



# Life Matters

## Village Bible Church

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<https://villagebible.church/lifematters/>



## Supplication

Please contact our team if you would like a more detailed 21 Day Prayer Guide.

### Prayer Points:

**Pray for abortion minded women and men-**That the church would have compassion on those who are pregnant and confused about what to do. That they would be led to a pregnancy resource center. They would begin to see their babies as a gift from God. They would be surrounded by a support team.

**Pray for post abortive women and men-**Who need to trust in the saving work of Christ as their only hope. Pray that they find Him. Pray for those who have courageously confessed their past sin of abortion, that they will know God's peace. Pray for those who have not yet confessed their past sin of abortion, that God's grace will draw them to repentance.

**Pray for courage-**That we would be willing to engage in conversation with

friends and family that are not pro-life. That we would have opportunities to speak truth in a thoughtful and loving way.

**Pray for resources and staffing at pregnancy resource centers-**That they would be abundantly provided for. That they will reach abortion minded woman before she makes a decision to abort.

**Pray for God opens eyes to moral truth about abortion-**That our community, elected officials, leaders and neighbors would understand the truth about abortion. Pray for the men and women who have been elected to serve the American people at all levels, by governing and creating laws to uphold the constitution and provide life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. Pray that

our leaders will love and practice justice and mercy, speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves and rescuing the unborn who are unjustly sentenced to die. Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates Christian principles and that they would trust God for wisdom.

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**Life Matters Team at VBC-**That we would increase awareness and action by the church to rally in unity to defend the weakest and most vulnerable among us. And that we would create opportunities to share Christ and to meet the practical needs of help.



## Mobilization

### RESOURCES FOR HELP IN AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY.

[www.optionline.org](http://www.optionline.org) 800-395-4357 [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com) 877-558-0333

**We participated in the 40 Days for Life Fall campaign.** We had people join us from each our VBC campuses. We had a group prayer service midday and were blessed to hear a testimony from Kim Lescelius.

We've included the follow-up from Philip Price, Aurora Coordinator for 40 Days for Life. He is talking about our group in the second paragraph—PRAISE GOD!

I wanted to share some numbers with you. The final number of babies saved during the 40 Days for Life Fall vigil is 539!! Praise the Lord. God surely answered prayers this Fall in Aurora as we saw 5 women choose life for their baby, 1 person who was seeking forgiveness and numerous conversations with people that were passing by. A Special **"THANKS"** to those who were able to come out and pray.

During the 40 Days for Life Fall vigil, we were able to experience the **power of presence**, just being present on the Hill across from Planned Parenthood praying. I was asked to speak at a church vigil across the street from Planned Parenthood on the power of presence. The Sidewalk Counselor came and told me as the vigil was starting, "Please be in prayer for a Hispanic couple who was on their way into Planned Parenthood but is now at Waterleaf". One of the vigil participants observed a conversation the Sidewalk Counselor had with a man seeking Mercy because of being involved with two abortions as people were arriving. The Sidewalk counselor and I switched so he could tell the story and I could reach out to women that were pulling into Planned Parenthood's parking lot. During this time, I was able to reach out to a

woman and take her up to Waterleaf. That afternoon, we saw the power of presence! Throughout the 40 Days for Life vigil, **we experienced God answer our prayers through our presence.**

Join us for the fall campaign in October.





### *Mobilization continued*

We also attended the Public 4Life vigil outside Planned Parenthood. The goal of this vigil was threefold: 1) Provide information regarding different aspects of the Pro-life Ministry, 2) Prayer for each of these aspects, 3) Worship music, singing praises to God for all that he has done on New York Street in Aurora. Mario Arindaeng shared the opening prayer.



## Education

During the month of January our Life Matters Team spent each Sunday teaching four sessions on pro-life topics. The sessions included information on defining life, why human life is sacred, defining abortion, the history of abortion legislation, current legislation, history of Planned Parenthood, and how to defend pro-life beliefs. We also learned about our local pro-life pregnancy resource center and abortion recovery services from Caring Network.



**We concluded the month  
with a baby bottle drive  
to fundraise for Caring  
Network.**







# Legislation

## Answer to prayer: Permanent injunction of SB1909.



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Re: SB 1909 - Creates the Deceptive Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers Act

ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL AGREED FOR SB 1909 TO BE  
“PERMANENTLY ENJOINED” FROM ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

Most of last year, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, and an assistant A.G repeatedly said that SB 1909 was constitutional and needed to protect against certain “deceptive” speech. After SB 1909 was signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, it was immediately challenged in federal court by pro-life attorneys. Federal Judge Lain Johnston this past August temporarily blocked the law from being enforced in saying it was “both stupid and very likely unconstitutional.” “It is stupid because its own supporter (assistant A.G.) admitted it was unneeded and was unsupported by evidence when challenged. It is likely unconstitutional because it is a blatant example of taking the side of whose speech is sanctionable and whose speech is immunized – on the very same subject no less,” Johnson wrote.

