

Dear Adopt a Day Coordinator:

THANK YOU for your willingness to join the 40 Days for Life campaign. 40 Days for Life focuses attention to the evil of abortion through three fundamental ways – prayer/fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. The documents and templates found under the downloads section of the website are designed to help you with your sign-up drive to encourage participation of prayer volunteers outside of Planned Parenthood during your church/organization’s adopt-a-day.



The following pages contain descriptions of each of the documents available to help you SIGN UP your Prayer Volunteers for your adopt-a-day. Suggestions are included on how to use the documents, but be creative and utilize the tools in the way that works best for your church/organization. You and your core team can best determine what will work in your particular environment. All the documents are editable so that you can include your own dates and contact information. However it is mandatory that the “spirit” of the 40 Days for Life message is NOT changed. Do not add any political messages or personal agenda items.

On the downloads page, there is also a Timeline Suggestions for an Effective Sign-up Drive document with ideas on how much time you need to plan your sign-up drive.

The St. Louis 40 Days for Life Leadership team are available to assist you should you need additional information or prayers. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, suggestions or prayer requests as you work towards filling your adopt-a-day. Our entire leadership team will be praying for you and your church/organization, as you prepare for your adopt-a-day during this powerful campaign.

Sincerely,

The 40 Days for Life Team

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SIGN UP WEEKEND HELPFUL TEMPLATES/DOCUMENTS

NOTE: All of the attached documents can be found on the website under the “Downloads” link.

FLYERS

There are five beautiful picture flyers available under the downloads section that are editable so that you can insert your own specific contact information and dates. These are great for bulletin boards. You can also use one on your SIGN UP table or enlarge one and put it on an easel.

DEAR FRIEND FOR LIFE LETTER (there are two versions available)

This letter is intended to be used as a way to announce your SIGN UP weekend. Mail or email this letter to those volunteers who have participated in a previous *40 Days for Life* campaign. If this is your first campaign, you can send this letter to individuals that you believe are open to the 40 Days for Life message.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a very simple sample announcement that you can insert your own contact information.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHORT VERSION:

This is a sample of a quick announcement to let people in your church know where your sign up table will be and where to deposit the Pledge Cards.

LONG VERSION:

There is nothing better than for someone to give a heartfelt one to 1 1/2 minute talk from the pulpit about *40 Days for Life*. People hearing your reasons why this campaign is so special to you, will be more inspired to participate. This speech is offered as a framework for you to update to suit your own personality and gifts.

BULLETIN INSERT and TABLE HANDOUT

These documents have all of the pertinent information about 40 Days for Life for anyone that is unfamiliar with the campaign. The table handout has a section to enter your church’s specific adopt-a-day information in the lower right-hand box. The backside of either handout can be used to include Rally information, the map or leave blank (whatever is most appropriate).

These documents can be used in various ways:

- Leave copies with a 40 DFL poster for individuals to take when no one from the Pro-Life Group is available
- Have available at the table during sign ups; hand out during your sign up weekend(s); it can be quickly put in someone’s hands if they are even remotely interested.
- Use as a bulletin insert
- Be creative and use in another way that fits your environment

“HOURLY” SIGN UP SHEET

This sign-up sheet is meant to be printed out on THREE separate sheets. Page breaks are inserted so the sheets print out properly. Insert the specific adopt-a-day date for your church/organization. There are five spaces for each hour. This sheet is great for those volunteers who know right away when they can help. Modify the document in any way that works for your group. The main components necessary are that it is set-up in hourly increments and your church/organization adopt a day date is on it.

“INTEREST” FORM (there are two versions available)

Utilize this sign-up sheet to obtain contact information from individuals who cannot commit to a specific hour on the day of your sign-up drive. You can then call these potential prayer volunteers the following week to let them know what hours are still open and hopefully gain a commitment for an hour of prayer at the vigil location.

“SITE” INFO FOR PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

This sheet is intended to hand to a prayer volunteer at your weekend sign-up drive AFTER they select a timeslot during your adopt-a-day. It reminds them of the hour and day they committed to come to the vigil location. It also gives them the coordinators name, number and some specifics about the clinic site.

Customize the sheet with the specific information in the red font areas and then have printed copies at your table that you can then write in the hour(s) in the open space on the third line down from the top, that the volunteer has signed up to cover in prayer at the vigil location. The street address and zip code of Planned Parenthood is given so people can “MapQuest” directions.

PRAYER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP TEMPLATE – Very Important!!!

This sheet is one of the most important parts of assuring a smooth transition of information to the vigil coordinator who is responsible for populating the vigil calendar with the information of prayer volunteers.

You should expect a contact from your Prayer and Support Sponsor a couple weeks before your adopt-a-day, checking in on how the hours are being filled and if there are any needs.

PLEDGE CARDS

These cards can be left in the pews. Some people cannot stop by the sign up table after church but still have an interest in helping. It encourages people to pray and fast. It also gives you another group of people to call when trying to fill in those open Vigil hours. Give your people instructions on where you want them to deposit their cards.

VIGIL MAP

Some volunteers ask for the Vigil site location details. Have this map available at your sign up table. The home page of the St. Louis 40 Days for Life website allows you to obtain driving directions from your church or any other location.

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STATEMENT OF PEACE:

It is good to have any volunteers who are completely new to volunteering for a 40 Days for Life campaign to read and sign a statement of peace form. Please turn these in the completed signs in the envelope in the sign box at the vigil site.

DONATIONS:

If your church would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the material provided for the St. Louis campaign, please use the information below:

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