

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®



Kalamazoo Campaign Vigil Guide

Information for 40 Days for Life prayer volunteers

*Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and
before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you
a prophet to the nations." ~ Jeremiah 1:4-5*

Introduction

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

We're praying for...

All those wounded by abortion in the past, now and in the future, including: mothers with no choice, fathers with no hope, families with no say, and babies with no chance. Remember: you are the last sign of hope for those entering the facility, and the first sign of mercy for those coming out. We pray in a special way for all those who work at Planned Parenthood; No one grows up wanting to work in the abortion industry.

God has unleashed tremendous (world-wide) campaigns of prayer and fasting for bringing about an end to the scourge of abortion. Every person joining forces in these campaigns is binding themselves with the army of God! And, we know that with God ALL things are possible. After ten years of steadfast prayer, we pray for the day when the Kalamazoo Planned Parenthood abortion clinic will close its doors forever.

Our campaign is always interested in improving! If you have suggestions for updates to this document, please contact us at 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com. May God bless your sacrifices of prayer and fasting!

Important Kalamazoo Contacts

Facebook: 40 Days for Life of Kalamazoo

Email: 40DaysKalamazoo@gmail.com

Website: 40daysforlife.com/Kalamazoo

Campaign Leaders: **Joe Magalski** - 989-992-6085

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Sidewalk Advocates for Life: **Mary Jeske** - 219-393-0644 / 20mlj3@gmail.com

Donations

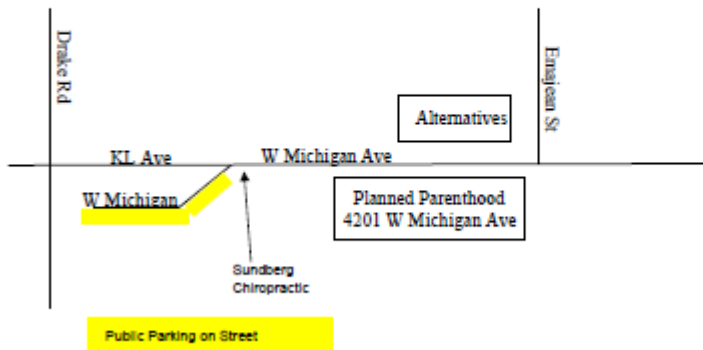
Tax-deductible donations can be made to the national 40 Days for Life headquarters at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/donate.aspx>

Location

In the Kalamazoo area, we pray on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic located at 4201 W Michigan Ave.

40 Days for Life Kalamazoo, MI



Parking

Parking is available on the dead-end street (W Michigan Ave) 2 blocks west of Planned Parenthood (toward Drake Road next to Sundberg Chiropractic) - see yellow highlighting on map.

Planned Parenthood Hours

Monday	9 am – 5 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 5 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 5 pm
Thursday	8 am – 4 pm
Friday	8 am – 4 pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Signing Up to Pray

Kalamazoo prayer vigil hours are: Monday through Saturday; 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Join the campaign, indicating your prayer commitment through contact with:

- Online website – 40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo
- By email – 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com
- Contacting campaign leader (see page 1)
- Through your local church coordinator

Suggestions for praying

- Join with others on the sidewalk or stand apart in a way that is comfortable for you
- Stand facing the building or face the road, always remaining mindful of sidewalk traffic
- Pray a set of prayers in keeping with your faith tradition (example: the Rosary)
- Bring along a Bible or other appropriate prayer materials
 - One such resource: "The Catholic Devotional - A Collection of Prayers and Inspiration for Every Catholic"



Statement of Peace

40 Days for Life is committed to ending the scourge of abortion through prayerful, peaceful, lawful vigils demonstrating truth, love & compassion. Please sign this Statement if you wish to participate in any 40 Days for Life activity:

I, _____, agree to abide by this Statement of Peace:

Print Name

- I will pursue only peaceful, prayerful and lawful solutions to the violence of abortion by supporting life from natural conception to natural death
I will show compassion and reflect Christ's love to all
I will not intentionally cause harm or commit crimes or violence
I am in no way, directly or indirectly, associated with any abortion provider including Planned Parenthood

While participating in a 40 Days for Life activity:

