



Christian Voices for Life
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40 Days for Life - God is Working



Education: Joanne and her daughter Eleanor were excited to organize the very first 40 Days for Life campaign in Providence, Rhode Island. Although they reached out to their church, other churches, other groups friends, she found only thirteen volunteers willing to participate. They did the best they could to cover the abortion center in prayer for the 40 day campaign. But they saw no evidence of any fruits of their labor. They quoted Mother Teresa, "God has not called us to be successful, He has called us to be faithful." How easy it is to be discouraged when we do not see results!

But several months later, they were blessed to find out that they had in fact made a difference. A young couple asked a priest to baptize their baby. They had shared with the priest how they had felt unready to have a child and had decided on abortion. They had gone to the clinic, and walked past people praying outside as they went in. But after a little while, they looked at each other, and without a word, got up and left. They said nothing to the people outside, but because of their presence, their baby is alive and well! (1)

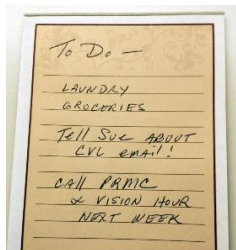
When you come to an abortion clinic to pray for an hour, you may not see anyone turning around or leaving the clinic because of your presence. But we are seen by everyone entering. Former abortion workers report that "no-shows" for abortion appointments always went up when there were people praying outside. The abortion workers inside also see us. We are witnesses to the truth, and whether we see any results or not, we are being seen. God is working, using our presence to work in the hearts of both clients and workers.

To listen to a podcast about how to overcome the fear of praying outside an abortion clinic, click [here](#).

1. Story from Chapter 9 of **40 Days for Life** by David Bereit and Shawn Carney.



Prayer: Please, Lord, give courage and perseverance to the many volunteers who will be participating in the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign, which will begin on September 26 and continue through November 4. Help us all to be faithful to our commitments, to be willing to endure the rain or heat or other inconveniences that come up during our prayer time at the clinic. Lord, help us to be confident that You will hear our prayers and that You will use us to give graces to the women coming to the clinic, and to the workers who will see us outside. We thank you for the opportunity to allow You to use us to be a sign of Your love, mercy, and truth.



Action: The fall 40 Days for Life campaign is only two weeks away! Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer, across the street from an abortionist's office in Sharpstown, from **8:30 am** (before the 9:00 opening time of the office) to **3:30 pm.**, on **Mondays and Thursdays** from September 26 to November 4, the dates of the 40 Days campaign. We will also sponsor **Tuesday, October 23**, of the campaign at Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway in Houston, which runs from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. each day. This is an opportunity for you to really make a difference! Do you have the time to spend one hour in prayerful witness on

one of those days? Talk to others at your church or your Bible study. If you work near one of the locations maybe you could come and pray during your lunch hour. See www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-Days-for-Life for maps of each location and more details. To volunteer at Planned Parenthood for a day other than Oct 23, please 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 the women who are tempted, for those who are wounded by abortion and need forgiveness and healing, and for conversion for those who work in the abortion industry.