



*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

**SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 31, 2021**

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**Dear St. Stephen Catholic School Teachers, Staff, and Parents,**

We enthusiastically invite you and the school children to participate in the Diocese of St. Petersburg sponsored **40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign** for the protection of the unborn. The following simple prayers\* have been prepared for use by children who would like to participate in supporting the 40 Days for Life. The prayers emphasize the following themes:

- 1) God as Creator and Giver of Life**
- 2) God's Love**
- 3) Respect for Life**
- 4) Sharing God's Love with Others**
- 5) Defending Those Who Have No Voice**

**Adding the voices of children to the prayers of this nation will bring glory and honor to God. Please join with believers all across America in praying for the unborn and for an end to the tragedy of abortion.**

**Thank you for uniting in prayer for the protection of all human life!**

**+Peace,**

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\*The 40 Days for Life Campaign extends from September 22 to October 31. Prayers are numbered according to school days, Monday through Friday. Prayers were prepared by 40 Days for Life, Dayton, Ohio and may be copied as needed.



## Prayers for Elementary School Students

SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 31, 2021

### WEEK 1 (9/22 to 9/24)

#### Day 1 - Wednesday 9/22

Dear God,

Today we are joining in prayer with adults and children all over America for the next 40 days. We are praying so that we can ask You for Your very best for the families in our country. We know that You love every baby You have created, Dear God. We are praying for all babies to be loved by their mother and father on earth and to know Your love through Jesus Christ. Thank You for loving each of us so very much. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

#### Day 2 - Thursday 9/23

Heavenly Father,

Every baby deserves a loving mother and father. We pray for the children everywhere who do not have those blessings. Protect them, Lord, and help them to know You as their loving Father in heaven. May every baby be born, be taught to love Jesus, and learn to bless Your Holy Name. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

#### Day 3 - Friday 9/24

Heavenly Father,

The Bible tells us that You are the Author and Giver of life and You have a special plan for every life You have created. We pray that all unborn babies would be kept safe and that they would be welcomed into the arms of those You have called to love and care for them. May each child know of Your love and may they live to bring glory and honor unto You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

## **WEEK 2 (9/27 to 10/1)**

### **Day 6 - Monday 9/27**

Heavenly Father,

In Your image every child has been made, and not one has ever been created except by Your perfect will. Help us to respect the life that You give to each and every baby whether born or unborn, for they are all precious in Your sight. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 7 - Tuesday 9/28**

Holy Lord,

We know that babies can't do anything without help until they are able to grow and learn. We were once just like them. We thank You for the people who helped us to grow and learn and we ask You to help us to share Your love with each baby and small child. Help us to please You by respecting and helping these precious little ones. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 8 - Wednesday 9/29**

Holy God,

We pray for America that in our country we would show Your special love for all babies. If there are any babies in America who are not loved, we pray that You would send people to help them and to show them the beautiful love of Jesus Christ. Help us to speak with love toward those who cannot speak for themselves. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. *Amen*.

### **Day 9 - Thursday 9/30**

Dear God,

We think about Baby Jesus and how He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Even though He didn't have a special bed or beautiful clothes to wear, He had parents who loved Him and cared for Him. We thank You, that You are our heavenly Father and that You love us just as You love Jesus. We pray that every baby would be loved and would be taught about Your Son. In the Name of Jesus we pray. *Amen*.

### **Day 10 - Friday 10/1**

Heavenly Father,

We remember in the Bible how Miriam helped take care of her baby brother, Moses. Thank You for baby brothers and sisters. Thank You for big brothers and sisters, mothers, and fathers, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles who love us and care for us. Help us to remember that when we show love for all people that this brings glory and honor unto You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

## **WEEK 3 (10/4 to 10/8)**

### **Day 13 - Monday 10/4**

Holy God,

Love is something that You give us. We love because You first loved us. We ask that all babies would be loved and cared for so that they can grow and learn about You. Help us to share Your love with all those who are very young, those who are very old, and all those in between. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 14 - Tuesday 10/5**

Dear God,

You have great love for each of us. Thank You for making us in Your own image. Help us to remember the needs of all people---especially those with no voice to speak for themselves. We pray for every unborn baby and ask You to wrap Your arms of love around them. Protect them and place Your beautiful love in the hearts of every parent. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 15 - Wednesday 10/6**

Creator God,

The Bible tells us that You knew us even before You formed us in the womb of our mother! What an awesome thought! You even set us apart for Your service. Dear Lord, hear our prayers for every precious unborn child. Help mothers and fathers to realize the nature of the beautiful life You have created. Help them to know that each baby is perfectly and wonderfully made, and that You have a special plan and purpose for each life. May all Your purposes be fulfilled. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 16 - Thursday 10/7**

Holy God,

When we see people who are being treated unfairly, it makes us sad because we may not know what to do. Remind us to pray for them. Help us to speak out for them. Help us not to be silent but to have Your courage. We know that You will give us the words to speak. Thank You for helping us to be brave. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 17 - Friday 10/8**

Holy God,

You looked upon all that You created and You said that it was very good. Your Word tells us that we were in Your care even before we were born. We know that You love each one of us more than we can imagine and that You have special plans for every child made in Your image. Help us to value these lives that You hold so dear to Your heart. May the Name of Jesus Christ be glorified both now and ever more. In His Name we pray. *Amen*.

