

LENTEN PRAYER

FOR

life

INFORMATION SHEET

"...a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae #100

What are the dates for the Lenten Prayer for Life?

We ask that individuals, families, parishes, schools and other groups pray daily for the intentions of the Lenten Prayer for Life from **Wednesday 6 March to Friday 19 April (Ash Wednesday to Good Friday)**.

Peaceful prayer vigils will take place outside abortion centres in Auckland (Auckland Medical Aid Centre) and Wellington (Wellington Regional Hospital) on the following dates from 9am to 4pm.

Wednesday 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3, 10 April

What are the prayer intentions for the Lenten Prayer for Life?

Join us in praying, fasting and making reparation daily for:

- Pregnant mothers and their pre-born children.
- The healing of those wounded by abortion: mothers, fathers, siblings and other family members.
- The conversion of all those who participate in, or promote, abortion.
- A new culture of life to be established that respects and protects all human life from conception through to natural death.

Who can participate?

Individuals, families, parishes, schools and other groups can participate in the Lenten Prayer for Life. If you register your prayer commitment we will send you a **free prayer booklet** to assist you in your efforts. You can register your prayer commitment online at fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife or by phoning **09 629 4361** or emailing life@fli.org.nz.

To participate do I, or my group, have to pray outside an abortion centre?

No, you do not have to pray outside an abortion centre. However, we strongly encourage you to consider spending at least one hour in prayer outside your local abortion centre during Lent. Doing so is a critical witness to the sanctity of life which can and does save lives.

Auckland: Auckland Medical Aid Centre, 283-289 Dominion Road, Mt Eden (meet on the opposite side of the road)

Wellington: Wellington Regional Hospital, Riddiford Street, Newtown

Christchurch: Join in the 40 Days for Life vigil - see 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Christchurch

Other towns and cities: Contact us regarding praying outside your local abortion centre.

Please let us know if you are planning to spend an hour in prayer outside the centres in Auckland and Wellington as this will help us ensure that the time is well covered with volunteers.

Auckland: 09 629 4361 or life@fli.org.nz | Wellington: 021 231 7954 or clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

What support do you offer pregnant mothers or for those who have had an abortion?

Women who are considering abortion do so for many reasons. Often, their personal situation is such that they cannot see how they could bring a baby into the world and care for him or her. Sometimes, parents are very excited to welcome a new baby, but discover through pre-natal testing that their child may have a disability or a life-limiting condition. They may be encouraged to have an abortion.

We need to be there for pregnant mothers in their greatest hour of need.

Through our Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support service, we walk with pregnant mothers and fathers to discuss options and work through the difficulties.

We offer:

- Free Pregnancy tests
- Confidential advice about pregnancy options
- Support after an adverse prenatal diagnosis
- Free pregnancy confirming ultrasound
- Practical help and support
- Adoption information (and advocacy if needed)
- Post abortion recovery programmes (information and referrals)
- Life skills and parenting programmes

If you are aware of anyone that needs assistance in any of these areas please let them know that **they are not alone**. Our friendly and confidential team can be contacted in the following ways:

0800 367 5433 | 027 448 80 70 | pregnancyoptions.org.nz

Register your prayer commitment and receive a free prayer booklet

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