



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

September 22 – October 31 (7am-7pm)

313 S. Concord St.

A call for people of faith to witness to life

www.40daysforlife.com/knoxville/

Sign up for vigil times by selecting the vigil schedule tab on the webpage or visit

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Over 10,000 abortions occur in Tennessee each year, almost 4000 of these in Knoxville alone. Now think about how God has used 40-days throughout salvation history to bring about major change...

- **Noah** and the 40 days of rain
- **Moses** and the 40 days on Mount Sinai and his scouts who reconnoitered the Promised Land for 40 days
- **David** and Goliath's challenge of 40 days
- **Elijah** and the strength derived from one meal for a 40 day journey
- **Nineveh** and the 40 days to reform and repent
- **Jesus** and His 40 days in the wilderness
- **The disciples** and their 40 days with Jesus following His resurrection

Now think about what God can accomplish if one community united together for 40 days to end abortion...

- *How will believers be transformed?*
- *How will the lives of mothers and their babies be transformed?*
- *How will the Knoxville community be transformed?*
- *What effect will this transformation have across the rest of our nation?*

Three components of 40 Days for Life:

Prayer and Fasting

Prayer is at the center of *40 Days for Life* and prayer warriors across the nation are being enlisted. People of faith are also invited to fast throughout the *40 Days for Life*.

Vigil

The visible, public centerpiece of *40 Days for Life* is a 40-day, prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood center and other abortion facilities in our community.

Community Outreach

Help to promote an awareness of the harm abortion brings to not only the child in the womb, but to its mother and father and to our community. Bring a message of hope and healing to those so horribly wounded by the lies of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.



What can't God accomplish in Knoxville in 40 days?

Volunteer: Sign up for one hour time periods by going directly to the vigil schedule webpage at www.40daysknoxville.com/vigil/.

Sep 22 – Oct 31: Beginning Sep 22, Knoxville will join forces with over 212 major cities nationwide in the largest pro-life mobilization in history. People will pray and fast for an end to abortion over a period of 40 days outside abortion clinics and Planned Parenthood offices throughout the country.

Why 40 days? In salvation history, God has used 40-day periods to mark significant periods of transformation to bring about significant change. What can God not accomplish in Knoxville if those committed to the culture of life can come together for 40 days of prayer and fasting, vigil and community outreach to end abortion?

Benefits to the Community: Last year's nationwide campaign witnessed the closing of several clinics; communities reported dramatic drops in abortions during their campaigns; post-abortive women -- and men -- were led into proven and effective healing programs; a whole new cadre of volunteers were initiated into the pro-life movement; churches of all denominations came together in an historic display of Christian unity and action; pro-life news coverage was generated even from biased media outlets; local financial support for pro-life efforts increased. An added benefit to this year's Fall Campaign is that it will further serve to bring attention to the sanctity of life during this election season.

Nationwide successes: Amazing stories of success from individual city campaigns over the past three years are documented at: www.40daysforlife.com

What Knoxville can do: The vision for the campaign effort in Knoxville is for people, groups, churches and faith organizations to volunteer for two-hour periods in order to keep vigil at the abortion facility at **313 S. Concord St.** Other locations where we will keep vigil on a periodic basis include the Planned Parenthood facility 710 N. Cherry St. and 1547 W. Clinch Ave. The Vigil will be conducted in a peaceful and law abiding manner. Charity will be observed at all times. Churches and groups are encouraged to adopt recurring time periods and whole days - and weeks - if possible.

Help make a difference in Knoxville: **Tennessee Volunteers** are desperately needed to help keep the vigil strong during these 40 days -- and to help promote healing for post-abortive mothers in need of God's merciful love. **We are all missionaries of life.**

Contacts: Visit our website at www.40daysforlife.com/knoxville/ or contact Paul Simoneau at 865-862-5753 psimoneau@dioceseofknoxville.org or Lisa Morris at 865-567-1245 lccte@bellsouth.net

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