



Christian Voices for Life *Wednesday Word*

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40 Days for Life - Why Are They Praying So Loud?



Education: Miracles can happen. In Los Angeles County, there were 47 abortion facilities, responsible for **1,287 abortions each month** in 2008. In La Puente, California, five 40 Days for Life campaigns have been held outside one of those 47 abortion facilities.

Laura, at 18, informed her mother that she was pregnant, but had a solution to the problem: abortion. Laura's mother and grandmother both prayed that Laura would change her mind, and prayers were said specifically for Laura by the 40 Days for Life volunteers. When Laura's mother brought her to the clinic, hoping for a last minute chance to persuade her to change her mind, Laura stayed in the car, crying. Laura said that she feared she would be letting her family down by having her baby. "If you have an abortion," her mother replied, "you'll be hurting us far more." After 30 minutes of crying, Laura asked "Why are they praying so loud?" Her mother looked at the volunteers, at least 50 ft away, on the sidewalk. "Those people are praying silently," she said, "I can't hear them at all. Maybe it's God talking to you." Laura said it was time to leave - without the abortion. She would carry her baby.

The La Puente abortion facility closed after five 40 Days for Life campaigns and other prayers outside their location. This story is taken from the book *40 Days for Life*, released in 2013. **Current statistics in 2026:** since 2007, 185 abortion centers have closed after 40 Days for Life campaigns, 26,512 babies have been saved (that are known), and 277 abortion workers have quit. The spring 40 Days for Life campaign is held during Lent each year, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, and the fall campaign takes place in September – October.



Prayer: Please, Lord, give courage and perseverance to the many volunteers who are right now planning and working on the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign. Open the hearts of church leaders to promote the campaign in their churches, and of many good people to respond and participate. Lord, you alone will know the effect of our prayers, but we thank you for the stories of babies being saved that give us encouragement and hope. We pray that many more babies and women and families will be saved from abortion as a result of 40 Days for Life campaigns all over the world.



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.