



How to Sign Up Your Church Family

Ten *Easy* Steps for Filling Your 24-Hour Period during 40 Days for Life-Dallas

Thank you for adopting a day to cover in prayer during the life-saving **40 Days for Life-Dallas** campaign. To make your adopted day incredibly successful, we recommend the following:

- 1. Contact Your Pastor and Church Secretary** – Thank your pastor for giving you permission to adopt a day or days during the campaign on behalf of your church or faith community. Let your pastor and church secretary know which day(s) you have adopted on behalf of your faith community and that you look forward to working with them to get the word out to your church family.
- 2. Ask to Run a Bulletin Announcement through the end of the campaign** – Ask the church secretary or other appropriate person to run a bulletin announcement from now through the end of the campaign, which is the first Sunday of November. (Sample available online at prolifedallas.org/40days.) Be sure to include your contact information so participants can reach you to sign up for an hour or more of prayer during your church's adopted day.
- 3. Ask to Display Flyers in Church Foyer (and Chapel, if relevant)** – Ask the pastor or church secretary if you may drop off campaign flyers in the church foyer and/or chapel or post them on church bulletin boards or elsewhere as appropriate. Please try to refill, as needed.
- 4. Send the Sample Email/Letter to Pro-Life Group** – Complete and send the sample recruitment email / letter with the flyer to your pro-life group or contacts in your church family to encourage their participation. (Sample available online at prolifedallas.org/40days.)
- 5. Provide Information about the Campaign to Various Other Church Groups** – Provide flyers to or ask to speak at meetings of your various church groups and ministries to encourage participation, or if you have access to email lists for these groups, you may use the suggested Bulletin Announcement or the Sample Letter/Email as a template to send to these groups, along with the flyer and your contact information.
- 6. Make Several Copies of the Daily Vigil Schedule** – The Daily Vigil Schedule (available online) keeps track of the participants who sign up for your church. Make several copies of this, in case you get even more interest than you imagined! Keep a master schedule with you. We also recommend supplying your prayer volunteers with a final copy of the schedule with your number to contact in the event the next prayer volunteer does not arrive on time to facilitate a replacement volunteer.

- **7. Ask Your Men’s Group and/or Knights of Columbus to Be Involved** – Many times the men at a church love to have the opportunity to pray and fellowship at the prayer site.
- **8. Pick a Sunday to Advertise After All Services** – Ask your pastor or church secretary if you may advertise on a Sunday, preferably before the 40 Days for Life campaign begins. If you cannot book it before that date, then book a Sunday at least a couple of weeks before your scheduled vigil date. To prepare for that date:
 - **Ask to Run a Bulletin Insert That Sunday** – See number 2 above.
 - **Ask to Make a Brief Announcement After All Services** – See Sample Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement (available online at prolifedallas.org/40days) for content. Be sure to mention the bulletin insert and the table to sign people up after each service. (Note: If you prefer not to speak from the pulpit, you might find a friend who will help you. Or, if your pastor handles all pulpit announcements, then provide the suggested announcement to him or your church office to include in his announcements.)
 - **Set Up a Sign-Up Table After All Services** – Set up a table with the following materials:
 - Poster/Sign to Attract Traffic (template available online at prolifedallas.org/40days)
 - Daily Vigil Schedule (available online; make several copies)
 - General Flyer (customizable flyer provided upon sign-up; make several copies)
 - Prayer Vigil Guidelines (available online)
 - Statements of Peace (available online; make several copies): Please have all participants sign a Statement of Peace and mail them to 40 Days for Life-Dallas, P.O. Box 803541, Dallas, TX 75380; if you miss someone, copies will be available at the vigil site.
 - Reminder Cards (form available online at prolifedallas.org/40days): As someone signs up, they can grab one of these cards and write down their adopted hour(s).
- **9. Consider a Carpool from Your Church** – Feel free to arrange a van or bus trip from your church to the vigil site for a couple of hours. Your church secretary or office may be able to assist with organizing this.
- **10. If You Still Have Problems Filling Hours:**
 - **Consider Having Smaller Groups Within Your Church Adopt Shifts** – You can divide up your 24 hours into 6 shifts, 4 hours each, and ask your Women’s Group, Men’s Group, etc., to take a shift and be responsible for filling it.
 - **Contact Campaign Director Susan Platt at 40days@prolifedallas.org or 214-392-7545 for help.**

***Please Note:** All documents referenced above are available online at prolifedallas.org/40days, in *English and Spanish*, under “Guidelines, Directions, and other Helpful Documents”.*

May God bless your efforts as you witness to and fellowship with your church members on behalf of the precious unborn. Thank you for all you are doing for Life!