

Important Instructions

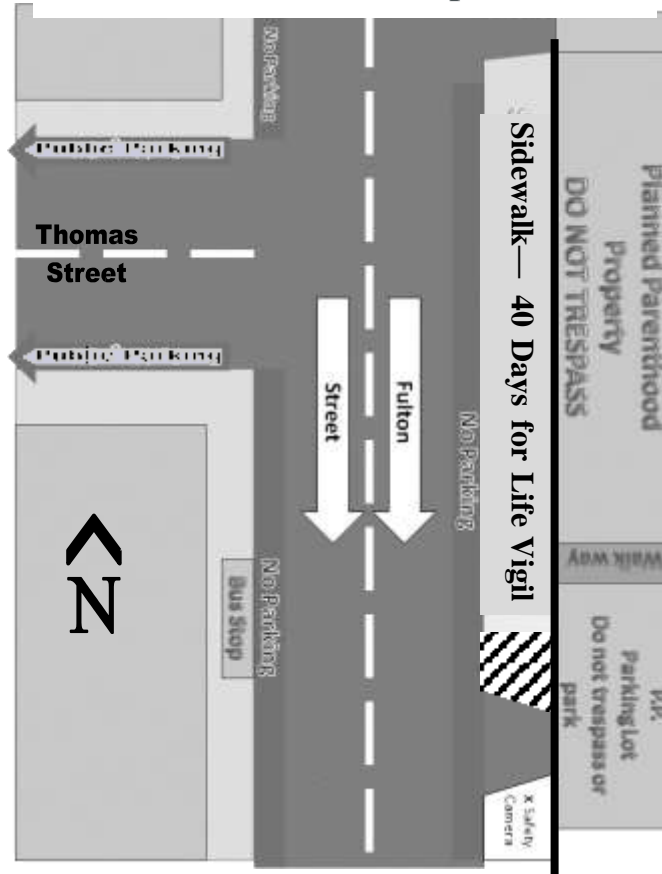
for our safety

To continue a peaceful vigil that is both safe, and law abiding it is imperative that these instructions are followed at all times:

1. **Do NOT TRESPASS** on private property, including and especially Planned Parenthood walkways, flowerbeds & parking lots.
2. Do NOT obstruct or impede traffic on the sidewalk, driveways or street.
3. Do NOT threaten, physically contact, yell at, or verbally abuse anyone while at the vigil.

These instructions help 40 Days for Life remain *above reproach in the eyes of God and men*. Please follow these and any instructions given by your vigil leader during your time of prayer with us.

VIGIL *map*



Please Be Aware of the sidewalk area to the north of the Planned Parenthood Driveway (the area). This area must remain free and clear of stationary individuals for the safety of our volunteers and the street traffic. Please help us create a safe prayer vigil and keep this area clear.

CONTACT 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

leadership

Fresno 40 Days for Life is a ministry of:

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Fresno
40
DAYS
FOR
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A Ministry of

Right to Life
of Central California

Engage • Equip • Embrace

Orientation Brochure

“Blessed are the
peacemakers for they
shall be called sons of
God”

~Matthew 5:9

WELCOME

& thank you

WELCOME to the Fresno 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. Over the past four years nationally, and in Fresno, 40 Days for Life has been instrumental in saving the lives of many unborn children, and bringing peace, healing and the love of Jesus to young men and women.

In Fresno, we have seen the prayers lifted during 40 Days for Life **save eleven children** from the death of abortion, and be instrumental in **three conversions** right in the middle of the sidewalk.

The power of your prayer is great, and God's compassion is effective. **THANK YOU** for your time, energy, and prayer with us this year.

We are excited to see lives saved and hearts changed by God both in Fresno and across the Central Valley as we pray for 40 Days.

Please use this brochure as your reference to some basic instructions and information during your time of prayer.

Our presence as a **vigil of peace and compassion stands as a stark contrast** to acts of senseless violence committed by people from both sides of this significant issue. Thank you for your devotion to the cause of LIFE.

In His service for LIFE,

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VIGIL LEADERS

& the safety camera

A Vigil Leader (in the reflective vest) is present every hour of the vigil to **provide support, guidance, and ensure your safety**. They have been trained to address many different situations and are happy to answer questions and provide information. **Always follow instructions** provided by the vigil leader or a vigil safety monitor.

THE CAMERA is a closed circuit, private camera pointed towards 40 Days volunteers. It serves as a 'second witness' to the vigil, and provides documentation of the peace, compassion and non-violence of the prayer vigil.

WHAT TO DO

if asked a question

If approached or asked a question by a member of the public or someone from Planned Parenthood:

Answer simply and honestly: *"we are here to peacefully pray for the end of abortion."*

If you feel comfortable, you may explain further what 40 Days for Life is, or how prayers effect our community for peace. **YOU ARE ALWAYS FREE TO REFER ANYONE TO THE VIGIL LEADER ON DUTY.** During your time at 40 Days for Life, **you are NEVER expected nor required to counsel others**, speak to media, or say anything beyond your comfort zone. **You may, if you feel comfortable, gently offer** the Pregnancy Center flyers regarding *free women's health care*, available from the Vigil Leader. **VIGIL LEADERS WILL ALWAYS BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR NEED ADDITIONAL HELP.**

PRAYER GUIDES

& meditations

"Our Father, Who is in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name"

God has instructed us to pray and we are greatly blessed to bow before the Creator as His children. As you pray, consider:

Acknowledging God's characteristics: His greatness, mercy, righteousness and love. Confessing our need of mercy and repentance as individuals, cities, and nations. Thanking God for the power to change hearts, and for the blessings of communion with Him.

Asking for the intercession of His Spirit of compassion in the lives of the young women, men, nurses, doctors, and volunteers.

The Holy Spirit helps our prayers when we do not know what to pray:

"the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words" Rom 8:26

SAMPLE PRAYER

Dear God, my Lord and Savior,

You are great and wonderful, and you know me better than I know myself. Lord, I know that I have done wrong, both to You and to others, and so I ask for forgiveness for me, and for those who are hurting from abortion. Thank you for changing hearts. God, please change the heart of this city, of this state, of this nation, that our people would love peace and compassion. Lord, please send your Spirit into the hearts of those who are affected by abortion, that they would find healing and love in You. I pray in Jesus name, AMEN