



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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40 Days for Life - Making a Difference



Education: One lady by the name of Meredith Olson was praying outside the abortion clinic in College Station. A man drove by and said, “Why don’t you do something about the children in Iraq?” Meredith took the challenge seriously, but she decided, “Today, I can’t do anything about the children in Iraq. But I can do something about the children here.” (1)

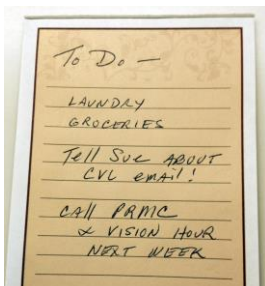
I love that song – “We Can Make a Difference, we can make a difference; we can make a difference in the world.” We all want to make a difference, don’t we? It is easy to feel helpless about wars in Africa, world poverty, or forced abortion in China. But abortion here in our own city – we CAN DO SOMETHING that will really make a difference. 40 Days for Life is a proven strategy to save lives. There are 12,668 babies – that we know of – whose mothers chose life because they saw someone praying outside an abortion clinic during a 40 Days for Life campaign. We also know of 141 workers who have quit their jobs, and 75 clinics which have closed down! (2)

Each spring, the 40 Days for Life campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, along with the season of Lent. Lent is a time for repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Can you make time this Lent to make a difference in the life of a young woman who is tempted to abort? You don’t have to say a word – just stand and pray and be a witness.

1. Bereit, David and Carney, Shawn, *40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done*, 2012. (New edition just published Mar, 2017)
2. <https://40daysforlife.com/results/> accessed 3/20/2017.



Prayer: Please, Lord, use this 40 Days for Life campaign to help many women choose life rather than abortion. Help the witness of the volunteers serve to remind all who enter the clinics to think about the preciousness of life, and look harder for alternative solutions to the problems they face. Help all pregnant women to become aware of the existence of pregnancy centers to offer them help and support. Help the staff of the abortion clinic to consider how much better they would feel about working somewhere else and consider leaving their jobs. Bless all the thousands of volunteers who will participate in this campaign around the world, and help them to be faithful to their commitments to pray and witness on the sidewalk.



Action: Please consider joining us this **Friday Mar 24**, or **Wed Mar 29** as we participate in Houston Coalition for Life’s 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway. Do you have some time when you can stand and pray outside the place where about 20 children are aborted every day? Go to our [40 Days signup](#) to get more details and sign up! To sign up for any other day (through April 9), contact Theresa@houstoncoalition.com or 713-395-1330. If you are not able to join us, please do pray where and when you can, for prayers are powerful everywhere.