



**Important Guidelines to Follow in Nursing Home Outreach Campaign  
for the 40 Days for Life**

- 1) Contact the nursing home you choose. Find out who visits the home in a spiritual/pastoral care role.
- 2) Connect with their pastoral care personnel about your desire to outreach into the nursing homes. Explain the 40 Days campaign to them. Respond to any questions they may have. ***It is important and necessary to have their permission before doing any outreach with the elderly.*** Make sure they know Archbishop Prendergast has given his endorsement to this 40 Day for Life campaign.
- 3) Ask if you could speak after one of their Services at the home. Ask the Religious if they could offer a few words about the sanctity of life as a lead in for you.
- 4) **Keep it short and simple!** (The elderly tire easily and with too many details, your original objective might get lost).
- 5) **DO NOT** get into any arguments about abortion. The 40 Days for Life campaign does not support abortion under ANY circumstances, rape and incest included.
- 6) Familiarize yourself with 40 Days for Life campaign (website, pamphlet)
- 7) Use the Talking Points you feel will be helpful to you and the residents.
- 8) Give the residents the daily prayer, uniting their sufferings with Christ's for the intentions of the campaign. Lead them in this prayer.
- 9) Promise to return at least once towards the end of the 40 Days for Life campaign to update them about what has happened. Allow them some time to share how they felt in being apart of this campaign. Encourage them to continue daily offering for an end to abortion.



### **Outreach To Nursing Homes/“Shut In”**

**Objective:** To enlist prayer warriors/spiritual helpers to offer their sufferings and pains of their conditions to God, for the purposes and intentions of the 40 Days for Life campaign.

### **Some Talking Points to Consider**

- ★ The key to the programs success is PRAYER. The program is built on the foundations of prayer and fasting, drawing on God’s infinite power and recognizing that with God all things are possible even ending the tragedy of abortion.
- ★ Abortion is a spiritual battle therefore, we need to use spiritual weapons. If you love Jesus and pray, you can be a terror to the invisible foe.
- ★ God uses ones weakness. (Gideon was strong with the strength of God). The weaker we are, the more confidence we should have. God uses the weak things of this world to confound the strong.
- ★ God hears every word of every prayer we pray. God will be faithful. Unite your sufferings with His - make that suffering not futile but eternally fruitful.

On the day abortion comes to an end, these prayers and efforts of our spiritual helpers, unknown to most of the world, will have made a major contribution by the manner in which they shared Christ’s sufferings. Such a “gift” of being used is possible because of the eternal merit of Christ, the Christ who allows us the privilege of participating with Him in the salvation of others



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## Why Assist in This 40 Day Campaign?

### Talking Points

1.
  - That we might be faithful and pleasing to God by saving the physical lives of God's precious infants through the spiritual conversion of their mothers and fathers, for the abortionists and their staff, for our politicians, and for all who, through indifference do nothing to try to stop abortion.
  - Their prayers provide spiritual and moral support for the Sidewalk Counselors
  - Their Prayers are also there to provide a personal love to God's infants who will die that day through abortion.
2.
  - That we might grow closer to God by experiencing the mystery of His Cross.
3.
  - That we might more dearly realize Christ's personal love for each one of us and know the joy of having responded to His call.
4.
  - That we might learn to pray and offer our sufferings and then abandon the results to God, recognizing that it is God's power and love which will overcome the end of abortion and soften the hearts of those who participate.



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## DAILY PRAYER

**H**eavenly Father, Creator of all life,  
help us to unite our prayers and suffering,  
to Your Son's death on the Cross;  
for an end to abortion and for all the intentions  
of the 40 Days for Life campaign.

We pray this in Jesus' name,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