During last year’s Spring Session, our organization, along with others, told legislators that SB1909 was clearly unconstitutional because it was forcing a particular speech on pro-life pregnancy centers because they did not encourage abortion and that SB 1909 was taking a side on speech concerning the issue of abortion. We said our pro-life attorneys would quickly challenge it. We were ignored!

This past December, Attorney General Kwame Raoul finally agreed for SB 1909 to be “permanently enjoined” which certainly suggests he now admits it was unconstitutional all along!



**Voter's guide:** <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/mission/voter-guides/>

**Current Legislation:**



# ANTI-LIFE LEGISLATION

## **SB 3499 - 'END OF LIFE OPTIONS' ACT**

PROPOSED BY SEN. LINDA HOLMES

Legalizes assisted suicide in Illinois. It is poorly named the "End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act." This bill has numerous problems for the patients, including non-terminal patients, and unconstitutional requirements for religious hospitals and pro-life doctors. A legal analysis is available from Illinois Right to Life Action.

## **HB 4867 - AMENDS THE ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

PROPOSED BY REP. ANNA MOELLER & REP. KELLY CASSIDY

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to make it a violation if an employer (and other entities) "discriminates" against a person making a Reproductive Health decision affecting the use or intended use of health care, goods, or services related to reproductive processes, functions, and systems, including... family planning, pregnancy testing, and contraception; fertility or sterilization care;... continuation or termination of pregnancy (abortion). This inhibits a Pregnancy Resource Center's ability to hire a person who shares in the mission of the pro-life organization (Right of Association).

## **HB 5239 - AMENDS THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT**

PROPOSED BY REP. KELLY CASSIDY

Prohibits the State from providing any information or expending any time in furtherance of any interstate investigation seeking to impose civil or criminal liability upon a person for the provision, or seeking of an inquiry about reproductive health care products or services (abortion). This prohibits Illinois state government from cooperating with other States in their civil or criminal investigations dealing with illegal abortions in their States or human trafficking of minors. This will encourage human traffickers to bring their victims to Illinois for abortions so they can continue to abuse them.

## **HB 4112/SB 2639 - AMENDS GROUP INSURANCE ACT**

PROPOSED BY REP. MARGARET CROKE & SEN. MICHAEL HASTINGS

Expands the requirements that insurance plans pay for In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). This will cause the destruction of more live human embryos.

## **HB 5142/SB 3665 - AMENDS INSURANCE CODE**

PROPOSED BY REP. ROBYN GABEL & SEN. LAKESIA COLLINS

Amends the Illinois Insurance code to provide that insurers cover all services for pregnancy, postpartum, and newborn care rendered by doulas or licensed certified professional midwives, including home births, home visits, and support during labor, abortion, or miscarriage. This would be an excellent bill if it did not include abortion. Anti-life legislators are ensuring that pro-life legislators will not vote for this bill and then criticize them in elections for not supporting midwives and doulas.

CLICK HERE TO  
FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT: HB 5142



# What Can I Do?

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- **Open your home.** Help a pregnant girl needing a place to stay, welcome an “unwanted” child to your home, watch the children of a single parent.
- **Volunteer your time, talents and services.** Donate time, supplies, money to pregnancy centers, adoption and foster care ministries, women’s homes and other pro-life groups. Our local ministries are Caring Network, Waterleaf, Beautiful U, Called to Care. [www.caringnetwork.com/](http://www.caringnetwork.com/) <https://waterleafwc.org/> [www.beautifulministries.org/](http://www.beautifulministries.org/) <https://wearecalledtocare.com/>
- **Be an initiator or activist.** Participate in 40 Days for Life to peacefully pray outside of Planned Parenthood. Attend a March for Life Rally.
- **Become thoroughly informed.** Know the facts and practice responses to the common pro-abortion claims. Life Training Institute. <https://prolifetraining.com/> Live Action <https://www.liveaction.org/> Making Life Disciples <https://makinglifedisciples.com/> Care Net <https://www.care-net.org/>
- **Talk to friends, neighbors, co-workers.** Graciously challenge others to rethink their assumptions.
- **Promote discussions of abortion.** Share pro-life perspectives on social media sites.
- **Be active in the political process.** Check in with sites like [illinoisrighttolife.org](http://illinoisrighttolife.org), [illrighttolifeaction.org](http://illrighttolifeaction.org), [illinoisfamily.org/](http://illinoisfamily.org/)
- **Encourage business boycotts of abortion clinics and chemical abortion providers.**
- **Join Life Matters Team.** Meet the third Monday of every month from 7-8pm. [villagebible.church/lifematters](http://villagebible.church/lifematters)
- **Pray daily.** For pro-life ministries, government authorities, people in crisis pregnancy situations, post abortive parents, and abortion industry workers.
- **Vote your values.** Research candidates and discover their pro-life positions so you know how to vote.

Adapted from Why Pro-Life? Randy Alcorn, 2017.