

What Is LIFE CHAIN?

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for **one hour**, while holding one of the following approved pro-life sign messages:

- **ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**
- **JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS**
- **ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION**
- **LORD, FORGIVE US AND OUR NATION**
- **ABORTION HURTS WOMEN**
- **PRAY TO END ABORTION**
- **LIFE—THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT**

In 2008, over 1400 cities and towns held Life Chains (in over 1600 locations), and each Chain is posted at LifeChain.net. We are now focusing on **National Life Chain Sunday 2009**—to be held **October 4**, Lord willing, from **2:30 to 3:30 pm** (or the time preferred by the local Life Chain Committee) in each time zone across North America. To include your city in 2009, notify National Life Chain of your interest via email [National Life Chain](mailto:NationalLifeChain@lifechain.net) or call **(530) 674-5068** and download (from this web site) a copy of the *Life Chain Manual* and the other entries under "LIFE CHAIN Materials." Thereafter, inform your local pastors of your Life Chain plans as soon as possible, and ask them to schedule your Chain on their church calendar.

The easy-to-hold 18" x 22" Life Chain signs are backprinted to feature Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, the Life Chain Code of Conduct, and a compelling statement on The Purpose of LIFE CHAIN. In addition to the prayer topics listed, local pastors are encouraged to add other prayer topics and to instruct their people in how to pray and meditate for a full hour.

During the Life Chain hour, idle chatter, frivolity, and both verbal and physical responses to motorists are strongly discouraged. LIFE CHAIN is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation.

Accordingly, LIFE CHAIN is not chiefly a demonstration, and its witness is not intended for the viewing public only. Instead, its first goal is to minister to its own participants—to those who call Christ their Lord and hold pro-life messages that declare abortion a grave evil that defames the name and holiness of God (Leviticus 18:21). Indeed the Church that Christ founded has drifted into cold indifference toward the sacredness of human life, and the result has been the mindless surgical killing and mutilation of over 45 million preborn Americans, plus untold millions who have fallen victim to abortive chemicals and medical neglect.

It is purposeful to note that LIFE CHAIN is church oriented and pastor focused and that the key to a successful Chain is for local pastors to educate their congregations about abortion and then lead them to the sidewalk where their Chain is to be held. Without firm pastoral support, a Life Chain will not fulfill its potential for saving lives and changing hearts.