

The logo features a stylized blue figure with arms raised, resembling a person in prayer or a dove, positioned above the number '40'.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

## Hour of Repentance Prayer Gathering Outline

### 1. Welcome and Opening Hymn Amazing Grace

We will pray scripture verses followed by a moment of silence and then intentions. Feel free to speak your intentions as the Holy Spirit moves you.

**Verse Number 1:** 2 Chronicles 7:14 (The New Jerusalem Bible) If My people who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will listen from Heaven and forgive their sins and restore their country.

Quiet moment of reflection (Prayers for Waukegan, the state of Illinois, the USA, and the World to come back to God in a big way. Prayers from the heart.)

**Verse Number 2:** Mark 1:4-6 (NRSV) John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all of the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Quiet moment of reflection (prayers for all of us to repent of our many sins, our individual and collective sins. Prayers for our communities of all Lake County and Kenosha County and beyond to be

touched by the Breath of God in a special way to have sorrow for sins and to seek out God and His mercy. Prayers for all of us to imitate St. John the Baptist in his discipline and sacrifices for sinners to repent.)

**Verse Number 3:** Luke 5:29-32 (NRSV) Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Quiet moment of reflection (Prayers to know that Jesus is a friend to sinners everywhere. The greater the sinner, the more he has a right to God's Mercy.)

### 2. Hymn Victory in Jesus

**Verse Number 4:** Psalm 147:3 (NAB) He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Quiet moment of reflection For mothers who have had abortions. to seek and receive healing and forgiveness from the Lord, for emotional healing, for boldness to help other mothers not make the same mistake

**Verse Number 5:** Matthew 5:44 (NAB) But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

Quiet moment of reflection For the abortion workers at the Waukegan Planned Parenthood for the softening of hearts of the workers and the abortion bound mothers. for the Holy Spirit to lead them to repentance, For us prayer warriors to respond with the love of Christ only, For law breaking to be exposed, For demonic strongholds to be broken in our region

**Verse Number 6:** Psalm 94:16-19 (NAB)  
Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will stand by me against the evildoers? Were not the Lord my help, I would soon dwell in the silent grave. When I say, "My foot is slipping," your kindness, O Lord, sustains me; When cares abound within me, your comfort gladdens my soul.

Quiet moment of reflection For the Church and it's leaders of all denominations rise up to pray and minister with us at 1601 N. Lewis Ave. To have a burden to see abortion end in Waukegan.

### **3. Hymn Here I Am Lord**

**Verse Number 7:** Acts 3:19-20 (NAB)  
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the messiah already appointed for you, Jesus.

Quiet moment of Reflection For all of us to repent of our sins, to trust in God's infinite mercy. For forgiveness for the times we did not act to save lives,

**Verse Number 8:** Matthew 11: 28-30 (NAB) Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn

from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

Quiet moment of reflection In thanksgiving for our Pregnancy Support Centers such as Family Resource Center in Zion, Aid For Women, and Aid For Women of Northern Lake County. Lord, protect their physical locations from harm. For protection against the lies that are being spread in the media about pregnancy resource centers. For financial security. For protection and wisdom to be with all of board members, employees, volunteers, patient advocates. For fruitful outcomes in their work. For hearts that come to them for advice.

**Verse Number 9:** Proverbs 24:11 (NKJV)  
Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.

Quiet moment of reflection Our prayers here make a difference.

Elena reflection on Psalm 91

### **4. Hymn: America the Beautiful**

We can sing additional hymns that people want to sing. We can stand in silence or great into small groups and pray.

Thank you for coming and being friends with the unborn.