## **WEEK 4 (10/11 to 10/15)**

### **Day 20 - Monday 10/11**

Heavenly Father,

Your hands formed every precious baby and all are perfectly and wonderfully made. The Bible tells us to stand up for those who are poor and needy, and those who have no voice. Help us to always be ready to defend and care for babies. Give all mothers and fathers hearts filled with love so that each baby is welcomed with the gift of life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 21 - Tuesday 10/12**

Father God,

Sometimes when we stand for what You have taught us, people make fun of us. Help us not to care what they think, but only to care what You think. Help us to defend all that is good and right, just and true. We pray for the unborn babies, that Your loving arms would hold them. Protect them so that they can be born and live and love and learn to know You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 22 - Wednesday 10/13**

Holy God,

In the Bible You have asked us to choose life and blessing. We know that You love every child--- those who have been born, and those who are unborn. Help us always to honor and respect every life that You have created. Thank You that You love each of us and that You always want what is best for every person. Place in our hearts the desire to share Your wonderful love with others. In the Name of Jesus, the Author and Giver of life, *Amen*.

### **Day 23 - Thursday 10/14**

Heavenly Father,

We all want to be loved and appreciated! We all want to feel welcomed and cared for no matter who we are or where we live. We pray that each baby would be welcomed into this life with love and with the nurturing that each deserves and needs. Thank You that You have made all babies to grow with love. We pray that there would be rejoicing and thanksgiving for every new life that You have created. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 24 - Friday 10/16**

Heavenly Father,

We pray today for our lawmakers in America, that they would approve laws that honor life. Help them to make laws that show Your love. We ask You to help us to change the laws that do not respect life so that we may help make America the country that You want it to be. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

## **WEEK 5 (10/18 to 10/22)**

### **Day 27 - Monday 10/18**

Dear God,

Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." Thank You for Your love for all children. We pray for every baby, that each one would be taught about Jesus and would know of His love. Thank You for giving us a Savior who loves children and Who knows that every life is worth living. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 28 - Tuesday 10/19**

Dear God,

We are thankful that You never change. You are the same---yesterday, today, forever. The Bible asks us to choose life. Your Son, Jesus Christ, is Love Incarnate. We ask You to place that special love of Jesus in the heart of every woman who is having a baby so that each baby would be born into arms of love. In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ we pray. *Amen*.

### **Day 29 - Wednesday 10/20**

Creator God,

When we think about Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have made, then Lord, cause us to consider also the most precious way that You have made every baby. You have made each one perfectly and wonderfully. Help us to do all we can to protect these innocent creations for we want Your very best for each new life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 30 - Thursday 10/21**

Holy God,

We pray that the fathers of this nation would love the mothers of their children, and that together they would nurture and protect the babies that You have given them. Place in each parent the desire to be the same kind of parents that Mary and Joseph were. Help them to love their baby as Mary and Joseph loved Jesus. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 31 - Friday 10/22**

Lord God,

Please protect all babies---those that are born and those that have not yet been born. Thank You that every baby brings to this world new love straight from Your heart. Just as there can never be too many flowers, so also there can never be too many children. Thank You for loving us so much. In the Name of our Savior, Jesus, *Amen*.

## **WEEK 6 (10/25 to 10/29)**

### **Day 34 – Monday 10/25**

Dear God,

Thank You for the lives You have given us. Help us to value our lives and all life, and give us the courage to respect and defend the lives of others. You have told us in the Bible that You will never forget us and that You have written our names on the palm of Your hand. Help us to never forget You and Your love for all people. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, just as You have taught us in the Bible. In the Name of Jesus, *Amen*.

### **Day 35 - Tuesday 10/26**

Holy God,

We know that You love to hear Your children pray. Thank You that You hear our prayers for ourselves and the prayers we say for others. You hear the prayers we say for babies who have not yet been born. We ask You to protect them and to place Your love in them. Help them to bring glory and honor unto You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

### **Day 36 - Wednesday 10/27**

Father God,

We thank You for the wonderful mothers and fathers You have given us. We pray that when we are married and have children that we would teach our children of Your love and that we would love each baby as You would. Thank You for sharing Your special blessings with us through the gift of children. In the Name of Jesus, *Amen*.

### **Day 37 - Thursday 10/28**

Dear God,

Some of us have tiny brothers and sisters at home. Help us to be good to them and to teach them all about Jesus and His love. Though they may annoy us at times, we ask You to help us to be kind to them and to forgive them, just as Jesus has taught us to do. We ask this in Jesus' Name. *Amen*.

### **Day 38 - Friday 10/29**

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that You have heard our prayers and those from other school children and adults across America. For nearly 40 days we have prayed because You ask us to come to You in prayer. You are a faithful God and we know that You will do great and mighty things with our prayers. We love You, Father, and we pray that every prayer that we have spoken would bring glory and honor unto You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PROTECTION!!!**