

## **40 Days of Prayer to End Abortion in Canada Promoted by Wingham and District Right to Life**

This **40 Days of Prayer to End Abortion in Canada** is being promoted since abortion is allowed at all stages of pregnancy in Canada. Please say each prayer once a day. You will be praying with other pro-lifers like yourself in Wingham and the surrounding district.

**Day 1: (October 4)** Father, author of all life, I thank you for my life. Please help me to always respect the lives of all your children, from conception to natural death. Let your Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not fully respect all human life. Where there is remorse, grant peace to all women and everyone affected by past abortions. Thank you Father, Amen.

**Day 2:** Dear Lord, through your apostle, St. Paul, you have taught us that there are three great virtues: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of all is Love. Help me to understand that in order to love you and to love my neighbour, I must be alive. Help me to value my life and all life, and give me courage to respect, defend, and, if necessary, die to protect the rights of others. Amen.

**Day 3:** Lord, we thank you for your grace in allowing the Ramoth Life Centre and Room 2 Grow to open in our area. We beg your blessings upon all supporters of these centres, upon all who help in any way, and especially upon those who call or come to the centres for help. We ask you to influence these women to choose life for their babies. May your holy will be forever done, and may all we do give you glory. Amen.

**Day 4:** Heavenly Father, we the living, request your help for the unborn. Protect them, nurture them, and allow them to be born. Amen.

### **Day 5:**

Blessed be life, I tell you it's good to be alive  
Blessed is she who bore me and tenderly nurtured me  
Blessed is the fruitful seed in the womb  
Blessed is the growing embryo destined to be born  
Blessed is every child of God come to full term  
Blessed are all the children of the universe  
Blessed is every mother who brings her baby to birth  
Blessed is every father who supports bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh  
Blessed is every doctor who refuses to abort life, but seeks to save life  
Blessed be the miracle of LIFE and the God of LIFE who provides for all  
Blessed be the Virgin Mary who did not refuse to bear the Son of God  
Blessed be Jesus who did not despise being a fetus in the sanctuary of the womb.



**Day 6:** Lord, have mercy on us, increase our love and consecrate it, making it active in deed and prayer for all children in danger of body, mind, or spirit, all who are hungry or homeless through war or disaster, children of broken homes, frightened or lonely children, and children who look for love and do not find it. Lord, have mercy upon us in our sin.

**Day 7:** Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of life. Grant that all mothers who give birth may welcome their babies with love. But if some mothers feel they are unable to raise their babies, grant that they may be compassionate toward the life which you have given and not destroy it before birth.

**Day 8: (October 11)** May it be thy will, O Lord our God, to grant me a long and fruitful life. We pray that it be a life of goodness and peace, a life of blessing and sustenance and bodily vigor, a life free from sin and shame and reproach, a life of abundance and honor, a life in which the love of God and of our fellow men will ever be with us, a life in which all the desires of our hearts shall be fulfilled for our good. Amen.

**Day 9:** God our Father, you were pleased to bless the Virgin Mary with the gift of bringing your son into the world. We pray that as you guided Mary, protect and guide all women who carry new life within them. May they be ever conscious of the great dignity they have been given and turn to you in constant prayer and be ever thankful of the gift they carry within them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord of life, now and forever. Amen.

**Day 10:** Welcome into your loving care the souls of all those children who are rejected by their mothers. Look with compassion upon those mothers who are driven by distress and delusion to seek the lives of their own offspring. Have mercy upon those who turn their training in the healing arts to the purposes of death. Inspire Christians everywhere to seek out and apply Christian solutions to social problems. Bless our efforts to educate and serve. Amen.

**Day 11:** Lord, through the Holy Spirit, Mary brought forth the baby, Jesus. We bring forth your creation of human life that we may live in your image. Protect the innocent babies so mercilessly being murdered by abortion. Give us courage to oppose those who peddle death for profit and convenience. Amen.

**Day 12:** You, Lord, have made all the delicate, inner parts of my body. You fabricated them in my mother's womb. I praise you for making me so wonderfully. I marvel at your workmanship. You were there while I was being formed in seclusion! You saw my substance while it was yet imperfect, and you registered in a book all my members and the days of their development. You recorded this even before my members were formed. Psalm 139:13-16

**Day 13:** Heavenly Father, your cosmic gaze focused on dust and you fashioned in your image and likeness every man and woman; give us, we beg you, a keen eye to recognize that image so that respect for all human life becomes our way of life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 14:** Heavenly Father, we the living, request your help for the unborn. Amen.



**Day 15: (October 18)** Lord, we pray for all mankind to have the grace to understand that each and every life has the right to life.

**Day 16:** We pray that we may always cherish the life that you give us. In a special way we ask and pray that you grace and protect all unborn children with your ever caring love. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

**Day 17:** O heavenly Father, strengthen us against the mounting forces of anti-life; enlighten those who walk in this deadly way that they may see the enormity of their sin and return to observance of the divine law. We pray, too, for mothers, that they may prize the great privilege of motherhood; and that they may bring up their children in the holy love and fear of God. Amen.

