# A Proven Solution ... Prayer and 40 Days for Life

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14

This is a promise from God and this is exactly how 40 Days for Life began. Four Christians in College Station, TX realized they were not making the impact on abortion

that was needed so they gathered for an hour of prayer seeking God's answer. The



result of that prayer was 40 Days for Life, a 40 day campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach.

The results speak for themselves:

650,000 participants
16,500 churches
3,336 total campaigns
559 cities
27 countries
9,699 lives saved
107 workers quit
59 abortion facilities closed

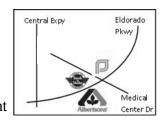
One campaign in 2011 outside a Planned Parenthood in Sherman, TX resulted in the manager, Ramona Treviño, quitting her job and the facility closing its doors. A note on their door told everyone to go to their next closest facility in McKinney, TX.

# WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE VIGIL...

The Vigil is the most visible witness of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. We will pray every day for 40 days from February 18<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup> from 7am until 7pm for an end to abortion. This 40 day vigil will be conducted in the right of way outside the McKinney Planned Parenthood at the NE corner of Eldorado Pkwy and Medical Center Dr. Park at Albertsons.

Please do <u>not</u> park or enter the business strip or parking lot where Planned Parenthood is located. For a map with appropriate parking labeled visit https:// www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zPqIS00-

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There will be a box with resources, a clipboard and vigil signs. Sign in on the sign in sheet on the clipboard On your first visit sign a statement of peace (found inside



the clipboard) Then find a spot anywhere on the sidewalk and pray! Feel free to hold a vigil sign as an extra way of witnessing to the community. In the resource box we have various prayer books and aids. There is information on healing after an abortion, local pregnancy resource centers and more.

If possible, please sign up in advance, even if you have a changing schedule and do not know until 1 hour before arrival.

Give us a call <u>214-531-7285</u>, email us vigil@prolifemckinney.org or sign-up online. www.prolifemckinney.org OR www.40daysforlife/mckinney

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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# PRAY TO END ABORTION

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# THE PROBLEM ... ABORTION AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

1,448 abortions are performed on Collin County Residents each year. That's equivalent to loosing an average kindergarten class every 5 days.

The worldwide abortion total has been estimated at a staggering 42 million - every year.

However, it's not only children who are



#### affected.

- Millions of women are wounded by abortion, - some physically, many more emotionally and spiritually
- Fathers who have lost children to abortion have been shoved to the sidelines, abandoned to lives of regret.

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion vendor, but they NEVER advertise this fact. Instead they tell young people about contraception sales and STD screenings to promote a positive image. Yet, Planned Parenthood preys off young girls in crisis,

locating near high schools and college campuses, telling them abortion is their only real option in their moment of despair.



#### COMPONENTS OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE...

40 Days for Life requires lots of prayer, work, and sacrifice, but the campaign is actually quite simple with three basic components:

## 1. Prayer and Fasting

Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. During the campaign, we are calling on prayer warriors to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land. Pray outside Planned Parenthood. Pray at church. Pray at work. Pray in the car. Pray at home with your family. Pray!

People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life.

Christ said there are demons that can only be driven out by prayer and fasting (Mk 9:28-29). A fast is a powerful means of drawing closer to God by blocking out distractions. Fast from food. Fast from television. Fast from excess time in front of a computer. Fast from apathy and indifference. Fast from whatever it is that separates you from God.

When God's people fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.

### 2. Peaceful Vigil

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a 40-day, prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood. This 12-hour-a-day peaceful and



educational presence sends a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.



## 3. Community Outreach

40 Days for Life seeks to take the pro-life message to every corner of our community through: Church involvement, meeting with local pastors, church leaders, and members of different congregations, ,media outreach, table displays, wristbands, yard signs, bumper stickers and much more!

### IF YOU'RE READY TO END ABORTION...

Now is the time to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Start praying for an end to abortion and ask God to show you how you can make a difference in helping to end abortion.

Sign-up and pray at the vigil outside the McKinney Planned Parenthood. Come to a

40 Days for Life event. Invite your friends, family, and church to participate in 40 Days for Life. If you can arrange for us to meet with a community leader or speak to a group about 40 Days for Life please contact our leadership team



at 40daysforlife@prolifemckinney.org or 214-531-7285. We also welcome your help as a part of our leadership team.