



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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40 Days for Life - The Text Message



Education: One particular abortion clinic owner in was so angered by 40 Days for Life one year that he installed a sprinkler system just to harass the prayer volunteers, along with loud music and offensive signs. But the volunteers were not deterred. One day, as a woman was leaving the abortion clinic, she stopped to ask a 40 Days volunteer for her cell phone number. She gave it to her, and shortly thereafter got the following text message.

"I just wanted to ... let you know that what you do out there does make a difference. When I went to that abortion clinic last week ... I saw people standing out there with signs. I didn't expect to see that and part of me felt ashamed. I drove through the gates anyway ... and made an appointment for 2:30 p.m. today. As I was driving away I couldn't help but think that maybe there was another way. All this week I thought and prayed about it and I realized in my heart what the right thing to do was. I can't help but think that had you guys not been there that day to remind me that I had another choice, that maybe one more baby would have died today. Don't stop what you're doing. It matters. It did to me. From the blonde lady in the white SUV who picked up her money instead of aborting her baby today."

(from *40 Days for Life* by David Bereit and Shawn Carney.)



Prayer: Dear Father God, please bless the women who see the witness of the prayer volunteers outside abortion facilities. Soften their hearts to be open to your grace, to be open to the choice for life. Help them to find the support they need and make a positive plan to cope with the pregnancy and accept the gift of a child. Help the prayer volunteers to persevere in prayer in spite of whatever inconveniences they experience, and to trust in You that their prayers are heard whether or not they see any visible results. Please help all workers in the abortion industry to also see that witness, and stop whatever rationalization or denial allows them to continue their involvement with selling and providing abortions.



Action: Pray about your role in a 40 Days for Life campaign in your area. See <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx> to find a location. In states where abortion is illegal, Planned Parenthood and some other former abortion providers are still open to provide other services, but also provide referrals for abortion clinics in pro-abortion states. The abortion pill is still at this time (April 2026) readily available over the internet, and being mailed into

pro-life states. Funds are also available for women to pay for abortions and sometimes for travel expenses as well. Abortion is still happening in every state and 40 Days campaigns are as well. Some women who come to an abortion clinic may truly be looking for alternatives. Others may just need a reminder of what they know is right. Is God calling you to be his voice to offer women help in finding alternatives to abortion? Talk to others at your church or your Bible study; maybe you can bring a friend.