life and that You have special plans for every child made in Your image. Help us to value these lives that You hold so dear to Your heart. Hear all the prayers spoken in earnest on behalf of the unborn. Protect these precious, innocent babies from the violence of abortion and may the heart of every mother who is carrying a child be filled with the love and protection of the Savior. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 36

Heavenly Father, great is Your faithfulness to us all. Help us also to be faithful as we continue to press on in our defense of the unborn. Let us not grow weary; let us never give up. Grant us the commitment we need to continue to stand, to prevail, and to be victorious---for the battle belongs to You. We praise You for the victories You will accomplish through these prayers. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 37

Heavenly Father, how grateful we are for our own mothers who nurtured us in the womb and brought us into this world by Your grace. We pray for Your powerful love to be placed in the heart of every mother and father, that they may bless their children by being the kind of parents You have called them to be. Help them to understand the awesome responsibility they have to teach their children of You, and to help them to honor life and all Your creation. May each precious child be a child of love. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 38

Heavenly Father, Your hands formed every precious baby and all are perfectly and wonderfully made. Your Word instructs us to plead the cause of the poor and needy, and those who have no voice. May we always be ready to stand in defense of these babies as they grow in the wombs of their mothers, and may they be protected from the abortionist's hand. Grant each mother a heart filled with love and enable each baby to be welcomed with the gift of life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 39

Holy God, You have taught us to walk by faith and not by sight. Help us to do our part in this battle for life and then leave the results to You. Though we may not witness victories each day, help us to trust in You to continue Your work in the heart and soul of America until every last baby is wanted and loved. We know that we can never offer prayers that ask too much because we serve a Mighty and Awesome God Whose Name is Love. May Your Name be glorified both now and evermore. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 40

Holy God, we praise You and thank You for hearing our petitions over the past 40 days, for we know that You have used these prayers to do great and mighty things. Thank You for the lives You have saved and for hearts that have changed! Help us to continue to pray for the unborn. Let us never forget their needs nor turn a blind eye toward their helplessness. Place Your prayers in our hearts each and every day as we commit these precious innocents to You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Many, many thanks to you for your prayers.
Expect great answers from our Lord!
May God bless you and your loved ones.**

