

Frequently Asked Questions

40 Days for Life / GEC

Q. *What am I being asked to do?*

A. 40 days for Life is an international organization that seeks to draw attention to a baby's Right to Life in 3 ways: Prayer and fasting, Constant vigil, and Community outreach. Grace Evangelical Church supports this ministry, through the Life MIT, by asking its members to prayerfully consider engaging in a 1 or 2 hour commitment of time. During this vigil, we peacefully stand in the public right-of-way outside the Memphis offices of Planned Parenthood. We hold signs, we support one another, we pray, we cry. And feel free to bring a chair if that's better for you.

Q. *Do I need to commit to the entire two hours?*

A. No – come for as long as you can or want – at least one member of the Life MIT will always be there during the Grace times. We welcome your support, but understand your time issues.

Q. *I've never done anything like that before. What should I expect?*

A. You will not be alone! At least one member of the Life MIT will be there to guide you. He or she will provide the signs, provide other literature, and answer any specific questions you may have. Depending on the date and hour, Planned Parenthood may or may not be open for business. We are there to beg God to intercede and to pray that all babies have a Right to Life. Many who pass by are supportive, probably most are indifferent, and yes – some express their disagreement.

Q. *Where is it? Is it safe?*

A. The address is 2430 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38112. We stand on the public sidewalk of one of the busiest streets in our city. We consistently pray for our Lord's protection, and have had Memphis police stop by to make sure we are OK.

Q. *How do I prepare? What do I need to know?*

A. As you might imagine, Planned Parenthood is not happy we are there. We are required to stay on the public right-of-way (your guide will direct you) as they do not permit us to occupy their property. Therefore, we park on the public areas of the adjacent streets. Williford Street is a great choice. Also, dress appropriately! Standing for up to 2 hours can be physically challenging, so wear comfortable footwear, and bring a chair if that works better for you. We also stand rain or shine, warm or cold. Please check the daily weather and come prepared (i.e. bring an umbrella, coat, hat, sunscreen, etc. if appropriate). Most importantly, pray!

Q. *How do I get more information?*

A. Visit the website 40daysforlife.com/Memphis and the Life MIT page of graceevan.org. Also, stop by the church information desk or contact any Life MIT member.