



40 Days For Life - A vigil a day for 40 Days

Giving your time - and not giving up

Perseverance is a virtue that is difficult to practice in this age of constant distractions and a multitude of claims on our time. It is even harder when we practice something where the results are rarely seen directly. 40 Days for Life is an intense protraction of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants vigils that are held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Morning. It goes all during Lent from 7am – 7pm. Perseverance is key to 40 days for life. We must persist in prayer in the hope that lives will be saved, both physically and more importantly, spiritually. 40 days for life is not easy, but it is a powerful witness to Life. It says to the world that all life is Sacred not just the life that society deems fit. Imagine the power of attending a vigil in front of a terrible place like an abortion clinic and regularly enduring changes in weather, discouragement, abuse from "choice" vigilantes and drive by commentators, as well as terrible strain of the modern day sin of being "boring".



Yet the people attending the prayer vigils every week continue with their work. They are supported by those that can't make it to the place through prayers, by FLI Australia with logistical, practical and other support as well as their own prayers and preparation (Mass) before each vigil. At times God provides hints of the positive results in the form of "turn-arounds" where mothers have realised the error they were about to make and have made a real choice for the life of their child and themselves. As with Helper's Vigils, prayer is the key to changing hearts. Getting into heated discussion with passersby or protestors is not what we are there to do. This distracts a pray-er on his

real purpose and only serves to inflame the situation.

During Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, there is a concentrated effort around the world to attend vigils every day for 40 days, ending on Palm Sunday. Here in Sydney, from early in the morning to late at night and on Friday and Saturday evenings the whole day is completed with adoration. It is a constant stream of prayers to heaven from all over the world, concentrated on ending the plague of abortion where billions of

lives have been lost. One can't be discouraged because they have not physically seen a "turn-around", rather know that their prayers are having an effect where ever God desires, whether that be here in Sydney, or in London, New York, Paris or wherever. This is why 40 days for life is so important for our secular society because it is asking for intercession from God on a worldwide scale. How efficacious would that be?

So stand up Catholics of Australia, become what God is

calling you to become. Raise the Catholic banner in the public domain. Be a voice for the voiceless, a defender of the defenceless. The cries of the innocent cry out like the blood of Abel to heaven. God will have his vengeance but we must do all that we can to bring life and love to these poor children and at the same time save the eternal lives of souls. This 40 days for life, get involved, show the world that abortion is not okay, that it is a grave evil and that it must be stopped. 40 days for life is a great way to cry out to God to bring mercy to all those involved and to bring about an end to the scourge of abortion.

Appeal to keep FLI Running

Family Life International is in the front line every week with the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, working and praying outside those demonic places where innocent blood is being shed.

We know, perhaps better than most, how much we need the help of Our Blessed Mother and her Angels! Our fight is not, as St Paul said, against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers.

Thanks to prayer and our presence at these places, many young women have chosen life for their unborn babies. But as happy as each turnaround is, the story doesn't always end there. Often, these young mothers need help to carry their babies to birth and beyond. If they have no family support - especially if they have been accompanied to the abortion mill by a family member or the father of the baby - they feel trapped and extremely vulnerable.

Who will provide her with somewhere to live, or financial support when she is no longer able to work? Who will pay her student fees or help her to defer her studies if she is an overseas student?

We will - ALL OF HER PRO-LIFE FAMILY!

BUT, and it's a very big BUT.

Today, in various parts of the country, the Helpers are fighting to stay on the streets. There are many, in powerful places, who would drive us back off the streets, out of the public square and silence us within the walls of our homes and churches. They

would make religion a purely personal thing. They say this is a secular, multicultural country and religion has no part to play in public affairs!

They do not understand that Western civilisation, with all the freedom and security we enjoy today, was built upon God's laws. They do not understand that if we drive God out of the public square, ignore His laws, and defy Him, He will allow us to return to barbarism with all its cruelty and slavery until we bend our stubborn wills and repent.

At the same time, more pregnant women are needing help from FLI. While continuing to assist those who need long-term support, new turnarounds are being experienced on a regular basis. Currently we are assisting a young couple from Nepal who gave birth to a beautiful little girl in early 2016. At the moment they are living with one of our great supporters and a regular helper. A young Iranian refugee just gave birth to a beautiful little boy, whom she named Adam. She needs as much help she can get.

These are just a few of the calls for help we face. If only 1000 of our supporters could give \$20 each week (\$1mil+ per annum) we would never have to have any appeals to ask for more.

Please say a resounding YES to this appeal and be as generous as you can so we can say a resounding YES to the mothers in need.

Click below to donate!

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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:

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am, Friday 8:00am - 10:00am, 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](https://www.fli.org.au).

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