### Catholic and Evangelical Prayer Plan for the State of Ohio in Response to the Anti-Life, Anti-Parent Abortion Amendment

# **VOTE NO IN NOVEMBER**

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

**Daily 7:14 Prayer:** Every day at 7:14 a.m. and 7:14 p.m., in the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14, we pause as a state to thank God for the gift of life, to pray for protection for the preborn, their mothers and fathers and we pray earnestly for the defeat of this anti-life amendment in November.

Weekly Holy Hour of Prayer: Each week, we invite individuals, pastors and prayer leaders to a Holy Hour of prayer, outside of Sunday, to set aside time to pray, to repent of our sins and ask the Lord's merciful and powerful hand to bring us victory in November. Coalition groups can take turns leading a Zoom Meeting every Friday at 3 p.m. beginning Friday, September 22nd. These seven prayer meetings before the election could have unique prayer points:

- For financial blessings for our campaign.
- For our coalition, strategists and volunteers.
- For priests, pastors and deacons to preach and teach zealously for the defeat of the amendment.
- For the convincing of the electorate to vote no in November.
- For the conversion of the pro-abortion forces pushing for this amendment.
- For the media to fairly and accurately cover the dangers of the amendment.
- For the salvation of souls and the protection of the preborn in our state.

**Fasting:** Individuals, families and churches are challenged to take on the discipline of fasting for repentance of our personal and collective sins, including the sin of abortion. Coinciding with the 40 Days for Life Campaign (<u>40daysforlife.com</u>) we will fast for 40 Days September 27th through November 5th. Why fast?

- As imitators of God, Jesus Christ, we fast because he fasted. Matthew 4:2
- Jesus expects us, as his disciples, to fast as well. Matthew 6:16-18
- We can fast to ask for God's intervention. 2 Samuel 12:15-17
- Some demons can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. Mark 9:29

In particular, we would like individuals to consider fasting and offering sacrifice in three unique ways during these 40 Days between September 27th through November 5th if they are capable:

- Embracing daily cold showers.
- Forgoing snacks between meals.
- Intentionally replacing 'screen time' with the Word of God.

## PRAYER EFFORTS FROM COALITION MEMBERS

#### **Catholic Conference of Ohio**

- Prayer Card from Ohio Bishops: <u>cards</u> (<u>here's</u> an order form where folks can request these)
- 54-Day Novena: The novena begins on September 15th, which is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, and concludes on election day, November 7th; Participants will sign up using the link (pray54ohio.org) – the link provides a portal for providing your email address for daily reminders of the novena
- Prayers of the faithful to be offered at Mass between now and November
- Sponsoring a Mass for Life on October 6th at 9am preceding the Ohio March for Life Bishop Fernandes will celebrate.

#### **Center for Christian Virtue**

 Prayer Devotional: "More Than Conquerors" - foreword by Pastor Alistair Begg from Parkside Church in Cleveland. The prayer devotional is six weeks of prayer for Ohio, the unborn, and women because six weeks gestation is roughly how early a fetal heartbeat can be detected. We are distributing those everywhere we go but especially to churches.

#### **Cincinnati Right to Life**

• CRTL has reached out to 50 locations of religious communities including cloistered nuns, monastery's and convents around America and a few internationally, requesting they pray for Ohio, Ohioans and the defeat of this measure to enshrine full term abortion into our Constitution. The goal is to have up to 100 communities praying for this cause.

#### **Montclova Baptist Church**

• State Prayer on October 10th: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=380aC7v6foE</u>

#### **Geauga County Catholic Pro-Life Coalition (HELP)**

- Calls on all Catholics to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 10 minutes before each mass on Sunday's and daily mass through the week to implore God's grace at this time of great peril for our state and nation.
- Invites the Cathedrals and individual Churches of the Catholic Dioceses throughout Ohio to conduct a Eucharistic Procession through nearby streets of their location concluding with a Holy Hour for the same intentions as the Divine Mercy Chaplet above at least once before the election.