**Day 18:** Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 19:** Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 20:** Father in heaven, you are the creator of life. Protect all expectant mothers and the babies they carry in their wombs. We pray that those who suffer from the evils of abortion will be open to your infinite mercy and love. We ask for the conversion of all who fail to respect the gift of human life. Heavenly Father, guide our actions to help restore in the hearts of all people the sanctity of human life. Amen.

**Day 21:** Response to each: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For courage and perseverance in pro-life work.

For those who suffer ridicule and rejection for their stand for life.

For those imprisoned for defending life.

For those who have been injured and mistreated for defending life.

For legal professionals.

For courts and judges.

For police officers.

For educators.

For media professionals.



**Day 22: (October 25)** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the author of life, who died and now lives forevermore. May we, who work and pray that children in the womb may be protected, always draw strength, confidence, and joy from your victory over death, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**Day 23:** Almighty and ever-living God, you have created all things through your son Jesus Christ. He trampled the power of death by his paschal mystery. May all who acknowledge you promote the sacredness of life and always serve you faithfully, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 24:** Gracious and merciful Father, we gladly embrace your word that counsels us to care for the least of your children, and we renew our dedication to defending the unborn and all whose right to life is compromised by our godless society's selfish lack of concern. Free us from our own failures and sins so that we will be truly pro-life in every area of our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 25:** Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by you, our redeemer. Amen.

**Day 26:** Lord, I pray today for every unborn child. The beauty of the bodies and souls of these children flows from your hands and your eternal plan. Awaken in every human conscience a profound reverence for human life, and grant us grace to defend our smallest and most defenseless brothers and sisters, those still being formed in the secret places of their mothers' womb. Amen.

**Day 27:** Lord, we are yours. Thank you for breathing the breath of life into us. Thank you for claiming us as your own. May our words and actions in defense of human life proclaim to all the world that you alone are Lord of life and death, Lord of our freedom, and of our choices. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Day 28:** O Lord, open the eyes of the blind to the reality and the worth of the unborn. Give to your faithful people the courage and wisdom to endure in this ongoing struggle to bring them fully into the acceptance of the whole human family. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 29: (November 1)** The response to each is: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our pre-born brothers and sisters killed by abortion.

For our brothers and sisters who have survived abortion.

For mothers who have had abortions.

For mothers tempted to have abortions.

For mothers pressured to have abortions.

For mothers who have refused to have abortions.

For the fathers of aborted babies.

For the families of aborted babies.

For the families of those tempted to have abortions.



**Day 30:** Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. Since you, O God, are light itself, give all your people a clearer understanding of what is sin and what is virtue. Grant in particular, that we may see, as never before, the profound dignity of every human life, including the vulnerable unborn children. Give us grace to defend our brothers and sisters in the womb by our prayers, our words, and our self-sacrificing actions. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day 31:** Lord God, author of life and source of eternal life, move the hearts of all our public officials, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care. Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Day 32:** Come, spirit of truth. Free all your people from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion. Free them from the false and harmful ideas which make a god out of their own choices, or which fail to recognize the right to life of children in the womb. Come, O Holy Spirit, and as you immerse us in your truth, so make us effective witnesses of that truth within our families, among our friends, and to all the world. Amen.

**Day 33:** Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in the life of every child. Open my heart to joy in the birth of every child, a birth that reflects the joy of your own birth in Bethlehem. As you shared life in the womb of Mary, so now send your protection upon every child still in the womb, and grant to their mothers the strength and joy that comes from welcoming the gift of life.

**Day 34:** We pray for abortionists and their assistants, so that God's grace will touch their hearts, that they will stop doing abortions, and that they will turn to the Lord for mercy. Amen.

**Day 35:** Let us pray for the election of genuine Christians to our government, so that the laws of our country may be based on sound values. Amen.

**Day 36: (November 8)** Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by you, our redeemer. Amen.



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**Day 38:**

God our Father, we thank you for the wonder of our own creation and for our rebirth in grace through the waters of baptism. Grant that all babies we long to protect may share these gifts of nature and grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Day 39:** Let us pray for doctors and nurses that they may have the strength to uphold their principles, even in the face of discrimination and persecution. **Lord hear us.**

Let us pray for God's forgiveness and a new peace of mind for all those who have participated in the persecution of the baby in the womb. **Lord hear us.**

Let us pray for all the youth of our country that they may be taught and respond to sound principles concerning life, marriage, and human sexuality. **Lord hear us.**

**Day 40: (November 12)** Father of us all, author of all life, I thank you for my life. Please help me to always respect the lives of all your children, from conception to natural death. Let your Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not fully respect all human life. Where there is remorse, grant peace to all women and everyone affected by past abortions. Lighten the burdens of women with problem pregnancies. Thank you Father, Amen.



Thank you for praying with us over these 40 days. We pray that our country will return to the ways of the Lord and end abortion in our country.