- I will not obstruct or block driveways, sidewalks, roadways or any lawful passage
I will not litter, deface, damage or trespass on another's property
I will closely attend to any minors in my care
I will not threaten, curse, yell at or verbally abuse anyone
I will neither commit any act of violence, threaten or touch any person, nor display or discuss weapons
I will be polite and cooperative with law enforcement and valid civil authority
If asked to leave by a valid authority, I will comply and contact 40 Days for Life HQ

I will strive to maintain the safety of myself and others by:

- Trying to have at least two vigil participants on site at a time and never being alone after dark
Holding vigil in a safe, public and lawful location
Immediately calling and cooperating with law enforcement and recording any incident if I feel unsafe or if any act of violence or damage is made or threatened
Leaving and calling law enforcement if I feel threatened or endangered

Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

If the participant is a minor who is unaccompanied by a parent/guardian, a parent/guardian must complete the following:

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, have read and understand and agree with this Statement of Peace and agree to all terms or behalf of myself and my child/charge; I agree to be responsible on his/her behalf to the fullest extent of the law.

I, _____, give my permission for _____, to participate in a 40 Days for

Print Name

Print Minor's Name

Life prayer vigil or other activity.

Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMMANDMENTS OF SAFETY

1. Stay safe, always.
2. Try to have at least two vigil participants.
3. Never be alone after dark.
4. Conduct the vigil in a safe and public or otherwise lawful location.
5. If you feel threatened, leave and call the police.
6. If your path is blocked, call the police.
7. If you are touched, call the police.
8. If you can safely do so, photograph/film events.
9. If the police arrive, be polite and cooperative.
10. If you are ordered to leave by a competent government authority, do so and contact 40 Days for Life Local Leader.
11. Do not trespass.
12. Do not threaten.
13. Do not touch others.
14. Do not display or discuss weapons.
15. Do not curse.
16. Do not block anyone's path/right-of-way.
17. Obey all laws.

SIGNS. Positive Life-affirming signs are allowed as long as they are not placed in the ground.

Assurances Regarding Encountering Others

- Community members have a legal right to stand and pray on the public sidewalk and area police are well aware of our intentions and our individual rights.
- If police ever visit (a rare occurrence), listen attentively to everything they say. Do not hesitate to engage them in conversation (the sight of a police car can have a deterrent effect on those contemplating abortion). Politely explain that you are here to pray peacefully, have agreed to abide by all laws and understand that you may not block the sidewalk. If the police ask you to move or do something, obey promptly and courteously. If you are uncomfortable with the manner in which they interact with you, contact campaign leaders afterwards. If you can do so tactfully, ask for the officer's name.
- If anyone inquires as to the reason for your presence, simply tell them about the peaceful, prayerful 40 Days for Life Campaign. Be kind, gentle and compassionate. Mentally remind yourself that anyone you meet may have had an abortion or been involved with one. Explain we are there to help:
 - those who believe they have no choice but abortion
 - those who have been involved in an abortion in the past and are still hurting.
- If you are given a donation, thank them and then contact a campaign leader.
- When addressing a mother/couple contemplating abortion, direct them to Alternatives Pregnancy Center, which is right across the street; 4200 W. Michigan Ave. Ste. 100, Phone: 269-345-1740
- Help is available for post-abortive women from organization such as Project Rachel. Information is available online (hopeafterabortion.com) as well as from Caring Network and Coalition for Life – Kalamazoo. Brochures, information regarding counseling, healing retreats, and recognizing the symptoms of “Post Abortion Stress” are all available. Assume that ANYONE with whom you're talking has either had an abortion or been involved in one. Recognize that there can be pain, hopelessness, anger, guilt, unresolved grief, regret or self-hatred. Tread softly with the hearts of anyone you encounter.
- A woman at risk of homelessness may call Gabriel Network 800-AngelOK. Many mothers are told by their boyfriends or parents that if they don't have an abortion, they will be kicked out of the house. There is help available.
- Many have prayed for years without ever having an unexpected encounter. Keeping a prayerful disposition at all time greatly diminishes such interactions.
- Sidewalk Advocates for Life are people trained in engaging clients that come to Planned Parenthood so you may see them while you are at Planned Parenthood. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, contact the Kalamazoo leader – see page 2.