



## Is Prayer enough?

*How the Vigil saves Souls!*

We pray at the site where innocents are murdered.  
What is the point?

Do we pray for our own benefit?

Do we pray because someone told us to?

Do we pray because we should as Catholics?

When praying at the vigil we ask ourselves these questions. Catholics are called to be militant, to get out into the world and to give witness to our beautiful faith.

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**“Faith without works is dead”**

*(James 2:14-26)*

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When discerning why I should pray at a vigil, I first understand the horror of what abortion actually is and why it is such an offence against God. Abortion is the killing of an innocent life. What makes it worse is the life of a baby being taken away in the one place where it should feel most protected - the womb of its mother.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

*“Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The “spiritual battle” of the Christian’s new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.” (2725)*

As shown in the Catechism, Prayer is one of the greatest things a person can do. It allows us to speak with God directly and in that way he can work through us as his instruments.

We apply this principle to praying at the actual site of this great sacrilege against life, life which our Lord and Saviour created. The Catechism states

“prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter”. There is no greater spiritual battle taking place than at the site where innocence is murdered. There is a constant battle between God and Satan, good and evil. We are the soldiers of Christ. We are called into battle. We are called to fight for life. As Catholics we are called to uphold God’s law.

How can we do this? Praying outside abortion clinics is one of the most powerful witnesses for Christ we can do. It is a battle for life. When going to pray at these sites we can feel the spiritual battle taking place. You are there praying for the conversion of the hearts of the mother and father.

Satan is trying with all his might and power to make sure that they carry on with the abortion. What is our weapon against Satan and his evil army? The humble Rosary.

We say the Rosary, as it is the most powerful prayer outside of the Holy Mass and the devil cannot stand when Catholics use the Rosary against him. We say the Rosary at the site of the battle as it is even more effective.

*“The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with it confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results”*

St Josemaria Escriva

We cannot fight this war alone. We need God and his grace to be able to defeat abortion and to save souls. Praying at the site allows us to do the necessary penance as well, as it is not as easy place to be. There will be abuse hurled at you by passer s-by and you will get called names. You are making a stand for Life, you are Defending the Defenceless - what did you expect?.

Catholics are called to fight, let us fight and pray to end the scourge of abortion not just across Australia but across the world. The Church has always accompanied the dying with prayers. Let us continue doing that by praying for the unborn.

St Gerard Majella, pray for us!

## Tales from the Street

Preterm, the oldest abortion provider in Sydney has closed its doors. That makes 4 Abortion mills in Sydney closed in the last 8 years. There are no more abortions being performed at this particular clinic. This is incredibly good news and it shows the power of constant prayer and sacrifice. The Helpers of God's Precious Infants have been praying at Preterm since March 2008. Every week they would go there to pray for the innocent child who was about to be murdered. They would pray that the mother and father and abortion workers would have a conversion of heart.

Anyone who says that praying at the actual site is not any more powerful than praying at home, can consider this development as proof that if one makes the sacrifice, God will heed their prayers and great things will happen. This is the Let us pray that more people will take up this most important fight and show the world that prayer really does work.



Now on to the next abortion clinic.

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## Pro Life Apologetics

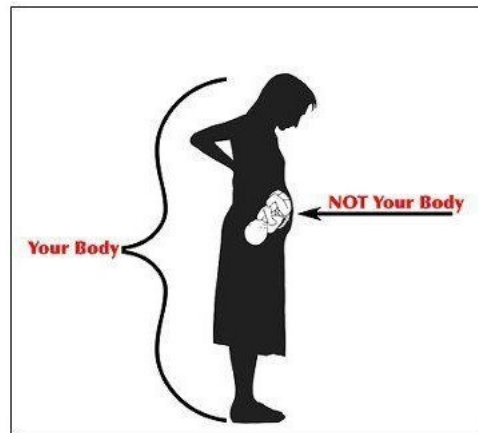
### Abortion is a private matter between a woman and her doctor.

This argument is often used by pro-abortion advocates and is flawed in nature. We would not use this argument if a parent was abusing a child at home. We would not say that this is a private matter between a parent and a child.

The notion that abortion is a private choice between the woman and the doctor is one that has no basis. Wrong and injustice is caused whether it is private or public.

One response is to ask is what other crimes are a private choice between one person and another? Theft? Murder? Adultery?

This will then lead to the issue of abortion being a crime. Then you can move onto the right to life and when life begins and why the mother has the right over another unique individual but others do not.



### Vigils

*Join us in person, or by prayer as the Helpers of God's Precious Infants step up to the front lines in the battle for Life.*

**Sydney:**  
Thursday 8:00am - 10:30am, Friday 8:00am - 10:30am, Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am.  
120 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

**Albury:**  
Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm.  
586 Englehardt St, Albury.  
More at Melbourne, Townsville, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Full details are at [fli.org.au](http://fli.org.au).

### Events

*Pro Family and Pro Life related events in the coming months*

Pro Life, Pro Family Conference to be held down at the Lake Hume Resort, Albury. It will run for 3 days. From the 21st-24th January. For anyone wishing to learn more about how our Faith and fighting for life and family go hand in hand then this event is not to be missed.

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