

# LifeLines

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## How to Get to Heaven?



A teacher asked the children, "If I gave all my money to the church, would I get to heaven?"

"Nooooo!" the children all answered.

"If I make my bed and eat my veggies will that get me to heaven?"

Again, the answer was "Nooooo!"

"Well," she continued, "then how do I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be **dead!**"



## Euthanasia – Why Never by Fr. Dean Dowle, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist

*Euthanasia* is a deceptively simple term. If we argue that euthanasia will end Mom's suffering, the implied deception is that suffering is not part of a "worthwhile" human life. *False.*

The inherent worth of a person begins with the Truth: God made us in His image and we belong to Him. Living this truth means seeing Christ in those around us and imitating Christ, who suffered for us through a painful death. Suffering is an integral part of our lives. If we suffer with Christ and help others through their suffering to a natural death, with true compassion, good medical care, loving presence and the sacraments, we are living in Christ, in Truth. This creates courage and strengthens love in family life, Church and society.

Euthanasia does the opposite; it lies, kills, destroys, reduces and robs us of a true experience of Christ in ourselves and in one another. So, in knowing this, *euthanasia* is not a question of "Why not?" but ever an assertion of "Why never".

## Prayer for the Dying

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I give you her heart and her soul.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
may she breathe forth her soul  
in peace with you.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
assist her in her last agony.



**Highly Recommended!!**

<https://www.artofdyingwell.org/>

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Taking place in communities across North America and in 25 nations around the world!*

**What is it?** A peaceful outdoor prayer vigil, praying for pregnant women seeking abortion and those performing abortions

**When is it?** Lent, March 6 to April 14, all day and into the evening

**Who?** Men and women, children too, singly or in groups

**Where?** Central Edmonton. For map and location, see below.

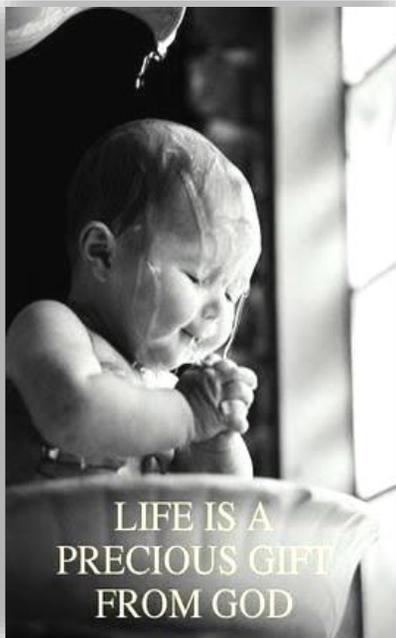
**How Long?** People usually commit to an hour each time, but there are no special requirements. Come when you can. But do come!

**Anything Else?** Try to make it a day of fasting or abstinence. Why not book a day of prayer with your group? Or pray at home alone or with friends if you cannot do so at the outdoor location.



**For Bookings, Map and Location:** <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

## **The Wilberforce Project**



- **300 lives** are lost to abortion *every day* in Canada.

- We have no laws to protect these children during their 9 months in the womb, right up to birth.

- The goal is to protect children in the womb and their parents, especially vulnerable teens and their unborn babies, by working to implement some legal regulation of abortion.

The Wilberforce Project is a local organization that has been working with pro-life candidates for the last two and a half years to win their nomination races for the 2019 provincial election.

**Count yourself in.** Now it's 2019! The focus is to ensure these candidates win their ridings in the provincial election. They need many volunteers over the next 4 months to promote laws to save lives.

Please contact Rachel, Volunteer Director, by phoning: 780-421-7747, or email: [volunteer@twp.life](mailto:volunteer@twp.life) or sign up at: [www.thewilberforceproject.ca](http://www.thewilberforceproject.ca)

- For help with a difficult pregnancy or post-abortion situation: Call Gianna Centre [\(780\) 482-5111](tel:780-482-5111)
- For end of life care concerns: Call Euthanasia Prevention Coalition [\(519\) 439-3348](tel:519-439-3348)

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