

Please Pray And Fast During "40 Days For Life" With Americans Throughout Our Nation

Day 37 - October 30, 2008

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Heavenly Father, thank you for the example of Gianna Molla. When she heard that she needed to have an abortion to save herself, She said, "Yes, my children need me, but I am essential to my unborn." She was only 39 years old, had 3 children, and had just given birth to her fourth child a week before she died. Have mercy on those who see the unborn as a burden not worthy of any sacrifice.

Dear Jesus, You laid down Your Life for us and so sanctified human life. I pray for all those who are willing to donate their organs upon their death. Let no one rush his or her death. Give him or her the chance to be revived before their organs are taken. Guard them against the new immoral practices of organ harvesting to feed the growing market of organ sales.

Come Holy Spirit upon all pregnant mothers, who must give up more or less of their lifestyle to carry their unborn child. Grant them the loving support of family and friends. Lead those with crisis pregnancies to centers where there are people ready to meet their needs.

Day 38 - October 31, 2008

No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. Psalm 101:7

Heavenly Father, prenatal testing sounds like a good thing until it becomes prenatal screening for Down syndrome, spina bifida, and other birth defects and the parents are pressured into considering an abortion because of the costs of raising a child with such disabilities. Have mercy on those who find out that their child has one of the nearly 250 birth defects that can be diagnosed in a fetus. Grant them the courage to accept their child as a special gift from You.

Dear Jesus, state laws for funding embryonic stem cell research are passing by narrow margins because voters are being deluged with infomercials and other costly advertisements that overlook the fact that the human embryo must be destroyed. They tout the "potential" of embryonic stem cells when they have never had one success in the lab after 25 years of research and billions of dollars spent. Send us, I pray, the means to run our own full page ads and put up our own billboards so that voters can have the opportunity to see and hear the truth.

Come Holy Spirit. Strengthen our efforts to get the truth out about how abortion hurts all those involved. Enlighten our candidates to the truths surrounding all life issues and give them the courage to educate Americans through their campaigns.

Day 39 - November 1, 2008

They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. Isaiah 49:10

Heavenly Father, more and more patients are rendered comatose by medication and then, since they are never expected to regain consciousness, are having food and water withdrawn. Have mercy on those who practice or promote terminal sedation, a very insidious form of euthanasia.

Dear Jesus, I pray for all those in hospice care who are currently feeling the pangs of hunger and thirst. Though they may not have started out that way, forced dehydration has thrown them into an unresponsive state so their caregivers do not know the excruciating pain they are in as their body fluids dry up.

Come Holy Spirit. Make known the pain of forced dehydration as those testify who, being temporarily unresponsive, were refused food and hydration. Turn around the eroding values in the care of the terminally ill as hospices are redefining extraordinary treatment to include hydration and feeding, showing more concern for a supposed "quality of life" than for the sanctity of life.

Day 40 - November 2, 2008

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me ... He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Luke 4:18-19

Heavenly Father, taking part in 40 Days for Life has been an uplifting experience for me. Thank you for the babies saved, for those who have come forward for healing, and for the attention and education of life issues these 40 Days for Life has given our nation.

Dear Jesus, I pray that we continue to learn the facts so that we might successfully argue in favor of life. Use our words to give sight to those blinded by ignorance, instant gratification, selfishness, and greed.

Come Holy Spirit. Send us forth from our 40 Days of prayer, fasting, vigil and community outreach. Give us the courage, the strength, and the time, to do what we can to renew respect for the life you have given us. We trust that one day we will see set at liberty the most helpless of the oppressed, the unborn and the terminally ill.